

1. Tournament Objective

- **THE 1V1 (X1) USA TOURNAMENT - MARYLAND EDITION - MD** is more than just a 1-on-1 soccer championship – it's your chance to make history on U.S. soil! This unique event was created to celebrate soccer passion, unite talents, and deliver unforgettable moments both on and off the field.
- Our goal goes beyond competition: we aim to foster team integration, uncover new talents, and inspire sportsmanship in an environment of joy, respect, and high adrenaline. Here, every move is a chance to shine, every goal is an achievement, and every match is an unforgettable experience.
- Gather your team, join the battle, and etch your name in the biggest and most revelatory soccer tournament in the region!

2. Participants

- The tournament will have a maximum of 18 teams.
- Each team may register up to 2 athletes.
- During matches, each team will consist of 1 field player and 1 goalkeeper.

2.1. Goalkeeper-Specific Rules:

- The goalkeeper may represent more than one team in the tournament.
- If two teams sharing the same goalkeeper advance and face each other in the knockout stage, the goalkeeper must choose which team to play for.
- The team left without a goalkeeper may register a new goalkeeper exclusively for that stage.

3. Competition Format

3.1. Division by Categories

The tournament is for children (boys and girls) aged 10 to 12, divided into separate categories:

Boys

- U-10 Category: Children aged 9 and 10.
- U-12 Category: Children aged 11 and 12.

Girls

- U-12 Category: Children aged 11 and 12.

3.2. Match Schedule

Matches will be held at Sofive Soccer Centers Rockville – 1008 Westmore Ave, Rockville, MD 20850 on April 5, 2025.

3.3. Group Stage

- The 18 teams will be divided by category, with each category further split into groups.
- Each team will play one match against every other team in their group.
- Scoring:
 - Win: 3 points
 - Draw: 1 point
 - Loss: 0 points
- Advancement: Only the top-ranked team from each group progresses to the knockout stage.

3.4. Knockout Stage (Single-Elimination)

- Qualified teams will compete in elimination matches.
- All knockout matches will be single-game rounds.
- If tied, the winner will be decided by a penalty shootout (2 kicks per team, followed by sudden death if necessary).

3.5. Final

- The final will be contested between the two semifinal winners (per category).
- The champion will be determined in a single match, with penalties if tied.

4. General Rules

4.1. Match Duration

- Each match will consist of 2 halves of 7 minutes, with a 2-minute halftime.
- Each team will have a maximum of 4 minutes of ball possession; after this, they must attack with the intent to score. If no shot is taken, possession will revert to the opposing team's goalkeeper.

4.2. Substitutions

- Substitutions are unlimited and may be made at any time.
- Each team must choose the most opportune moment to make substitutions.

4.3. Ball Restart (Throw-ins & Corners)

- In both cases, the ball will be restarted from midfield.

4.4. Uniforms

- All teams must wear standardized event uniforms.
- In case of color conflicts, the organizers may draw lots to decide which team will wear provided vests.

4.5. Cards & Ejections

- A player receiving a red card or two yellow cards will be ejected from the match.
- Cards are reset for the next match, allowing ejected players to return.
- The organizers reserve the right to expel/disqualify any athlete for misconduct. Ejected players cannot be replaced.

4.6. Punctuality

- Teams not on the field within 5 minutes of the scheduled time will forfeit (3-0 loss).

5. Tiebreaker Criteria (Group Stage)

If two or more teams are tied in the group stage, the tiebreaker criteria will be:

1. Goal difference
2. Goals scored
3. Draw (conducted by the organizing committee)

6. Registration and Documentation

6.1. Age Requirements

The tournament is open to children (boys and girls) aged 10 to 12, adhering to the defined categories.

6.2. Required Documentation

- ID or birth certificate (for age verification).
- Must be presented to the match referee on the event day.

6.3. Registration

- Each team may register up to 3 athletes and 1 staff member (adult over 21 years old), who will be responsible for the children's conduct.
- Registration must be completed online at www.usax1.com, with a \$60 fee per team.
- The organizers may request proof of registration for any team.

7. Awards

- Champion: Trophy and medals
- Runner-up: Medals

Note: Additional prizes may be provided by sponsors, but are not guaranteed by the tournament organizers.

8. Refund and Cancellation Policy

- Full refund if cancellation is requested within 7 days of registration, in compliance with U.S. Consumer Protection Laws (FTC).
- No refunds or cancellations permitted after this period, regardless of reason.
- If the event is canceled by the organizers, all teams will receive a full refund.

9. Final Provisions

- The organization reserves the right to modify match dates, times, and venues, notifying teams in advance.
- Any cases not covered in these rules will be resolved by the organizing committee.
- Failure to comply with any regulation may result in team disqualification.