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APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES

Name of Tournament or Games Sandia Cup 2026 Website URL: Sandiacup.com

Hosting Organization Duke City Soccer League Type of Tournament: Select Recreational Select & Rec

Designate Official of Hosting Organization Bill Nordin Title Director of Games Phone () 505-321-9328 W

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City Albuquerque State NM Zip Code 87110 Phone () NONE FAX

State Association or Affiliate New Mexico Youth Soccer Association Guest Referees Applications Accepted Yes No

Location of Tournament or Games Santa Ana Sports Complex **TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE:** May 9th, 2026

Date(s) of Tournament or Games May 23rd-24th, 2026 Estimated # of Teams 130+

Tournament or Games Director or Contact Person Brennan Posen Phone () 505-401-8048 W

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Age Groups Accepted	Type(s) of Team Accepted *	B	G	Roster Size	# Guest Players Allowed	Length of Games	# Players on Field	Awards	Minimum # of Games	Entry Fee	Bond
U- 9/10 1/1/	7v7 S1,S2,S3,S4,RT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Unlimited	2x20	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$475	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 11/12 1/1/	9v9 S1,S2,S3,S4,RT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Unlimited	2x25	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$575	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 13/14 1/1/	11v11 S1,S2,S3,S4,RT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Unlimited	2x30	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$600	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 15/16 1/1/	11v11 S1,S2,S3,S4,RT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Unlimited	2x35	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$625	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 17-19 1/1/	11v11 S1,S2,S3,S4,RT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Unlimited	2x40	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	\$640	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 1/1/		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 1/1/		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 1/1/		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
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*List of types of teams and tournaments is on reverse side of this form.

- RT RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT -Open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.
- Team will be restricted to teams within the state association Teams will be invited from all US Youth State Associations/Affiliates only.
- UT UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT Other US Soccer Members as listed: US Club, AYSO, SAY, ODP/YOP, GA
- International
- Teams as listed: _____

The Hosting Organization agrees to be bound by and comply with the terms contained in the TOURNAMENT AND GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT and all applicable rules of the approving State Association or Affiliate.

Signature of Designated Official of Hosting Organization Brennan W Posen Date 02/11/26

APPROVAL

(For Official Use Only) STATE ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATE New Mexico Youth Soccer Date 2-13-2026
 By Cebeto Eber Title Executive Director

RECOMMENDED DEFINITIONS OF TEAMS AND TOURNAMENTS

(Place corresponding letter in appropriate space on application.)

TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

UT UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT: A tournament that is open to all Federation affiliated participants. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.

RT RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT: A tournament that is open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.

SELECT TEAMS (teams formed by a selection or tryout process):

- S1** generally a team which competes at the highest level of play in a state or region
- S2** generally a team which competes at other than the highest level of play in a state or region
- S3** generally a team which competes in a local area or state

TOURNAMENT SELECT TEAMS

S4 a team which is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other sanctioned non-league competition, whose roster includes select players who are members of one club.

RECREATIONAL TEAMS

RT a team which was formed in a random nature without regard to players' abilities.

US YOUTH SOCCER OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ODP TEAM: the official US Youth Soccer Olympic Development team of US Youth Soccer, any of its regions, a State Association, an Affiliate, other Organization Member, or any district or geographical subdivisions thereof.

NATIONAL TEAM: the official national team of US Soccer or any other member of FIFA.

APPLYING TO HOST RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT(S) OR GAME(S)

These procedures apply when hosting **ONLY** US Youth Soccer State Association or US Youth Soccer Affiliates teams for tournaments or games.

