

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND RULES

## 1. **Tournament Information:**

Name of Tournament: Puma Invitational

Date of Tournament: July 29 & 30, 2023

Number of Teams: 100

Age Group(s), Division(s) and Gender(s): U-9 through U-19 Boys and Girls

Tournament is (circle one) Restricted (for Cal North teams only) Out of State/Unrestricted (list affiliates accepted)

Unrestricted N/A

## 2. **Tournament Director Information:**

Name: John Cantlay

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Tournament Website Address: tournamentmanagementsolutions.com

## 3. **Entry Fees:** \$645 per team U-9 to U-12      \$695 per team U-13 to U-19 Make check payable to: **Tournament Management Solutions**

## 4. **Guest Player Policy:**

A maximum of 6 guest players will be accepted in this tournament (indicate number 0 – 7)  
Guest players will be allowed in accordance with US Club Guest Player Policies. Teams other than US Club teams must abide by the US Club guest player policies. Guest players attending a US Club Tournament with another State Association. Guest players must use credentials from the same season as those being used by the team with which they are playing

## 5. **Application Policies/Procedures:**

Teams may apply to only one tournament per weekend unless they have received a rejection notification from a tournament OR they properly withdraw from a tournament. Teams that inappropriately apply to more than one tournament on a given weekend face financial and disciplinary sanctions. Teams may play in only one age group/gender classification in any given tournament on one weekend. The tournament has the right to close any and all age groups that are completely full prior to the application deadline. The tournament may eliminate a division if a lack of sufficient number of applicants for that division is received. Teams will be notified of a division closing within seven days following the application deadline.

Tournament application deadline: July 10, 2023

Notification of team acceptance or rejection will be sent to every timely applicant by July 11, 2023

Rejected teams entry fees must be refunded on the date the rejection notice is sent to the team.

**Selection Process:** First come first in and by competitive balance.

## 6. **Refund Policy:** When the tournament has properly notified a team of their acceptance the tournament is entitled to retain all of the entry fee for a team requesting withdrawal from their

tournament; once accepted there is a no refund policy. Teams will be responsible for all cost associated with recovery of unpaid fees.

**7. Withdrawal Policies/Procedures:**

A team wishing to withdraw from a tournament must send a written notification to the tournament director (this may include email) of their decision to withdraw not later than 14 days prior to the start of the tournament will forfeit their tournament fees but will not receive any additional penalty. Failure to do so will result in a minimum \$400 team penalty assessed by the tournament as well as forfeiture of tournament entry fees). Teams that have submitted a timely application and that have not received notification from a tournament director of the acceptance or rejection six weeks prior to the tournament may withdraw without penalty and apply to another tournament and the team's entry fee will be refunded in full. The tournament director will provide written acknowledgement of the withdrawal to the team which will include directions regarding any financial consequences and/or penalties associated with the team's withdrawal.

**8. Location:**

1. Cherry Island Soccer Complex  
2429 U Street  
Elverta, Ca. 95673

**9. Credentials Requirements:**

Credentials from the 2023-2024 season(s) will be accepted in this tournament.

Teams will be grouped based on the age group matrix for the 2023-2024 season.

Each team must declare at the time they apply which Affiliate or State Organization has sanctioned their participation in the tournament and which credentials they will use in the tournament. The team must use the credentials issued by the organization that has sanctioned their participation in the tournament as declared on their application.

**10. Mandatory Credentials Check-In**

Each team is required to have their team roster checked On-line at the tournaments Gotsport site.

**11. Length of Games and Half Time period** (list each age group):

Age Group	Preliminary Games	Consolation and championship Games
U-9 TO U-12	22 minutes halves/ 5 minute half time period	25 minutes halves/ 5 minute half time period
U-13 and U-14	30 minutes halves/ 5 minute half time period	30 minutes halves/ 5 minute half time period
U-15 and U-16	30 minutes halves/ 5 minute half time period	30 minutes halves/ 5 minute half time Period
U-17, -18 & U-19	30 minutes halves/ 5 minute half time period	30 minutes halves/ 5 minute half time period

In preliminary games ties will stand. If a championship or consolation game is tied at the end of regulation play, the game will be decided by penalty kicks as per FIFA laws of the game. The length of any game may be shortened to shorter but equal halves if the Tournament Committee deems it necessary due to field conditions, weather or darkness

**12. Mandatory Rest Periods**

Teams and players must be given a minimum rest period of two hours between games. The rest period will commence when a team's or player's match ends and will end when the team's or player's subsequent match begins.

**13. Substitutions:**

**Unlimited substitutions are allowed with referee approval in the following situations:**

Any stoppage in play.

#### **14. Ejections:**

Any player, coach assistant coach or registered team official who is sent off will automatically be suspended from their next game. The sendoff report will be forwarded to the Tournament Director and Tournament Disciplinary Committee. US Club Bylaws will be used to assess the minimum mandatory penalties. Additional penalties may be imposed. Send-off reports and member passes. Any additional disciplinary action over and above that assessed by the Tournament Committee will be at the discretion of the member's US Club disciplinary committees. All PAD Committee decisions will be final with no appeal process.

