

2026 U12 Tournament Rules

Lassen Youth Soccer will host a recreational tournament for the U12 division on September 28-October 3. It will be a 2 Bracket round robin tournament with both brackets playing the other teams in the bracket. The top team from each bracket will advance to the championship game on Saturday, October 3.

Rules of play will be the same as LYS regular season with the following exceptions:

- a. Games will be 2-20 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.
- b. In the preliminary rounds of all play, the following point system will be used to determine which teams advance: 3 points for a win 1 point for a tie 0 points for a loss 1 point for each goal (up to 3 maximum) 1 point for each goal not scored (up to 3 maximum) The total of the points received by both teams must equal nine (9) except in the case of a tie, where the total number of points shall be 8 (4 for each team). EXAMPLE: a 3-2 victory by Team A • Team A would receive three (3) points for the win, three (3) points for goals they scored and one (1) point for a goal they did not allow. For a total of seven (7). • Team B would receive 2 points for goals they scored. • Seven (7) plus two (2) equal nine (9)
- c. Two (2) points will be deducted from the team's point total for each "Red Card" issued to a player from that team. Additionally, three (3) points will be deducted from the teams' point total for each "Dismissal" issued to a team official from that team.
- d. If teams are tied in points at the conclusion of the preliminary round, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used to determine which teams advance to the next round:
 1. Results of head-to-head competition between teams that are tied.
 2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum of four (4) per game)
 3. Least goals allowed
 4. Most goals scored up to four (4) per game
 5. Kicks from the penalty spot per FIFA. If this is needed, it will be contested at 9:30 am on Saturday October 3.
- e. Should more than two teams be tied at the end of the preliminary round, the above list of tie-breakers will be used in sequential order until one team is determined to be the winner. The tie-breaking procedure does not revert back to previous tie-breaking criteria after one team has been eliminated.
- f. In the event of a forfeit, the winning team shall receive a 3-0 victory and 9 points. This does not apply to teams that have withdrawn from competition.
- g. Championship Round games- If a tie exists at the end of regulation time, there will be a 10 minute overtime using the "Golden Goal". If a tie still exists, a best of 5 penalty kick format will be used per FIFA rules.