



# CHICAGO CUP 2018

Northern Illinois Soccer League  
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## "CHICAGO CUP" ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The "Chicago Cup" brackets are located on the front of the NISL Homepage: <http://www.northernillinoisoccerleague.com/>
2. Every team with the exception of the "2004" 15U & "2011" 08U age groups will have a "Chicago Cup" Tournament game to schedule.
3. If you need to know which Tournament Group your team is in, it is located on your Team's Settings page under "Existing League Registrations".
4. The scheduling will follow the exact same rules as the rest of the league, only the games will have a specific date that the game will need to be played by that is indicated in the Tournament Brackets ((the team on top of your match-up is the "Home Team"))).
5. We have purposely cleared space in the league so that you will have the weekend of **September 8th** to play the first round of the tournament.
6. In order to access your "Chicago Cup" Collaborative Scheduler, you just need to click on the "F2018 BOYS - 05 - CHICAGO CUP" event folder in your "Leagues" tab.
7. The tournament is single-elimination, so please update the score immediately following the game. The victor needs to email the league and inform us that they are ready to move to the next round of their tournament bracket and the league will create your next game in the system.
8. We will not be sending contact sheets for the entire bracket, so just like the regular league if you do not hear from your opposing team through the Collaborative Scheduler, click the blue envelope under the "League" column and let us know that you need contact information.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

### Game Locations

For all matches before the Semi-Final and Final games, the Home Team will provide fields and contact their local assignor for providing referees. The NISL will pay the center referees – it is the Club's responsibility to pay the linespeople.

Semi-Final and Final games will be played at a neutral location set up by the league office with NISL-certified referees.

### Team Points/Placement

In the result of a tie, the teams will immediately begin PKs. If neither team is a winner after the initial five (5) PKs, the teams proceed to a sudden death PK.



## Officials

Each Home Team must provide three referees per game who is knowledgeable on the "Laws of the Game" for each match. All matches must use referees certified by the U.S. Soccer Federation. Games will be assigned through Game Officials

## Rosters & Passes

There are no restrictions on rosters. Players become "Cup-tied" to a team. A player may not play for different teams in different age divisions of the Cup. **Players may move up at any time, but immediately become Cup-tied** to that team for the tournament and **cannot move to a lower age** bracket.

Players shall have a US Club Player Pass to participate in the Tournament. Player passes must be used for all games.

No guest players from another Club are permitted.

The maximum number of players per team will maintain standard NISL regulation.

## Playing Numbers

Playing numbers will proceed as follows:

09U-10U	-	7v7
11U-12U	-	9v9
13U-18U	-	11v11

## Game Balls

Game balls will be provided by the home team listed on the schedule, subject to referee approval. Sizing will maintain standard NISL Regulation.

## Home/Away Team Procedure

The first team listed is the home team, and will kick off. The Away Team must change in case of color conflict and will have the choice of the direction of play.

## Game Times

Games will be started on time.

Any team over (30) thirty minutes late will forfeit 2-0. The designated Home Team will provide fields and contact their local assignor for providing referees. The NISL will pay the center referees – it is the Club's responsibility to pay the linespeople.

## Prohibitions & Protests

Red-carded players will be disqualified for the next scheduled game.

Protests are only allowed to ineligible players only.

