# International Football Friendlies Rules May 18th & 19th, 2019

The International Football Friendlies (IFF) will be played under FIFA Laws and Regulations in effect January

1, 2019 with the following modifications:

IFF Headquarters:

Pepsi Soccer Complex

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Tournament Director:

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REGISTRATION AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Teams will check in on the field at the first game. These games are scrimmages and should be

considered as such. Laminated US Club, US Youth Soccer, USSSA, AYSO player passes or

Canadian booklet player cards are required. International teams should have clearance from

provincial, state or international federation. Player ID cards are to be available at all matches. ID

cards are to be available to be checked by referees at the beginning of each match.

PLAYER AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

IFF is open to all boys’ and girls’ teams who are registered and in good standings with their FIFA affiliated association. Teams will be invited to play.

Age group offered are as follows

* Boys and Girls 11U Born on or after 01/01/08
* Boys and Girls 12U Born on or after 01/01/07
* Boys and Girls 13U Born on or after 01/01/06
* Boys and Girls 14U Born on or after 01/01/05
* Boys and Girls 15U Born on or after 01/01/04
* Boys and Girls 16U Born on or after 01/01/03
* Boys and Girls 17U Born on or after 01/01/02
* Boys and Girls 19U Born on or after 01/01/00

LAWS OF THE GAME

* All matches must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game
* Will play two or three games in a jamboree-style format; no scores or standings will be kept.
* Age-appropriate fields will be used.
* There will be no overtime or kicks from the mark to determine winners. The games are considered friendly matches and will handled as such.

11U-12U – 9v9

* Maximum number of 9 players on the field: 8 field players and a goalie.
* Will play a maximum of four games over two days
* The maximum number of games is determined by the number of teams in an age group.
* Teams are generally scheduled one or two games per day.
* Teams in larger age divisions may play three games per day. When this occurs, a minimum of one time slot for rest purposes will be scheduled between games.
* Three person referee team per game.
* Offside is in effect.

13U-19U – 11v11

* Maximum number of 11 players on the field: 10 field players and a goalie.
* 13U-19U may offer multiple flights based on the number of teams that apply.
* Will play a maximum of four games over two days
* The maximum number of games is determined by the number of teams in an age group.
* Teams are generally scheduled one or two games per day.
* Teams in larger age divisions may play three games per day. When this occurs, a
* minimum of one time slot for rest purposes will be scheduled between games.
* Field size meets FIFA regulations.
* Goal size is 8 feet high and 24 feet wide.
* Three person referee team per game.
* Offside is in effect.

PLAYERS AND RESERVES

* 11U-12U playing 9v9 may roster and dress up to 18 players.
* 13U-14U playing 11v11 may roster and dress 18 players for games.
* 15U-19U playing 11v11 may roster 22 and dress 18 players for games.
* Teams must have a minimum of 6 players (11U-12U – 9v9), 7 players (13U-19U – 11v11) to begin a game.
* Girls may roster on boys’ teams; boys may not roster on girls’ teams.
* Shin Guards must be worn by all players.
* Hard casts are not prohibited, but they must receive “explicit” approval from the referee before a player wearing such a cast is allowed to play in the game. All casts must have the approval of the Referee. It is not a given that soft casts will be approved. No jewelry will be allowed.

GUEST PLAYERS

* Teams may roster any number of guest players.
* Players may play for other teams in addition to their primary team.
* Guest players may come from any FIFA or USSF affiliated association/team. If a team is playing as a US Club team, they are allowed to have registered US Club players or international players as guests.
* If a team is playing as a USYS team, they are allowed to have registered USYS players or international players as guests.
* A jersey must be provided to the guest player by the host team. If age eligible, players may play up or down.

SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURE

All teams are allowed unlimited substitutions with their entire roster. Unlimited substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:

* Prior to a goal kick by either team.
* After a goal by either team.
* After an injury by either team when the referee stops play.
* At half-time.
* Prior to a throw-in. The team in possession of the ball for a throw-in may substitute. If the
* team in possession of the ball chooses to substitute, the opposing team may also
* substitute at that time, provided they are ready and waiting at the midfield line.