Applications, agreements to host and other required information must be submitted as provided by the designated approving association or affiliate to include:

Not later than the date established by the State Association or Affiliate for submitting an Application to Host a Tournament or Games, the hosting organization must submit to its State Association or Affiliate and, if any game is to be played in another State Association or Affiliate, to that other State Association or Affiliate, for approval a completed Application to Host a Tournament or Games signed by the designated official of the hosting organization and the following items:

- a) a completed US Youth Soccer Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement, with appropriate supporting documents and information, signed by the president or chief officer or designee of the hosting organization and by the tournament or games director;
- b) a copy of the approved Rules for the Tournament or Games; and
- c) any fees required by the State Association or Affiliate for processing the application. **Incomplete applications will be returned and considered as not having ever been submitted.**

The State Association or Affiliate is not required to approve any application not submitted by the deadline established by the State Association or Affiliate. Any application which is not submitted in a timely manner may be subject to late fees if approved. The team must contact its State Association for its specific policies and fees.

The State Association or US Youth Soccer Affiliate shall make a determination as to whether or not they will sanction the tournament or games in accordance with the policies they have established within their organization for the sanctioning of tournaments or games.

APPLYING TO HOST UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENTS INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TEAMS (TEAMS FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES) AND OTHER FEDERATION ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

The provisions below are in addition to those required as stated above under "Applying to Host Restricted Tournaments or Games". All those provisions so stated above must also be complied with.

For all tournaments and games involving international teams (teams from outside the United States), the Rules for the Tournament or Games must comply with the following substitution requirements. For matches involving players under 16 years of age, the number of substitutions allowed is as provided by the Rules of the Tournament or Game. For all other matches, the number of substitutions is as agreed to prior to the match and the referee is informed prior to the match of that number. The number agreed to can be as provided in the Rules of the Tournament or Game.

The completed US Soccer forms Application to Host a Tournament or Games Involving Foreign Teams and Certification Regarding Compliance with the Ted Stevens and Olympic Amateur Sports Act, must be submitted and approved by the hosting State Association or US Youth Soccer Affiliate and any additional fees required by the State Association, Affiliate and/or the United States Soccer Federation for processing the application.

For all teams that are not members of US Youth Soccer or a US Youth Soccer Affiliate, Proof of medical and liability insurance must be provided by their organization of registration



US Youth Soccer

TOURNAMENT OR GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT

In consideration of permission being granted to Duke City Soccer League to hold a tournament or games at Santa Ana Sports Complex Bernalillo NM
 (Hosting Organization) (City) (State)

On the dates of May 23 - 24 2026, we agree to the following conditions:

ABIDE BY RULES: We shall abide by all statements made in our approved US Youth Soccer *Application to Host A Tournament or Games*, in our tournament invitation, in our tournament rules, in the US Youth Soccer *Travel and Tournament Policy* and in this US Youth Soccer *Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement*. We agree that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into a tournament shall be fairly and impartially made and shall not be based upon race, creed, color or national origin and that we will not advertise by any means the tournament or games until all approvals are received.

INVITATIONS: The tournament or games approval form shall accompany all tournament or games invitations distributed.

HOUSING: We agree that we will not require a team to use only accommodations approved or provided by the hosting organization or other organization, unless disclosure is made on the tournament application form of the required hotel/motel names and the guaranteed rates.

PROCURING LIABILITY INSURANCE: We have procured liability insurance coverage for the tournament or games with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate and on Umbrella Liability Policy with minimum limits of not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence/\$5,000,000 aggregate which names the State Association or Affiliate with which the Hosting Organization is a member. A copy of the certificate of insurance, IF REQUIRED, is attached issued by MYSA.

REQUIRING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS: We shall require all teams participating in the tournament or games to provide medical releases for each player in an appropriate form (paper or electronic). These authorizations shall be reviewed by the Hosting Organization at registration and kept in the possession of a team official at all times.

ADVANCE PUBLICATION OF RULES: We agree that our tournament or games rules shall be included with the invitation sent to each team and shall, again, be published to all teams accepted prior to the start of the tournament/games.

CREDENTIALS CHECKS: We agree that we shall conduct credentials checks to ensure that all players are registered with US Youth Soccer or US Soccer or a member thereof or their national association, properly rostered with their team, and participating in accordance with representations set forth on the US Youth Soccer *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*. We agree that we will not modify or mark in any way original rosters or member passes; and will not register any player, coach, or team official or issue any member pass.

