



This tournament is sanctioned by the California Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors

1. Tournament Information:

Name of Tournament: FC Elk Grove Ghost Games

Name of Hosting League: EGYSL

Date of Tournament: October 27-28, 2018

Number of Teams:

Age Group(s), Division(s) and Gender(s): Year 10 – 05 (U9–U14) Boys & Girls, plus 00/01/02 Girls bracket (U17-U19 combined). Age is planned to be age pure but age groups will be combined when necessary.

Tournament is "Unrestricted"

2. Tournament Director Information:

Name: Stephen & Patsy Cosenza

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Tournament Website Address:

3. Entry Fees: \$495 for year 10 – 09 (U9-U10), \$550 for year 08 – 07 (U11–U12), \$595 for year 06 (U13) and above.

Make checks payable to Elk Grove Soccer

4. Guest Player Policy:

A maximum of 3 guest players will be accepted in this tournament. Guest players will be allowed in accordance with Cal North Guest Player Policies. Teams other than Cal North teams must abide by the Cal North guest player policies. Guest players attending a Cal North Tournament with another State Association, US Soccer Affiliate or foreign teams must have a valid member pass, consent for medical treatment form, and be listed on the appropriate travel forms. Guest players must use credentials from the same season and affiliate as those being used by the team with which they are playing.

5. Cal North Application Policies/Procedures:

Teams may apply to only one tournament per weekend unless they have received a rejection notification from a tournament OR they properly withdraw from a tournament. Teams that inappropriately apply to more than one tournament on a given weekend face financial and disciplinary sanctions by the District and/or Cal North. Teams may play in only one age group/gender classification in any given tournament on one weekend. The tournament has the right to close any and all age groups that are completely full prior to the application deadline. The tournament may eliminate a division if a lack of sufficient number of applicants for that division is received. Teams will be notified of a division closing within seven days following the application deadline.

Tournament application deadline: September 14th 2018

Notification of team acceptance or rejection will be sent to every timely applicant by September 23th 2018.

Rejected teams entry fees will be refunded on the date the rejection notice is sent to the team.

6. Refund Policy:

When the tournament has properly notified a team of their acceptance the tournament is entitled to retain all or a portion of the entry fee for a team requesting withdrawal from their tournament.

7. Cal North Withdrawal Policies/Procedures:

A team wishing to withdraw from a tournament must send a written notification to the tournament director (this may include email) of their decision to withdraw not later than 14 days prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to do so may result in a minimum \$300 team penalty assessed by the tournament as well as forfeiture of tournament entry fees). Teams that have submitted a timely application and that have not received notification from a tournament director of the acceptance or rejection six weeks prior to the tournament may withdraw without penalty and apply to another tournament and the team's entry fee will be refunded in full. The tournament director will provide written acknowledgement of the withdrawal to the team which will include directions regarding any financial consequences and/or penalties associated with the team's withdrawal.

8. Locations: Bartholomew Sports Park, other schools and parks in the Elk Grove, Ca area.

9. Credentials Requirements: Credentials from the 2018-2019 season will be accepted in this tournament. Teams will be grouped based on the age group matrix for the 2018-2019 season.

Each team must declare at the time they apply which Affiliate or State Organization has sanctioned their participation in the tournament and which credentials they will use in the tournament. The team must use the credentials issued by the organization that has sanctioned their participation in the tournament as declared on their application.

The following credentials must be presented at the mandatory team credentials check-in:

- A. A properly approved official team roster, including guest player approvals, issued by the team's governing organization.
- B. Properly approved member passes from the same seasonal year for each player (including guest players). All member passes for the team and the team's guest players must be issued by the same governing organization.
- C. A properly completed medical release and hold harmless declaration signed in original ink by the parent or guardian (or by the player in the instance where the player is 18 years of age) for each player and guest player.
- D. Each team must have at least one properly credentialed adult present on the sidelines of each match.
- E. In addition to being checked at the pre-tournament credentials check-in, all members' passes will be checked prior to the beginning of each match.

10. Mandatory Credentials Check-In

Each team is required to perform on line check in. Email will be sent to accepted teams to explain how this works.

11. Length of Games and Half Time period (list each age group):

Age Group	Preliminary	Consolation and Championship Match
10 – 09 (U9–U10)	20 minute halves	25 minute halves
08 – 07 (U11-U12)	25 minute halves	30 minute halves
06 - 05 (U13/U14)	30 minute halves	30 minute halves
02/01/00 (U17-U19)	35 minute halves	35 minute halves

In preliminary games ties will stand. If a quarter final, semi final, consolation or championship game is tied at the end of regulation play, the game will be decided by kicks from the mark as per FIFA laws of the game (substitutes wearing pinnies and coaches will be allowed to be on the field during kicks). At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, the length of any game may be shortened to shorter but equal halves if the Tournament Committee deems it necessary due to field conditions, weather or darkness.

12. Mandatory Rest Periods

Teams and players must be given a minimum rest period of two hours between games. The rest period will commence when a team's or player's match ends and will end when the team's or player's subsequent match begins.

13. Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions are allowed with referee approval at any stoppage during the match.

14. Ejections:

Any player, coach assistant coach or registered team official who is sent off will automatically be suspended from their next game. The sendoff report will be forwarded to the Tournament Director and Tournament Disciplinary Committee. Section 4:05 of the California Youth Soccer Association Bylaws will be used to assess the minimum mandatory penalties. Additional penalties may be imposed. Send-off reports and member passes, which must be retained if the penalty has not been served in its entirety, will be forwarded to the team's District Commissioner. Any additional disciplinary action over and above that assessed by the Tournament Committee will be at the discretion of the member's District or Cal North disciplinary committees.

