

# Plant City FC West Florida Shootout (U9-U19)

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**Tournament Headquarters:** Tournament headquarters and all tournament games are located at the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex, located at 2602 E. Cherry St., Plant City, FL 33563 or the Ellis Methvin Sports Complex located at 2401 E. Cherry St., Plant City FL 33563. Tournament Director is Jarod Hughes. All tournament information can be found here: [Plant City Lancers](#)

**Tournament Hotels:** This is not a stay-and-play event. However you can make lodging reservations here: [Plant City Hotel Reservations](#)

**Team Check-In Online:** Upload the following documents into the team's Gotsport account by 21 May:

- **Team Roster:** One (1) copy approved by FYSA, US Club Soccer or other State association.
  - Cross off any primary players not attending
  - List jersey numbers for each player on roster and in team account on Gotsport
- **Coach and Player Passes:** USYS State Association approved for the current seasonal year laminated with photos and from the same rosters organization (don't mix passes from different organizations). **NO PASS, NO PLAY, NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **Guest Players:** **EACH** guest player from outside of your club **MUST** be added to the roster in gotsport. Guest players must have the same type of player passes as the rest of the team (FYSA, US Club, etc.)
- **Medical Release:** One (1) signed and dated form for each player.
- **Ref Fees:** Each team is responsible for ½ of the referee fees and will pay the center referee prior to the match. U9/U10: \$50 or \$25 each; U11/U12: \$160 or \$80 each; U13+: \$180 or \$90 each

**Team and Player Eligibility:** The West Florida Shootout is open to teams with registered youth players from USSF Affiliates, provided such team is in good standing with its' youth association.

- Players can be rostered on one (1) team during the tournament. If a player participates with more than one (1) team in the tournament, games for each team with that player will be recorded as 3-0 in the opponent's favor.
- Age classifications for this tournament:

U19 – Birth Year 2007	U13 – Birth Year 2013
U18 – Birth Year 2008	U12 – Birth Year 2014
U17 – Birth Year 2009	U11 – Birth Year 2015
U16 – Birth Year 2010	U10 – Birth Year 2016
U15 – Birth Year 2011	U09 – Birth Year 2017
U14 – Birth Year 2012	

- Maximum rostered players and game formats for the competition shall be:
  - U9-U10: Twelve (12) rostered players playing 7v7; a minimum of 5 players must be present at the start of a game to prevent forfeiture
  - U11-U12: Sixteen (16) rostered players playing 9v9; a minimum of 6 players must be present at the start of a game to prevent forfeiture
  - U13-U19: Eighteen (18) rostered players playing 11v11; a minimum of 7 players must be present at the start of a game to prevent forfeiture. Players not on the game roster are allowed to sit on the bench in the team's opposite uniform or street clothes.
- Five (5) maximum guest/loan players. Club pass players do not count toward the five guest player maximum. You may only use guest/loan players from the same US Youth Affiliation and they must be registered through their US Youth Affiliation.

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**Pre-Game Procedures:** Prior to each game, coach and player passes and official rosters will be verified by the game's center referee and coaches will pay the referee fees noted above in the "check-in" section. Please be at the field at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. A player arriving after the start of the game will be verified by the center referee before playing.

- **Uniforms:** The home team will wear their light-colored uniform and the visiting team will wear their dark-colored uniform. If the center referee determines both teams' jerseys are of similar color, the visiting team will change. Goalie jersey color will be different than both teams.

### **During the Game Procedures:**

- Games will follow the FIFA "Laws of the Game". U9-U10 (7 v 7) and U11/U12 (7 v 7) will play in accordance with the USSF new player development initiatives.
- U13 and Older will use a Size #5 ball. U12 and younger will use a size #4 ball.
- Substitutions are unlimited. They can occur prior to a throw in by your team, after a goal is scored, during an injury timeout or at the beginning of the second half/overtime. Proper notification by the coach and approval by the center referee is required for substitutions.
- Player shin guards are mandatory (worn under the socks). Under FYSA Rule 402.2, player equipment shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Affiliate, FYSA and FIFA rules. Additionally:
  - a) Screw in cleats are permitted; however, safe play is at the referee's discretion.
  - b) Orthopedic casts and soft braces can be worn with written approval from a doctor and written permission from a tournament official; however safe play is at the referee's discretion.
  - c) Players cannot wear jewelry. Medical alert bracelets or necklaces are an exception when taped to the body (taping earrings is not permitted). The referee will instruct players to remove jewelry at the next stoppage if he/she notices a player wearing jewelry while the match is under way. The referee will stop the match to remove jewelry if he/she deems the jewelry creates an unsafe situation.
- U11 and above games will have one center referee and two assistant referees. U9-U10 games will have a center referee. If an assigned referee (center or assistant) is unable to attend a game, a replacement of suitable quality and certification will be assigned by the Referee Assignor and the game(s) will be played as scheduled.
- The technical area relates to matches played in game fields with a designated seated area for team officials, substitutes and substituted players as outlined below:
  - a) The technical area shall only extend 1m (1 yd) on either side of the designated seated area and up to a distance of 1m (1 yd) from the touchline.
  - b) Markings shall be used to define the area, temporary or Permanent
  - c) The number of persons permitted to occupy the technical area is defined by the competition rules
  - d) The occupants of the technical area:
    - 1) Are identified before the start of the match in accordance with the competition rules
    - 2) Must behave in a responsible manner
    - 3) Must remain within its confines except in special circumstances, e.g., a physiotherapist/doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player
  - e) Only one person at a time is authorized to convey tactical instructions from the technical area

