

Region III ODP Championships

Rules and Procedures

A. AGE GROUPS - The 2010 Region III ODP Championships will consist of the following age groups:

1993's Girls & Boys

1994's Girls & Boys

B. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Each State Association will provide the Region III ODP Championships Committee with their State ODP rosters 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the competition.

2. Players who are actively playing on a Club Team within their state of residence and who meet the age requirements for their team will be eligible to play.

3. Any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player for whatever reason (non-compliance with the age limit, omission from the list of players as a potential participant in the match, etc.) shall forfeit the match. Rosters will be frozen when they are turned into the Region III ODP Championships committee at check-in of the Region III ODP Championships.

C. ROSTERS

1. Each National State Association that qualifies for the final competition may enter 18 players. (except in cases of serious injury as approved by the Region III ODP Championships Committee) will be permitted to compete in the final competition. All State Associations participating in the US

Youth Soccer ODP Championships must adhere to the following criteria:

A. Rosters MUST be typed.

B. Players MUST be listed in Alphabetical Order, last name first.

C. Jersey Numbers MUST be listed on the Roster.

D. No team shall be allowed more than eighteen (18) players on its roster.

2. Before the start of the final competition, the National State Association President or his/her delegate will approve all the players listed. Any player who fails to be named on the roster shall not be allowed to take part in the final competition.

3. Once a team has checked in and submitted its final roster, no changes or additions will be permitted under any circumstances.

D. SCHEDULE

1. The Region III DOC Coaching Committee will set the schedule at the Region III Fall meeting.

2. Group games will be played on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with the finals and consolation games to be played on Monday.

E. FORMAT OF COMPETITION

1. Advancement to Championship Games.

Group play-scoring	win	3 points
	tie	1 point
	loss	0 points

Tiebreakers-	head to head
	Goal differential
	Goals for
	Goals against
	Penalty kicks

2. Game Balls - All games will be played using a size #5 ball.

3. Grace Periods - Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted a ten (10) minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.

4. Home/Visiting Team - The team listed first in each pairing is the home team and will wear light color.

5. Jersey Colors - If in the opinion of the referee there is a conflict, the home team shall change jerseys.

6. Team Bench – Sidelines - Teams and team personnel will be on the sideline. A maximum of four (4) people with the exception of the State Director of Coaching can represent the team personnel (i.e. coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer, DOC, etc.) Parents and spectators will be on the opposite sideline. The State DOC credential will not count against the four (4) credentials.

8. Uniforms - Duplicate numbers are not permitted. Teams MUST bring an alternate jersey with a six-inch minimum size number on the back.

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9. Length of Games

1993's Two halves – 45 minutes each

1994's Two halves – 40 minutes each

Group play and consolation games will play regulation time only.

For the championship games

If the game is tied at the end of the second half of regulation time, the teams will play two extra time periods consisting of 15 minutes each.

If the game is still tied at the end of the second extra time period, FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" will be used to determine the winner.

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F. RULES OF PLAY

1. Rules – Except as otherwise provided herein, the rules of US Youth Soccer and the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply.

2. Substitution – The substitution rule of this competition shall conform to the FIFA "Laws of the Game" except as follows:

Special Instructions: At the Region III ODP Championships competitions, teams may substitute a max of 7 players per half. Once a player is substituted they may not re enter per half. In the championship round where overtime is played players may reenter but once they are substituted in overtime they may not reenter.

3. Discipline – Players receiving a red card will be suspended and ineligible to play for the number of games determined by the Region III ODP Championships Committee. Players receiving a red card in the Final will be referred back to their State Association for appropriate disciplinary action.

4. Coaching from the Touchline - Team officials are expected to be seated on the team bench. A team official may convey tactical instructions to players during the match and return to his position on the bench after giving these instructions. All officials must remain in the confines of the technical area, where such an area is provided, and behave in a responsible manner.

G. INCLEMENT WEATHER

The goal of the Region III ODP Championships Committee is to play every game to its full length and determine a winner on the field of play. In the event that inclement weather affects the competition the Region III ODP Championships Committee may reduce times of games and reschedule the competition to best complete the event.

1. If play is suspended or start of play is delayed, the Committee may eliminate the use of overtime. In this circumstance, if the game is tied at the conclusion of regulation playing time, the game will go immediately to Kicks From The Penalty Mark to determine a winner. If it is not possible to take the Kicks, flipping of a coin will be used to determine the winner.

H. DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Region III ODP Championships Committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning this competition keeping in mind the best interests of Region III, US Youth Soccer, the US Youth Soccer ODP Championships and the safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators and spectators. The decisions of the US Youth Soccer ODP Championships committee are FINAL.