



SAN ANGELO HERO CUP TOURNAMENT RULES

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Registration:

July 6, 2026– August 25, 2026

5U-18U teams

3 games guaranteed. Playoff games pending registration and bracket formats

Age	Cost	Format	Max Roster Size	Guests
5U-6U	\$225.00	4 v 4	8	3
7U-8U	\$250.00	4 v 4 / 5 v 5	8	3
9U-10U	\$300.00	7v7	14	3
11U-12U	\$350.00	9 v 9	18	3
13U-14U	\$400.00	11 v 11	22	5
15U-18U	\$475.00	11 v 11	22	5

Roster:

All team members are required to be listed on their team's registration form before the tournament begins. If the event director finds that a team or player has lied about their age or skill level, they will be removed from the tournament. Each player may only play on ONE team.

All rosters are final, Friday, September 4th, 2026, at 5pm.

Brackets:

If there are fewer than four teams in a bracket, that bracket will be combined with the next age group.

The tournament committee will review all division placements.



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****Please note that a player may play in a division older than his/her age, but not in a younger division.**

Tournament Registration:

- Every team must accurately complete their tournament application and register online by the specified deadline. Registration information is available at San Angelo soccer Association website, under Tournaments/Register for Tournament.
- Team acceptance is contingent on registration; required paperwork completion and entry fee payment all received by the posted deadline.

Team Check In:

The coach listed on the roster may check-in: (***EVERYONE MUST CHECK-IN***)

- SASA Board office the Friday prior to the start of the tournament or 1 hour prior to the start of 1st game.
- Tournament headquarters at least one (1) hour prior to their first scheduled game.

Teams that play any games without having first checked-in will automatically forfeit those games, regardless of the game outcome or the team's standing in the tournament.

Playing Format:

Age Group	Format	Min. Players Needed
5U-6U	4v4 No Goalkeeper	3
7U-8U	4v4 / 5v5 No Goalkeeper	3
9U-10U	7v7 Includes Goalkeeper	5



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U11- U12 REC/Comp	9v9 Includes Goalkeeper	7
U13 – U18 REC/Comp	11 v 11 with Goalkeeper	9

Age Group	Ball Size	Mini Games	Semi Final Games	Championship Games
4v4	3	4x8		
5v5	3	2x15		
7v7	4	2x20	2x25 - 2x5 O.T.*	2X25 - 2x5 O.T.*
9v9	4	2x25	2x20 – 2x5 O.T*	2x25 – 2x5 O.T.*
11v11	5	2x30	2x35 – 2x5 O.T.*	2x35 -2x5 O.T.*

* If a game is tied at the end of the semifinal game, the teams will go to IFAB penalty kicks from the penalty mark.

Team Requirements:



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- Each team in the tournament will play three preliminary games. Depending on the number of teams in the age group bracket, only the top scoring teams will advance to the championship rounds.
- Each team shall be responsible for providing a ball suitable for use in the game. Afterward, the referee chooses one ball for use in the game and returns it to the team that supplied it once play is over.
- Each team must have numbered alternate jerseys, T-Shirts, or pennies available for their players in the event both teams are wearing the same color uniforms. The home team is listed first on the schedule and shall change if there is a color conflict. Players who break the rules will be taken off the field and cannot return until their equipment is fixed.
- Coaches and players shall occupy the designated side of the field while all spectators will occupy the opposite side from their corresponding team. In the 9U – 18U age groups
- **Every team coach will be required to sign the official gamecard provided by the referee. The winning team will submit the gamecard for score postings to the tournament headquarters.**
- There are to be no more than two team coaches/representatives on the team sideline.
- No coaching shall be permitted from behind the goal line or from the parent spectator sideline.
- No one shall be allowed behind either end line.
- The referee and/or Field Marshall(s) are authorized to remove any spectator whose behavior, in their opinion, interferes with the play of the game or violates the coaching ban from the parent's sideline.

The coach is responsible for all verbal and physical actions of his/her spectators. The coach can receive a disciplinary card from the referee for the actions of his/her spectators. Verbal or physical abuse of referee or assistant referees of the game will **NOT be tolerated.**

Violations can result in the forfeiture of the game and/or expulsion from the tournament.

Substitutions:

Teams can freely substitute players before a throw-in if they have possession, as well as before any goal kick, after a goal is scored, or during half-time. A team is permitted to make a substitution if the referee halts the game for an injury or to issue a caution; however, only the player who is injured or cautioned can be replaced.

Forfeits:



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A team will forfeit the game if they are not prepared to play within five minutes.

(5) minutes of the game's published start time.

- Teams that play any games without having first checked-in will automatically forfeit those games, regardless of the game outcome or the team's standing in the tournament. If a team is discovered using an ineligible player, the game will be forfeited.

If a coach decides to take their team off the field during a game, the match will be abandoned.

If a player does not provide their correct name when asked by a referee or tournament official, the referee can end the game and impose further penalties.

- Any verbal or physical abuse directed at referees or assistant referees during the game is strictly unacceptable. Violations can result in the forfeiture of the game and/or expulsion from the tournament.

Awards:

- For 7U-18U divisions, awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place.

The 10-point scoring System that will be used is as follows:

- Win – 6 Points
- Tie – 3 Points
- Loss – 0 Points
- Goals scored (up to 3) – 1 point each
- Shut Out – 1 point (0-0 Tie awards 1 point to each team)
- Forfeit will be scored as a 3-0 win

Tiebreakers are determined as follows:

- Head-to-Head Competition
- Goal Differential
 - Capped at 5 per game
- Goals against
 - Capped at 5 per game
- Goals Scored for



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- Capped at 5 per game
- Most number of shut outs
- For penalty shootouts, only players on the field at the final whistle may participate. The coach will select 5 players from those for the shootout. If players leave the field or players on the bench come onto the field, the game will be determined as a win for the opposing team.

Referee Information:

The tournament will only use USSF registered referees and assistant referees. All referee decisions are final. Verbal or physical abuse of referee or assistant referees of the game **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. Violations can result in the forfeiture of the game and/or expulsion from the tournament.

Referees must report every disciplinary action to the tournament officials, who will then enforce the penalties described here.

1. If a coach is ejected, they must immediately leave the soccer complex and will be suspended from their next game, regardless of whether it is a semi-final or final.
2. Any player receiving a red card (other than because of receiving two cautions in the same game) shall leave the soccer complex immediately and sit out the next scheduled game.
3. Any player receiving three cumulative yellow cards during the tournament will sit out the next game.
4. Failure to sit out in the required games shall result in a forfeit of the game. A signed sit out form, completed by the referee of the game being sat out, is required for all sit outs.

- **All referee decisions are final.**

Protests:

- There is NO appeal or protest process.
- The referees' decisions are final. If you face any problems not related to the game, notify tournament headquarters right away. The Tournament director or their representative will manage the issue.

Sportsmanship:



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Players, coaches, and spectators should always act in good sportsmanship. Any form of mistreatment toward referees is unacceptable. Any occurrence of this behavior will result in the immediate disqualification of the team responsible for the event.

Refund & Bad Weather Policy:

SOCCER REFUND POLICY / BAD WEATHER POLICY: We understand that there will be a 75% refund granted if the soccer tournament is canceled due to inclement weather Before the day of the tournament. In case of inclement weather day of tournament, the Event Director reserves the right to reduce the number of scheduled games and/or the time of games and/or postpone or delay game times and/or cancel the event in which case partial refunds may or may not be issued. Every effort will be made to complete the games and the tournament.

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