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- U9-U10 duration of games will be (pool play, semifinals, and finals): 2 x 25 (minutes) = 50 minutes total. There will be no overtime in a semifinal or final. The game will go straight to penalty kicks according to FIFA's "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark". U9 and U10 games will use the Build Out Line.
- 7 v 7 BUILD OUT LINE – There will be a build out line on 7 v 7 modified fields

USYS Rule – The build out line is used to promote playing the ball out of the back in an unpressured setting.

- a) The Build out Line Rule becomes effective when the goalkeeper gains possession of the ball.
  - b) This Rule is governed by the principal of "Fair Play."
  - c) Goalkeepers may throw the ball, place the stopped ball on the ground and kick the ball, or place the ball on the ground and dribble the ball.
  - d) Opponents must stay outside the build out line until a second player touches on the ball. A keeper dribbling the ball will be considered a second touch.
  - e) Like a Free Kick, the goalkeeper has the option of waiting for the opponents to be outside the build out line or take a quick re-start. There is no consequence to any player if the ball is lost after a quick re-start is played.
  - f) Goalkeeper punts and drop kicks are prohibited. If the keeper punts or dropkicks the ball, the Referee will stop play, spot the ball at the point of infraction. Play is restarted when the keeper kicks the ball to teammate. The opponents must be outside the build out line.
  - g) The first kicked pass must be to a teammate inside the build out line. The keeper may release the ball by throwing beyond the build out line.
  - h) Goal Kicks are subject to the build out line rule.
  - i) Free kicks inside the build out line but outside the penalty area are not subject to this rule.
- U11-U12 duration of games will be (pool play, semifinals, and finals): 2 x 30 (minutes) = 60 minutes total. There will be no overtime in a semifinal or final. The game will go straight to penalty kicks according to FIFA's "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark". **HEADING IS NOT ALLOWED** in U11 or U12 games at the tournament.

### Heading Guidelines

- Deliberate heading is not allowed in age groups U12 and younger
  - If a U12 or younger player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense
  - If the deliberate header of a U12 or younger player occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infraction occurred.
- U13-U16 duration of games will be (pool play, semifinals, and finals): 2 x 30 (minutes) = 60 minutes total. There will be no overtime in a semifinal or final. The game will go straight to penalty kicks according to FIFA's "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark".
  - U17-U19 duration of games will be (pool play, semifinals, and finals): 2 x 35 (minutes) = 70 minutes total. There will be no overtime in a semifinal or final. The game will go straight to penalty kicks according to FIFA's "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark".
  - Any team that is not present fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled match time with the required minimum number of players is subject to a forfeit. A minimum of eligible players (7 for 11v11) must be present, dressed, and ready to play within the grace period to constitute a "team". The Tournament Director may extend the wait time based on unforeseen circumstances or make the decision to

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declare a forfeit and award the victory to the other team. A score of 4-0 will be recorded in the case of a forfeit. If the scheduled time is revised from the printed schedule, coaches/managers will be notified by email, tournament website, phone or in person by a Tournament Official of the new game time. Any additional penalties as a result of a forfeit will be reviewed by the Tournament Discipline Committee. Additional penalties may include:

