# Welcome to the AYSA Fall League Championships! U14 Girls Divisions



This document provides 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 two divisions in the U14 Girls playoffs: Gold and Silver. Teams have been placed in divisions according to regular season team records as of September 18. Gold Division will have two first round games with a Final Four the following weekend. Silver Division will have two games scheduled in one weekend of play.

Ties are allowed in the first round of games for the Gold Division. Ties are not allowed for any games in the Silver Division.

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 website daily and Final Four and Championship pairings when they are determined.

The point system used to determine advancement to the Final Four or Championship 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 playoff games (max 3 per game).
- 7. Head-to-head in regular season.
- 8. Ranking in regular season.

Be Aware: Tiebreakers may determine which teams move on to the Final Four or Championship.

# **Gold Division Final Four**

In the U14 Girls Gold 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.

Ties are not allowed in Final Four games. If tied at the end of regulation time, Final Four games 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 awards for all final four players after the Championship and Third Place games.

### **Silver Division Championship and Third Place Games**

In the U14 Girls Silver Division, the four teams will play their first round game based on standings from regular season play. The winners of their first scheduled game will play in the Championship while the losing teams will play in a Third Place game.

Ties are not allowed in any Silver Division 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 awards for all players after the Championship and Third Place games.

#### **General Information**

The 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 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.