#### **Scoring System:**

Maximum number of points allowable per game: 10

6 Points for a win:

3 Points for a tie:

1 Bonus points for shutout win

1 Bonus points for 0-0 ties

1 Points per goal up to a maximum of three per game

0 Points deducted for red cards

1 Points deducted for excessive goal differential. 1 points for every goal over a 6 goal margin.  
(deducted when winning team scores more goals than their opponent in any one match)

For forfeited games, a score of 2 to 0 will be awarded in favor of the team that did not forfeit.

#### **15. Tie Breaking Procedure:**

In case of a tie in tournament points following the completion of preliminary games, the advancing team will be determined based on the following criteria in the order specified:

- A. Head to Head competition – team that won the head to head competition between the teams that are tied will advance (should there be a tie in tournament points between three or more teams, the tie-breaking procedure begins with #B below.)
- B. When and if only two teams remain tied at any point while using this procedure, the order of tie breaking will recommence at #A above
- C. Team with the fewest losses advances
- D. Team with the highest goal differential advances (goals scored by a team minus goals allowed by a team, not to exceed a differential of 4 goals in any one match)
- E. Team with fewest goals allowed advances
- F. Team with most goals scored advances (not to exceed 4 goals counted for any one match)
- G. Team with fewest send-offs advances
- H. Kicks from the penalty spot as per FIFA rules. The team with the most successful kicks advances

**ALL GAME RESULTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FINAL AND NO PROTEST OF THEIR OUTCOME IS ALLOWED**

#### **17. Format:**

Each team in the tournament is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games (forfeited games will count in game minimum.)

#### **Preliminary play (check all that apply):**

x Round Robin Bracket play (each team in the flight will play the all other teams in their flight)

Total Cross Bracket play (each team will play all teams in a designated opposing flight)

Partial Cross Bracket play, (6 team flights), each team will play one cross-over game into opposing flight. 10 team flights the two highest scoring division winners will play in the Championship, and the lowest scoring division winner will play the highest scoring non-division winner.

**Awards:**

Type of Awards: trophies \_\_\_\_\_ medals  other (specify type of award) Medals are awarded to all players 1<sup>st</sup> through 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Awards will be given in these categories 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Participation pins will be given to: (check all applicable): each player  coaches (2 per team)  20 Max

**18. Start Times and Forfeitures:**

Teams must be at the field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their game in order to be checked in by referees or appointed tournament officials. Games will be started within 10 minutes of the designated start time. If a team has not taken the field with a minimum of seven (7) players within the 10 minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the team that has taken the field with at least seven (7) players. If neither team takes the field within the 10 minute grace period, no points will be awarded to either team and the game will be declared a double forfeit. The referee and/or Tournament Director may terminate a game and award a forfeit if a team leaves the field during the game without the approval of the referee, the referee abandons a match due to excessive violent conduct and/or misconduct by the players, coaches or fans, or a team is deemed to be in gross violation of US Youth Soccer rules, California Youth Soccer Association rules, or rules of this tournament.

**19. Home Team:**

The team listed first on the game schedule is the home team. Conflicts in jersey color will be resolved by the home team being required to change jerseys. The referee will determine if there is a conflict in jersey colors or keeper jersey colors. The home team will be responsible for providing the game ball.

**20. Sportsmanship and Conduct:**

Good sportsmanship is expected of all teams, officials and fans. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, staff, parents and affiliated spectators.

**21. Injuries and Medical Assistance:**

Any injuries must be reported to a tournament official so that an accident report form can be completed.

**22. Weather Conditions:**

If deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee, games may be shortened or cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

**23. Tournament Cancellation**

If the tournament must be cancelled due to inclement weather, acts of civil disobedience, war, destruction of facilities or other circumstances deemed by the Cal North State Tournament Committee to be beyond the control of the hosting league, the tournament may retain up to 30% of the entry fee once the tournament's expenses are verified. Refunds of no less than 70% of the team's entry fee will be postmarked and mailed to the teams within 45 days of the approved tournament date.

**24. Prohibitions:**

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is expressly prohibited at any of the sport fields or complexes. Any team (including players, coaches, parents and affiliated spectators) found violating these rules will automatically forfeit all games played, face possible expulsion from the tournament and will not be invited to any future tournaments hosted by this league. Use of tobacco products is prohibited at this tournament.

For risk management reasons pets are prohibited. Referees will be instructed to abandon a game if, after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to remove a pet from the area of the soccer field, or if after being asked to do so, any person affiliated with the team refuses to cease the use of tobacco products in the area of the soccer field.

## **25. Team Infractions**

Infractions apply to offenses committed by teams that have been officially accepted to tournaments. A team is considered formally accepted into a tournament when it receives a timely acceptance notice. At the tournaments discretion an Infraction Report may be filed and penalties and fines may be levied against the offending team. Teams may be penalized for an infraction when the following criteria is met:

1. **LATE WITHDRAWAL**
2. **GAME FORFEITURE**
3. **SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS TO MULTIPLE TOURNAMENTS ON ONE WEEKEND**
4. **USE OF FALSIFIED CREDENTIALS**
5. **ALLOWING AN INELIGIBLE, UNCREDENTIALLED OR IMPROPERLY CREDENTIALLED PLAYER TO PARTICIPATE**

## **26. Tournament Committee:**

The tournament committee shall consist of the Tournament Director and any other pre-designated Tournament Officials. All game results are final.

<p><b>THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH POLICY AS DEEMED NECESSARY IN REGARD TO PROBLEMS AND CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED. THE DECISIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL</b></p>
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