- Not allowing the team to be declared a division winner or wild card team
  - Forfeit one you forfeit all. The forfeiting team may play all remaining Group Play Matches (using referees) as official exhibitions.
  - The decision of the committee is final
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- In any FYSA sanctioned match a break will be given at the midpoint of each half of regulation time and at the end of each overtime period (if played) for player hydration. This break will be given at a normal stoppage of play and it is mandatory for any FYSA sanctioned match during which the air temperature is or is expected to reach eighty- five (85) degrees. Violation may result in charges under FYSA's Code of Ethics. Game clock will continue to run during the breaks.
  - Pursuant to Florida Statutes (FS 943.0438), Florida in 2012 enacted a very stringent Head Injury and Concussion Law. If the referee (or assistant referee) believes that, in his/her opinion, a player has suffered a head injury or possible concussion, the match must be stopped IMMEDIATELY. The injured player, if able to leave the field on their own, must be escorted to their coach and the coach must be told that the player cannot return for the duration of the match. If a trainer is brought onto the field because the player is incapacitated, the referee must still notify the coach that the player cannot return to the game. It is the responsibility of the coach and the player's parent(s) or legal guardian to seek medical attention. The player may not resume participation until he/she has been cleared by a medical doctor. The referee HAS NO FURTHER responsibility beyond removing the player from the match in which the player was injured. The referee crew must ensure, that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES or due to appeal from any coaching staff that the player is allowed to return to the game.
  - **There will be NO PROTESTS. Decisions by referees may not be appealed. All disputes will be resolved immediately by the Tournament Director. These decisions will be final.**

### Post- Game Procedures:

- At the end of every game, teams should congratulate each other in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
- We ask that all coaches of all teams to please make sure that their sideline areas are clean of all trash following the conclusion of each game.
- The coach or team representative must sign/initial the game report that the center referee will complete after the conclusion of each contest. The center referee will return all player/coach passes to the coach/team manager after both teams have signed the game report. Ultimately, the responsibility for the collection of passes from the referee lies with the coach/manager of the teams participating.
- The center referee will turn in a completed game report to the Tournament Director with scores. Any special circumstances (cards, injuries, etc.) will be written on the bottom of the game report.

### Determination of Group Winners/Playoff Finalists:

- Finalists will be determined through a seeding format or by a division winner's format, depending on the number of teams that enter in a particular bracket. The rules to determine tie breakers will be the same for either format. Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. In the event of a tie within a division, the following criteria will be used to determine who moves forward:
  - First tiebreaker – head-to-head results

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- Second tiebreaker – Net goal differential with a maximum of four (4) goal differential per game
- Third tiebreaker – Least amount of goals allowed
- Fourth tiebreaker – Goals scored with a maximum of four (4) goals per game
- Fifth tiebreaker – Most shutouts
- Sixth tiebreaker – Penalty kicks according to FIFA laws
- If Penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark." is required to determine the winner for advancement after steps 1-6 still result in a tie, penalty kicks will be taken thirty (30) Minutes before the scheduled start of the elimination game or earlier if a mutually convenient time can be agreed upon with representatives of both teams and the Tournament Director.
- In the event of a tie among more than two teams, once a tie is broken by the above system, and if ties among remaining teams still must be decided, those ties would be broken by starting again from Step 1. Please see examples below:

Example 1: Three teams have 6 points and have all defeated each other. Team 1 has a goal differential of +6, Team 2 is +4, and Team 3 is +2. Team 1 is 1st, Team 2 is 2nd, Team 3 is 3rd.

Example 2: Three teams have 6 points and have all defeated each other. Team 1 has a goal differential of +4, Team 2 is +4 and Team 3 is +2. Team 3 is 3rd, Team 2 defeated Team 1 therefore Team 2 is 1st and Team 1 is 2nd.

Example 3: Three teams have 6 points and Team 1 has defeated the other two. Team 1 will be the group winner. The tie breaking procedure begins for the remaining tied teams with number 1.

If all 3 teams remain tied after Step 6, then a coin toss will determine which team sits out for the first round of "Kicks from the Penalty Mark". The winner of the first round of "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" will then take on the team that sits out to determine a winner.

### **Determination of Semi-Final and Finals**

If the game is not decided after regulation time, two 10-minute overtime periods (ONLY SEMI-FINAL AND FINALS) will be played. If still there is no decision after completion of overtime, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark".

NOTE: Teams may be asked to move to a designated Penalty Kick area to permit the next scheduled game to proceed.

### **Division Structure**

3 teams—Each team will play the other two teams in the group. On Sunday, #2 will play #3 in the Semi-Finals. The winner of the Semi-Final will play #1 in the Final.

4 teams—Each team will play the other three teams in the group. #1 will play #2 in the Finals.

5 teams—Each team will play the other four teams in the group. Champion and Finalists will be determined by points. No championship game in a 5 team group.