USE OF US SOCCER REGISTERED REFEREES: We agree that we shall use for all games only US Soccer registered referees who are in good standing (unless US Soccer has granted a waiver to allow the use of authorized referees from another country), and shall use a one- or 3-referee system. We intend to use a 3-referee system for the following age groups: . There will be an adequate number of US Soccer registered referees available in the area during the tournament or game dates to cover the scheduled games. We have selected the following assignor to assign referees for the tournament or games (NOTE: ONLY US Soccer certified assignors may be used):

Name T.J. WILHAM Phone () _____ W
 Address 1933 San Mateo Blvd., NE #214 Email refassignor@dukecity.org Phone () _____ H
 City Albuquerque State NM Zip 87110 Phone () _____ Fax

AVAILABILITY OF POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICE: We have notified the local police, ambulance, and emergency rescue services of the date of the tournament or games and the times and fields which will be used for games, and have been advised by them that they will be available to render assistance if needed. We will use the following method(s) of contacting emergency services

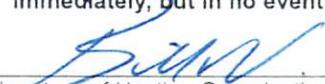
TOURNAMENT OR GAME RULES – BEHAVIOR: We agree that our tournament or game rules contain provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches, and spectators is appropriately controlled, including specific provisions that—

- Spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuance of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
- indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals;
- indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by hosting organizations shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament/games;
- record the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters and also report them immediately to the home State Association and the home club/league of the team; and
- state that the home State Association or member thereof and the home club or league shall, except in the case of referee assault or abuse, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the tournament or games.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION: We agree that our tournament or game rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to participating teams if all or a portion of the tournament or games is cancelled by the hosting organization for any reason.

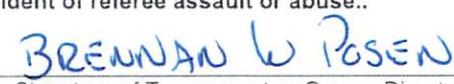
POST TOURNAMENT OR GAMES REPORT: We agree that we shall file any required Post Tournament or Games Report with the State Association or Affiliate granting us permission to host this tournament or games within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament or games. We understand that failure to file the report may preclude the tournament/games host from receiving approval for any tournament/games for the following seasonal years until the report is filed. The Post Tournament or Games Report shall include the following information:

- the number of teams participating in each age group (boys and girls);
- if a champion is determined, the name of the champion for each group;
- the number of teams from each State Association, Affiliate, other Organization Member, or foreign country;
- if "Sportsmanship Awards" are given, the criteria for the award and to whom awards were given;
- the number of fields used for the tournament/games;
- the name of the sponsor, if any; and
- the names and teams of all players issued red and yellow cards, and details of any other matters involving the improper or unsporting conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters. **NOTE: Any incident of referee assault or referee abuse by a player, coach, manager, club official, or game official must be reported to the alleged offender's home State Association, or member thereof immediately, but in no event later than 48 hours after an incident of referee assault or abuse..**



 Signature of Hosting Organization Designated Official
 2/11/2026

 Date



 Signature of Tournament or Games Director
 2/11/2026

 Date

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2026 Sandia Cup

Hosted by Duke City Soccer League

At the Pueblo of Santa Ana Sports Complex

2026 Sandia Cup is open to all currently registered USYSA, Club Soccer, ODP, AYSO, and SAY boys and girl's teams. Guest players may be added with completed guest player approval form from the state association. The following maximum roster sizes will be allowed: At U13 - 19, 22 players may be registered on the team but ONLY 18 players may be rostered to play in each game. The corresponding maximum roster figures (in parenthesis) are as follows for these age groups: U11 & U12 - 9v9 (16), and U9 - 10 7v7 (12).

The maximum roster size **INCLUDES any and all** guest players. No player may play for more than one team per weekend. Rosters with player/coach/managers photos will be required to be given to the center referee at the beginning of each match. (Roster will not be returned) This roster **MUST** match the official roster that is turned into the Tournament for Registration of your team. If any changes are needed on the roster after team registration has been accepted by the Tournament, it will have to be signed off on by the Tournament Director or a Tournament Organization official. The age of all players shall be determined according to the Rule 204 of US Youth Soccer's Policy on Players and Player Rules.