15. Scoring System:

Maximum number of points allowable per game: 11

Points for a win: 6

Points for a tie: 3

Bonus points for shutout: 1

Points per goal: 1 (maximum of 4 per match)

For forfeited games, a score of 3 to 0 will be awarded in favor of the team that did not forfeit.

16. Tie Breaking Procedure:

In case of a tie in tournament points following the completion of preliminary games, seedings or the advancing team will be determined based on the following criteria in the order specified:

- A. Head to Head competition – team that won the head to head competition between the teams that are tied will advance (should there be a tie in tournament points between three or more teams, the tie-breaking procedure begins with #B below.)
When and if only two teams remain tied at any point while using this procedure, the order of tie breaking will recommence at #A above
- B. Team with the highest goal differential advances (goals scored by a team minus goals allowed by a team, not to exceed a differential of 4 goals in any one match)
- C. Team with fewest goals allowed advances (not to exceed 4 goals counted for any one match)
- D. Team with most goals scored advances (not to exceed 4 goals counted for any one match)
- E. Team with most wins advances (wins in preliminary games)
- F. If both teams are present at the field when the tie is determined Kicks from the penalty spot as per FIFA rules.
The team with the most successful kicks advances.
If teams are not available the tournament reserves the right to break the tie with a Coin Toss.

ALL GAME RESULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL AND NO PROTEST OF THEIR OUTCOME IS ALLOWED

17. Format:

10 (U9) & 09 (U10) will play 7v7, 08 (U11) & 07 (U12) will play 9v9, All others will play 11v11.

Each team in the tournament is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games (forfeited games will count in game minimum.)

18. Preliminary play:

“Group Play” format will be determined by the number of teams in a tournament flight.

19. Awards:

Metals will be given in these categories: 1st thru 4th place in all divisions with 7 teams or more. 1st thru 2nd place for all brackets with 6 teams or less.

Participation pins will be given to each player & 2 coaches per team.

20. Start Times and Forfeitures:

Teams must be at the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game in order to be checked in by referees or appointed tournament officials. Games will be started within 5 minutes of the designated start time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of seven (7) players within the 5 minute grace period, the game may be forfeited to the team that has taken the field with at least seven (7) players. If neither team takes the field within the 5 minute grace period, no points will be awarded to either team and the game may be declared a double forfeit. The referee and/or Tournament Committee may terminate a game and award a forfeit if a team leaves the field during the game without the approval of the referee, the referee abandons a match due to excessive violent conduct and/or misconduct by the players, coaches or fans, or a team is deemed to be in gross violation of US Youth Soccer rules, California Youth Soccer Association rules, or rules of this tournament.

21. Home Team:

Teams will sit on the same side of the field. Spectators will sit on the opposite side. The team listed first on the game schedule is the home team and shall occupy the West or North sideline. This is a Halloween tournament and ALL teams are encouraged to be creative in their uniform choices, Numbers are required to be somewhere on the jersey, If the tournament decides a uniform is unsafe for play the team must be prepared to change to an alternate uniform. If the referee determines there is a conflict in jersey, socks, or keeper jersey color the Home team will be required to change. The Home team will provide game balls unless provided by the tournament.

22. Sportsmanship and Conduct:

Good sportsmanship is expected of all teams, officials and fans. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, staff, parents and affiliated spectators.

23. Injuries and Medical Assistance:

Any injuries must be reported to a tournament official so that an accident report form can be completed. A tournament official will call 911 for an injury at the coach's or parent's request.

24. Weather Conditions:

If deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee, games may be shortened or cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

25. Tournament Cancellation

If the tournament must be cancelled due to inclement weather, acts of civil disobedience, war, destruction of facilities or other circumstances deemed by the Cal North State Tournament Committee to be beyond the control of the hosting league, the tournament may retain up to 30% of the entry fee once the tournament's expenses are verified and approved by the Cal North Tournament Committee Chairman. Refunds of no less than 70% of the team's entry fee will be postmarked and mailed to the teams within 45 days of the approved tournament date.

26. Prohibitions:

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is expressly prohibited at any of the sport fields or complexes. Any team (including players, coaches, parents and affiliated spectators) found violating these rules will automatically forfeit all games played, face possible expulsion from the tournament and will not be invited to any future tournaments hosted by this league. Use of tobacco products is prohibited at this tournament. Use of tobacco products on the grounds of any public school facility is a violation of California State Law.

For risk management reasons pets are prohibited. Referees will be instructed to abandon a game if, after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to remove a pet from the area of the soccer field, or if after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to cease the use of tobacco products in the area of the soccer field.

All Portable Shelters (EZ ups, tents, etc.) must be secured with either stakes or sandbags.

27. Team Infractions

Infractions apply to offenses committed by teams that have been officially accepted to tournaments. A team is considered formally accepted into a tournament when it receives a timely acceptance notice. At the tournament's discretion an Infraction Report may be filed and penalties and fines may be levied against the offending team. Teams may be penalized for an infraction when the following criteria are met:

1. **LATE WITHDRAWAL**
2. **GAME FORFEITURE**
3. **SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS TO MULTIPLE TOURNAMENTS ON ONE WEEKEND**
4. **USE OF FALSIFIED CREDENTIALS**
5. **ALLOWING AN INELIGIBLE, UNCREDENTIALLED OR IMPROPERLY CREDENTIALLED PLAYER TO PARTICIPATE**

When the tournament chooses to file an Infraction Report with Cal North, the team will forfeit its entry fee and will be fined \$300 for a first violation. Subsequent violations may result in a team being placed in bad standing or other sanctions.

28. Tournament Committee:

The tournament committee shall consist of the Tournament Director and any other pre-designated Tournament Officials.

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH POLICY AS DEEMED NECESSARY IN REGARD TO PROBLEMS AND CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE MAY OR MAY NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED. THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

