

## **Welcome to the AYSA Fall League U12 Girls Playoffs!**

This document contains information about how teams advance in the playoffs, how to report scores, and other playoff information.

### **Information on the First Round of Playoffs**

There will be three divisions in the U12 Girls playoffs, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Teams have been placed in divisions according to regular season team records as of September 13. There will be a first round of two games for each team.

Ties are allowed in first round playoff games for all Divisions.

For first round playoff games, the winning team coach should call the game scores to AYSA at (218) 624-1713 immediately after the game is played. Both coaches call if the game ends in a tie. Please leave team names and numbers, age group, score, and which team won. Remember, the sooner you call your score in, the sooner scores will be posted and Final Four pairings can be determined. First round scores will be posted on this web site daily and Final Four pairings when they are determined.

**The point system used to determine advancement to the Final Four is as follows:**

**Win = 6**

**Tie = 3**

**Shutout Win = 1**

**Each goal = 1 (max 3 per game)**

If teams are tied in points at the end of first round play, the following tiebreakers will determine advancement.

1. Head to head in playoff play
2. Most wins in playoffs
3. Goal differential (goals for minus goals against, max 3 per game)
4. Fewest goals allowed in playoffs
5. Most shutouts in playoffs
6. Most goals in playoffs (maximum 3 per game)
7. Head to head in regular season
8. Ranking in regular season (see ranking page)

**Information on the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Final Four Divisions is on the next page.**

## Final Four Information for all Divisions

Ties are not allowed in Final Four games. If tied at the end of regulation time, the game will go to two (2) golden goal five-minute overtime periods. Golden goal means that the game will end immediately after the first overtime goal. Kicks from the penalty spot per FIFA rules will occur if the game is still tied at the end of overtime. The exception to FIFA rules in this situation is that all players will be eligible to be chosen by the coach to kick. Players need not be on the field at the end of overtime.

There will be t-shirts for all four places after the Championship and Third Place games.

### **Gold Division**

In the U12 Girls Gold Division teams are divided into three pools. Each of the three pool winners will advance to the Final Four, along with the second place team with the most points (wild card) with the pool 1 winner playing the wild card, and the pool 2 winner playing the pool 3 winner in their first Final Four game. Winners of the first Final four games will play for a championship, while the losing teams will play for third place.

### **Silver Division**

In the U12 Girls Silver Division teams are divided into three pools. Each of the three pool winners will advance to the Final Four, along with the second place team with the most points (wild card) with the pool 1 winner playing the wild card, and the pool 2 winner playing the pool 3 winner in their first Final Four game. Winners of the first Final four games will play for a championship, while the losing teams will play for third place.

### **Bronze Division**

In the U12 Girls Bronze Division the four teams with the most points after the first round of playoffs will advance to the Final Four. Final Four seeding will be determined by regular season ranking. The highest ranked team that advances to the Final Four will play the lowest ranked team that advances in the first round of the Final Four. The second and third ranked teams that advance will play each other in the first round of the Final Four. Winners of the first Final Four games will play for a championship, while the losing teams will play for third place. If the seeding that is used to determine Final Four opponents is confusing, don't worry. Opponents for the first round of the Final Fours will be posted as soon as we receive scores from the first weekend of playoffs.

## General Information

First teams listed on the schedule will provide a game ball and change if there is a color conflict in first round and Final Four/Championship games. This means your team needs to be prepared with an alternate jersey or pinnies in case of color conflict.

The playoffs are a time when coaches and fans get a little more tense, and can take out their frustrations on our referees. This is a time to be very respectful to all those involved in our games, especially the referees. Please be gentle with our referees, pick up your garbage and leave your dogs at home.

If you have questions, please call the AYSA Office at (218) 624-1713 or email [info@arrowheadsoccer.com](mailto:info@arrowheadsoccer.com).