6 teams—Two groups of three. Each team will play the other two teams in their group and one team from the other group (opponent in other group determined at random). Wildcard #1 will play Wildcard #2 in the

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Final on Sunday (this could be two teams from the same group). Out of the 6 teams the top 2 teams will play in the final, regardless of which group they are in.

7 teams—Bracket A will have four teams. Bracket B will have three teams. On Saturday, each team will play two group games. On Sunday, Bracket B#3 will play Bracket A#4 in the Silver Semi-Finals. The winner of the Silver Semi-Finals will play Bracket A#3 in the Silver Final (5<sup>th</sup> place game). There will be no awards given to teams in the Silver Final (5<sup>th</sup> place game). Bracket A#1 will play Bracket B#2 and Bracket A#2 will play Bracket B#1 in the Semi-Finals. The winner of the Semi-Finals will play in the Finals.

8 teams—Two groups of four. Each team will play the other three teams in their group. Bracket A#1 will play Bracket B#1 in the Final.

### **Conduct/Discipline/Suspensions:**

- There will be a Discipline Committee selected prior to the tournament by the Tournament Director and will consist of three (3) members. The Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, managers, spectators and coaches, using the FYSA standards as set forth under Rules Section 502 and all players, managers, spectators and coaches shall be subject to Rules Section 502 – Discipline and Sanctions.
- It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players and coaches. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, etc. is the responsibility of the team to notify the Tournament Director of this suspension at the time of the player's check-in.
- A player or coach shall receive a minimum of one (1) game suspension, regardless of the cause of the ejection. Any player or manager/coach ejected (red carded) will not complete the game in which the ejection occurred. FYSA Guidelines and Policies will be used to determine minimum disciplinary actions for punitive measures. Depending on the severity of the conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend a suspension up to the duration of the tournament. For more on suspensions, please refer to FYSA Rule 504.1:

FYSA Rule 504.1 - Red card suspension or send off suspensions can only be served with the team with which the suspension was earned in games played by their team. Until the suspension is served the player/coach is suspended from any other team(s) to which the player/coach may be registered. Games may not be scheduled to "work off" suspension. Players may not serve suspensions as "guest players" nor may they "guest play" with any other team(s) until such time as the original suspension is served.

Issued during Tournament Play: Tournament Red Card Report filed along with game reports as required by Post- Tournament rules. FYSA office to send copy of Red Card Report and appropriate game reports to the appropriate RC in the next immediate mail out. RC will notify club of a discipline/sanctions remaining.

- Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend the suspension of up to the duration of the tournament in accordance with FYSA requirements. The committee's recommendations must be available to the affected parties no later than following the next scheduled match.
- The issuance of red and yellow cards and any other matter involving the conduct of a team, players, coaches or spectators will be reported to the home club and the FYSA office within seventy-two (72) hours of the conclusion of the tournament for possible further disciplinary action.
- Exhibiting or threatening violence of any sort by a player, coach, team official or spectator will be grounds for immediate expulsion for the duration of the tournament if such determination is made by the appropriate tournament officials.

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**Weather:** The Tournament Director will modify the game schedule location, duration or cancellation in the event of inclement weather.

- Games in progress and suspended due to inclement weather or other external conditions, will be deemed complete if one half of play has been completed or the first half cannot be completed prior to the start time of the next scheduled game on that field. For any such game that is not completed, the score at the time of the suspension will be the final score. Any game that is not started and is canceled (as opposed to postponed) due to weather or other external conditions, will be recorded as a 0-0 tie. Canceled games will not be rescheduled.

**Refunds/External Conditions:** The Tournament Director has the absolute authority to make changes that best serve the tournament and tournament participants in the event of any rescheduling or cancellation. If the event of a total cancellation, the tournament will follow rule 902.12 of the FYSA Tournament Rules. After a team has been accepted into the competition, **NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN** should the team decide to withdraw from the event. Tournament entrance fee returns/refunds will be issued as follows:

- Within five (5) days after notification that the team is not accepted by their application.
- Within five (5) days upon cancellation of the tournament.
- Within ten (10) days of withdrawal request of the application by a team prior to acceptance of that application by the tournament.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Under no circumstances whatsoever, will the Tournament Committee, Plant City FC, or any State Association be responsible for any expenses (including tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where the tournament or any game(s) is cancelled in whole or part, due to any factor including inclement weather.
- The Tournament Committee's interpretation of these rules shall be **FINAL** and reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.
- No sales of any kind are allowed without written consent from the Tournament Director.