REGISTRATION

To register/check in the team for the tournament.

- Official association team rosters WITH PLAYER/COACH/MANAGER PHOTOS
- Player cards/coach cards (ONLY NEEDED IF OFFICIAL ROSTER DOES NOT HAVE PHOTOS)
- Medical release forms
- Guest player forms (If required by your teams organization)
- Permission to travel forms from respective state association if team is from outside of Region 4. (if needed)

LAWS OF THE GAME

FIFA Laws shall apply with the following exceptions:

- DC SL Metro Rules of Play 2025-2026 and the modified rules for the U9-U11 small-sided games. Both can be found in the current Duke City Soccer League Metro Coaches Handbook located at www.dukecity.org
- Unlimited substitutions (except for U17 and above games with brackets that include a team from outside the US) shall be from the midfield line with the consent of the referee at any stoppage of play. For U17 and above games in brackets that

include a team from outside the US, a maximum of six substitutions (per team) will be allowed.

GAME SCHEDULES

Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of **FOUR** games if weather and circumstance allow. The type of schedule depends on the number of teams in the age group bracket.

GAME TIME AND TIES

Division	Game Length*	Ball Size
U9-U10	20 Min Halves	Size 4
U11-U12	25 Min Halves	Size 4
U13-U14	30 Min Halves	Size 5
U15-U16	35 Min Halves	Size 5
U-17-U19	40 Min Halves	Size 5

Ties will stand in all games except in Semi Final and Championship games. If a tie exists at the end of a Semi Final or Championship game, the winner will be determined by kicks from the mark (KFTM) in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game. Further Tie Breaker options will be listed on the Tournament website.

DISCIPLINE FOR MISCONDUCT

Any coach or player sent off the field by the referee (red card) for misconduct shall be suspended from the following game. The offending coach or player must leave the field for the remainder of the game and move to a distance where they cannot be heard by anyone involved with playing or coaching the game and refrain from communicating with either team. No substitution shall be allowed for an ejected player. ONE (1) point shall be deducted from the team's point total for EACH red card issued. The pass card shall be held by the referee and turned over to a tournament official. The pass card may be retrieved after the completion of the next game, when the player or coach is eligible to return to the field. Red cards will be reported to the home state associations. Upon written request, the tournament will honor all suspensions and disciplinary actions taken by the team's home league and will communicate appropriate league and state authorities information or discipline administered during the tournament. Matters involving referee assault or abuse will be referred immediately to NMYSA. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators at all times during the tournament. We will also follow "The NMYSA Zero Tolerance Policy for Inappropriate Behavior Towards Referees". Which can be found at: <https://dukecity.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-2025-Coaches-Handbook.pdf>

POLICY 531-9 – MISCONDUCT TOWARD GAME OFFICIALS IN AMATEUR MATCHES

Sections copied from Policy 531-9 | Misconduct Toward Game Officials in Amateur Matches (the complete Penalty Summary including current Penalties Matrix, can be found at: <https://dukecity.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Referee-Abuse-Policy-531-9-Penalty-Summary-1.pdf>)

Section 1 | General

Misconduct against Referees may occur before, during, and/or after the match, specifically when the referee arrives at and/or departs the venue.

Section 3 | Terms and Reference

2) "Hearing" means a meeting of at least three neutral members, one of whom is designated or elected to serve a chairperson.

Section 4 | Jurisdiction and Hearings - B – Events and Tournaments

- 1) In the event of assault, abuse, or gross mistreatment of a Referee occurs the referee shall (B) forward a copy of the game report and his/her comments on the incident to the Event/Tournament Chairmen.
- 2) The Event/Tournament Chairperson shall have the right to immediately convene a hearing at the site of the Event/Tournament, at which the alleged offender, the coach of the alleged offender when the offender is a player, and the game official should be present.

Section 5 | Penalties and Suspensions

Penalties for violation of this policy shall be assigned according to the Penalties Matrix in effect at the time the misconduct allegedly occurred.

