

## MNJYSA PLAYOFF GUIDELINES

- (1) Flight winners will be finalized on the first Tuesday after the final weekend of the season. Wednesday night will be reserved for the first game of three (3) way tie breakers (or additional multiple flight tie breakers as required). Thursday will be reserved for two (2) way tie breakers. Friday will be first round of playoffs. Tiebreakers will be posted and “prompt” phone calls and emails will be made by 9 PM Tuesday evening (or as soon as determined by flight committee) following the end of the season. Home field for tie breakers will be determined by the order as follows:
  - Least goals allowed in head to head games.
  - Least goals allowed during season.
  - For multiple ties, team with least goals allowed as above will have a bye and play the winner at home.
- (2) Game schedules will be posted on MNJYSA website during the middle of each spring season. Although the actual club/team name is not known at that time, place holders for games of each age and flight will be posted so teams know the dates of all playoff matches.
- (3) Any postponement due to weather will be posted by 3 PM game day, with notice to playoff committee by phone and email. Home club for playoff games must also notify opponent by phone and email, prior to this deadline. Unless posted, teams will be required to report to the field. Any game postponed due to weather will be played the next day at the same site at the same time. Any Friday first round games postponed will be played on Saturday within time restraints allowed per handbook.
- (4) Teams which win their flight and do not wish to participate in the playoffs must notify the league by email to **Steven Roman** [Sroman.1stvp@gmail.com](mailto:Sroman.1stvp@gmail.com) with copy to their Boys Coordinator **Nicole Scarmato**, [scarmatoesq@yahoo.com](mailto:scarmatoesq@yahoo.com) or Girls Coordinator **Nick DeBari**, [ndebari@aol.com](mailto:ndebari@aol.com) no later than Sunday of the final season weekend at midnight, or sooner. Should a team desire not to participate in playoffs; the second-place team will be invited to represent that flight. If the second-place team declines to participate then any game scheduled for playoff contention involving that team or flight will be considered as a BYE (or Win) for the scheduled opponent. Failure of the flight winner to notify MNJYSA in a timely manner of their decision not to participate in the playoffs may be subject to sanctions.
- (5) Higher ranked flight in the playoff schedule is calculated as the home team and the home team will contact their opponent within 24 hours of being declared flight winner to give field directions. Home team is responsible for contacting their league referee assignor to have referees assigned to that game. Playoff games will start at 6 PM unless a time change is agreed upon by both coaches and notice sent to playoff committee and referee assignor, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to game date. All games will be (2) two 30 minute halves until the finals which will resume at the normal allotted time for that team age. Home team will bring the league game card to each match (just as regular season match). Information for the game label may be hand written on each card. Both teams split the referee fees for each match except for the championship finals, which are paid for by MNJYSA.
- (6) League rules will apply except in the case of a tie. In the event of a tie, there will be two (2) complete five (5) minute overtime periods which will be played in their entirety.
  - After a 5-minute rest, overtime will begin, preceded by a coin toss.
  - If the game is still tied after two overtime periods, the winner will be decided by penalty kicks according to FIFA rules.
- (7) Winning teams must notify their respective playoff coordinator by either phone or email, or both. All scores and number of referees at the match must be sent to playoff coordinator no later than 11 PM on game day.
- (8) Championship Finals: All MNJYSA division championship playoff finals will be held the second Saturday after start of the playoffs, at a site determined by MNJYSA. The league reserves the right to change the date time or site of any championship game, if necessary. There will be no postponement of finals except for lightning. This will be a special event for the participants. Each final will have a 3-person referee system. All referee fees in final matches will be paid for by MNJYSA. Division winner awards will be presented after each game and flight winner awards will be presented to the runner up. There will be special amenities in a playoff atmosphere and a wonderful end to the season for all participants.

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### Notes:

For non-championship playoff games and, if mutually agreed-upon by both teams, the game can be played before the posted scheduled match, however, if the game is not played before the next round of playoff games then team will forfeit.