Boulder Cup
Rules and Regulations

I. General

A. Rules of Play
   a. The rules of play shall be the LAWS OF GAME as published by FIFA with those modifications adopted by CYS with additional tournament rules and format of play listed below.
   b. The Tournament Rules Committee, for the good of the game, shall address any rules not addressed.
   c. The Tournament Director or designated representative shall determine the suitability of playing conditions.
   d. Teams shall be expected to play in accordance with the tournament game schedule unless severe weather poses a threat to safety. Only the Tournament Director of designated representative shall reschedule the game times and/or locations.
   e. Games may be shortened or relocated in order to complete the days' schedule of play. The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide all matters relative to the tournament and the Director's decisions are final.

B. Number of Games
   a. Minimum of three (3) games per team will be scheduled. See Section F. PLAYING CONDITIONS for game cancellations

C. Protests and Appeals
   a. The "No Protest Rule" applies. Ruling of referees at time of game is final. Appeals will not be heard.

D. Ball Size
   a. Each team must have a game ball for each game subject to Field Referee approval as follows:
      i. U8: Size 3
      ii. U9-U10: Size 4

E. Structure of the Game
   a. Teams will be divided into flights by age and sex. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine flights or age groups where deemed necessary.

b. During the group stage of the tournament, games will not have overtime periods. Team standings will be based on the following point system:
    i. Win = 7 Points
    ii. Tie = 3 Points
    iii. Shut-out = 1 Point
    iv. Loss = 0 Points
    v. Goals = 1 Point for each goal scored up to three
    vi. Tie (0 to 0) = 3 points; and no points for the shut out
c. Forfeits. If a team does not report for play within five minutes of the scheduled starting time, the game will be declared a forfeit. Forfeited games will be scored as 1-0 final score and the winning team will receive 9 Points. Any team that forfeits a game loses their bond.
d. Divisions with one flight. There will be round-robin play within the flight. Finals shall be played between the teams with the highest and second highest number of points.
e. Divisions with two flights of same number of teams. There will be round robin within the flight. Top team from each flight will play for the finals.
f. Divisions with two flights of odd number of teams. There will be round robin play across the flights where each team plays the other teams in the other flights. Based on like opponents, top two teams in each flight play each other in the Final.
g. In the event that two or more teams in a flight are equal in total points at the end of the round robin matches, the team that will advance shall be determined in descending order of applicability by:
    i. Head-to-head.
    ii. Goal differential (with max. 4 goals per game)
    iii. Most goals scored (with max. of 4 goals per game).
    iv. Fewest numbers of goals allowed.
    v. FIFA kicks from the mark
h. Semi-final and final games shall not end in a tie. If the score is tied at the end of regulation, the winner shall be determined by FIFA kicks from the mark.

F. Playing Conditions
    a. Games may be cancelled or temporarily suspended when fields are not playable due to rain, low air temperature, excessively high winds or lightning.
    b. The responsibility of game cancellation or temporary suspension will rest with the tournament committee. Final judgment will be that of the Tournament Director. FIFA kicks from the mark may be utilized to determine winners of games cancelled due to weather.
    c. In the event that play has been stopped, the score at the stoppage of play will be the final game score if at least one half was completed and if play is not resumed as ordered by the Tournament Director.

d. In case of inclement weather, a horn will sound 3 times for clearing the fields. When one long horn is heard, participants will be allowed to return to the field. Do not leave the complex until games are officially cancelled. Participants and supporters should leave the playing area and go directly to their cars.

G. Uniforms
   a. The team listed as the "Home" team wears Dark; "Visiting" team will wear White or light.
   b. The following items are NOT permitted: hair devices with hard parts, earrings of any kind, or jewelry of any kind.
   c. The following items are conditionally permitted: Religious medals or medical tags taped to the body, splints, casts, braces or other joint support devices that, in the referee's opinion, are not dangerous.
   d. Shin guards are required.

H. Game Length
   a. U-8 Round Robin – 2 X 20 minute periods; Finals – 2 X 20 Minutes
   b. U-9 and U-10 Round Robin – 2 X 20 minute periods; Semis and Finals – 2 X 25 Minutes

I. Player Substitutions
   a. Players may be substituted with the consent of the Field Referee at the following times
      i. Prior to a throw-in, by your team
      ii. Prior to a throw-in by the opposing team, if the opposing team is also making a substitution(s)
      iii. Prior to a goal kick, by either team
      iv. After a goal, by either team
      v. After an injury stoppage of play, by either team

J. Team Discipline
   a. An ejected play or coach is ineligible for participation in the next tournament game; this includes the Final.
   b. Yellow cards are cumulative and a player and/or coach will be required to sit out the next tournament game after receipt of the third yellow card.
   c. A coach is responsible for the actions of his or her team's supporters. Abuse from spectators or coaches will not be tolerated. Violations can result in forfeiture of the game and, in severe situations, expulsion from further tournament participation.
   d. Any coach, manager or spectator who has been dismissed from a match must remove himself or herself no less than 100 yards from the playing field within 2 minutes of notice of ejection or the match may be forfeited to the opposing team.

e. Any coach that withdraws his team from the playing field during a match will automatically forfeit the match, as well as be subject to further disciplinary action from the tournament committee.
f. The consumption of any alcoholic beverage at any youth soccer match is expressly prohibited. Any player or team official who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action and possible suspension. Such violations will be reported to the Colorado Soccer Association.

II. Weather Related Cancellation Policy

Although we never want to cancel a tournament and spoil the fun, weather here in Colorado is not always cooperative. The Boulder Cup and FC Boulder will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to the cancellation of part of the tournament.

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify all tournament rules to safely and fairly end the tournament successfully.

The Boulder Cup will make every effort to complete all games in the event of a weather-related delay or postponement. However, once pool play has begun the Boulder Cup will not reimburse or prorate tournament fees for any games cancelled, shortened or forfeited.

In the event the tournament is cancelled, regardless of reason, awards will be given based on the average points of the total games played.