POINTS SCORING

Points shall be awarded thusly: Three (3) points for a win, One (1) point for a tie, and Zero (0) points for a loss. In the event of a forfeit, Three (3) points will be awarded for the forfeit win and Zero (0) to the forfeiting team. In the event of a tie in total points, placement for out of bracket play will be determined in this order: (1) winner of head to head competition, (2) greatest total goal difference—up to 4 per game, (3) most total goals for (limit 4 per game), (4) least total goals allowed (limit 4 per game), (5) FIFA penalty kicks if possible, and (6) a coin toss. The game report including scores, cautions and ejections will be filled out and signed by the referee and handed to the referee coordinator at the site where the games are played. The scorekeeper at the site will compile and report the results on the GotSport website and will keep a copy in the scorebook located at the tournament headquarters.

FORFEITS

If a team is unable to field (7) players (for teams playing 11v11), (6) players (for teams playing 9v9), (5) players (for teams playing 7v7), (15) minutes after the scheduled game time, that team will forfeit that game. Since the purpose of the tournament is to play the games and the tournament hosts a number of out of state teams unfamiliar with the venues or because there may have been last minute changes that were not properly communicated, the Tournament Director will consider the reasons for the team's tardiness before declaring a forfeit or allowing additional time before declaring a forfeit. If a team forfeits a game without justifiable cause, it will be disqualified from semi-final and Championship games.

CONDUCT

No animals, alcoholic beverages, verbal abuse, or physical abuse will be allowed on any of the fields or in the parking lots. No smoking will be allowed near the fields. No coach, spectator or bench personnel are to enter the field of play during a game, PARTICULARLY if an incident occurs on the field. Coaches and substitutes may enter the field only when indicated to do so by the referee. Only the team captains or coaches of the team may address the referee before, during, or after a game, and then only for the purpose of information, not to question decisions. This applies from the time the referee arrives at the venue until he/she leaves, not just during the game. Under NO circumstances should anyone ever touch a referee. Instead of addressing the referee, attendees are to write down their concerns and give them to one of the Field Marshals or any tournament official. Participants are to be properly chaperoned at all times, including while at the hotels. Under NO circumstances will destructive, threatening or out of control behavior be tolerated. Violation of these guidelines can result in barring the offending person(s) from the fields, suspension or cancellation of games, or ejection of person(s) &/or entire teams from the tournament. All serious infractions will be reported to the state associations. The team representative will be required to provide a signed conduct form indicating that all the participants and spectators have been informed of these conduct guidelines.

GAME BALLS

The game ball shall be provided by the home team, if they do not have a ball that is acceptable to the referee the visiting team may provide the ball. The visiting team may request that the ball be a white or white and black color.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

Home team is designated as the first team listed on the schedule. For games with no teams listed (e.g. Championship), the team with the name in the schedule first alphabetically will be the home team. Both teams must bring two sets of uniforms to each game. The home team is required to wear the light uniform (including socks) and the away team is required to wear the dark uniform (including socks). If in the opinion of the Referee, there is a color conflict, the team causing the conflict must change.

A player's uniform shall consist of a shirt, shorts, socks, shin guards, and appropriate footwear. Teams must wear uniquely numbered shirts, with the number on each player's shirt corresponding to his/her number on the roster. Goalkeepers shall wear colors that

distinguish them from other players. Hard casts with adequate padding will be permitted at the discretion of the match referee, soft casts are permitted with the approval of the match referee.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY

If play is suspended (for inclement weather, field conditions or other situations beyond the tournament's control), after the completion of the first half, that game shall be considered complete and official. If a game is suspended prior to completing the first half, the tournament committee shall decide if and how to complete the game (no game, a shorter game or a PK shootout). There will be absolutely **NO REFUNDS** issued for delayed, suspended, or cancelled games.

PROTESTS

NO protests will be allowed. Decisions by referees MAY NOT be appealed. Eligibility issues and the interpretation of these rules shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Director and those decisions are final and MAY NOT be appealed.