HOME TEAM JERSEY

* The first team listed in the schedule is the home team.
* The home team must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change, if, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict.
* Team jerseys must match with unique numbers for each player as submitted on the Friendly Team Roster.

LENGTH OF GAME

* Boys or Girls 11 2 x 30 Minutes
* Boys or Girls 12 2 x 30 Minutes
* Boys or Girls 13 2 x 35 Minutes
* Boys or Girls 14 2 x 35 Minutes
* Boys or Girls 15 2 x 40 Minutes
* Boys or Girls 16 2 x 40 Minutes
* Boys or Girls 17 2 x 40 Minutes
* Boys or Girls 19 2 x 40 Minutes

SCHEDULES, RESULTS AND STANDINGS

* Schedules will be made available prior to the friendly matches.
* No scores or results will be posted and no standings are kept.
* There are no groups, advancement or standings.
* No matches require a schedule.
* If games are delayed all possible things will be done to get the games played.
* Games are forfeited if the opponent does not show up 30 minutes after scheduled starting time with the minimum number of players.

GAME BALL

* 9U-10U teams use a size 3 ball.
* 11U-12U teams use a size 4 ball.
* 13U-19U teams use a size 5 ball.
* Home team supplies the game ball.

PLACEMENT OF TEAMS AND SPECTATORS

Teams and rostered coaches or managers only will position themselves on the same side of the

field. Coaching may only occur on the team’s half of the sideline from the centerline to within 30

yards of the end line. Spectators for both teams will be positioned on the opposite side of the

field from the teams. Parents/Guardians are responsible for supervision of their children at all

times.

REFEREE SYSTEM

* The diagonal system of control is used with certified referees.
* Referees must be currently registered with USSF; international referees must be certified
* by their national association.
* Referees are assigned for all matches; however, teams must be prepared to provide a
* Club linesperson, if necessary. A Club linesperson may only determine balls out of play.

FACILITY

IFF is committed to promoting an environment that is free from harassment and

violence in any form; verbal or physical intimidation; vandalism; drug, alcohol or tobacco use;

gambling and inappropriate language. These policies apply to all players, coaches, referees and

spectators. The Pepsi Complex is a state-owned facility and adheres to the NO SMOKING

POLICY mandated for all state facilities.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR

* Unsportsmanlike behavior is not tolerated on or off the field.
* Know and understand the laws of the game. Educate players on the technical/tactical/physical demands of the game. Zero tolerance for fighting or heckling. Persons exhibiting these behaviors will be asked to leave the premises. Be a positive role model. Set the standard for sportsmanship with the opponents, referees and spectators.
* Encourage moral and social responsibility.
* Encourage players to have fun and to keep a positive attitude about winning and losing.
* Show pride and support for your club, state and country, but be respectful of other nation’s customs and traditions.
* Any player, coach spectator or participant who is ejected from a game or participates in any misconduct will be contacted by the local authorities may be called if necessary. Misconduct by any of the above listed may result in a warning, game forfeit, or other action if necessary.

RED CARDS

* Red cards will be administered as per FIFA laws of the game.
* A player sent off will not be allowed to play for the remainder of that game and the next game at a minimum, the player may remain in the bench area, unless specifically asked to leave for intolerable behavior.
* A coach dismissed from the game will not be allowed to be on the team’s bench for the remainder of that game and could result in further suspension by tournament committee decision. A coach who is removed from a game must leave that area of the field. The area of the field includes but is not limited to the bench and spectator areas.
* If a coach is out of control, a referee may request the coach to leave before a game continues. If a coach is asked to leave a game, the referee will retain the member’s pass and will send it to tournament headquarters along with the appropriate game report.
* Violent Conduct by a player or coach may result in more than a one game suspension by tournament committee decision.
* If a player receives a red card, the player pass will be collected by the referee and forwarded to Tournament Headquarters.
* After the suspension is served, the coach may pick up the pass in Tournament Headquarters.