



2026 General Rules

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What

The adidas Clash at the Border presented by adidas is a highly competitive soccer tournament for club teams U-9 to U-19, both boys and girls. All teams are guaranteed to play four games.

Dates

The tournament is June 26-28, 2026 in Vancouver/Camas, Washington and Portland, Oregon. All teams must have a manager or coach arrive at least 1 hour prior to their first game to check in with the Field Marshal at the location of their first game.

Entry Deadline and Refund Policy

- Registration closes June 12, 2026, 11:59pm.
- All teams must be paid in full by June 12, 2026.
- Refunds: Prior to June 12th, 2026, a 100% refund (minus the \$20 service fee). After June 12th, 2026, no refund will be given

Travel and Housing

Overnight arrangements can be made through the official tournament hotel provider, VisitVancouverUSA.com. The adidas Clash at the Border tournament is not a "Stay to Play" tournament.

General Rules

No pets are allowed at any tournament game sites. If supporters of a team refuse to remove a pet when asked by a tournament official, the tournament official may forfeit the game for the team with the supporters of the pet present. No alcoholic beverages allowed at any tournament game site.

Registration

General

All players (except guest players) must be registered to the team making the application. No "All Star" teams or ODP teams are allowed without written permission from the Tournament Director. Players are only allowed to be rostered, and play for, one team during the tournament. The tournament director can waive this requirement in the event of extenuating circumstances.

Check In

All teams must have a representative check in 1 hour before their first game, with the field marshal **at the location of their first game.**

- The person checking in the team must have access to Medical Release forms for each participating player.
- 6 Rosters, which are all signed by the Club Registrar, for the team must be presented. The Field Marshal will retain 1 copy for tournament records and the other 5 will be returned. Each game, the team must give the center referee one of the signed, and stamped by a field marshal, rosters.

Teams

- 1) Home and Away teams are determined at scheduling with each team scheduled for at least one home game and one away game.
 - 2) The home team will wear white (or light) colored jerseys. The visitor or away team will wear their darker jerseys. All teams will bring an alternate color jersey. The home team will change jerseys in the case of a color conflict.
 - 3) The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee may not allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same.
- 1) Player equipment:
- a. Shin guards are required for all players (no exceptions).
 - b. Casts: Casts are permitted with the permission of the referee. The Tournament Director should be contacted before-hand if a player is expected to play with a cast, but the ultimate authority of playing with a cast will be with the center referee.

Playing Rules

FIFA Laws of the Game will apply, except as amended below.

Small Sided Format:

U9 to U12 games will be played in the format as follows:

U9 – 7v7

U10 – 7v7

U11 – 9v9

U12 – 9v9

The adidas Clash at the Border tournament will be following Oregon Youth Soccer Association (OYSA) league rules during the tournament and will have the following modified rules in place for U9 and U10 divisions:

- No Punting - Goalkeepers will not be allowed to 'punt'/'drop kick' the soccer ball.
- When the goalkeeper takes possession of the ball in his/her hands, the opposing team must retreat behind the buildout line and remain there until the goalkeeper puts the ball into play by throwing or passing the ball.
- Goal Kicks- All players on the defending team (team not taking the goal kick) must be behind the buildout line when the opposing team takes the goal kick.
- In the absence of a painted buildout line players are required to retreat to the half line.
- No heading the ball intentionally

The adidas Clash at the Border will be following OYSA rules during the tournament and will have the following modified rules in place for the U11 divisions:

- No heading the ball intentionally
- Punting and drop kicks are allowed beginning at U11

The adidas Clash at the Border will be following OYSA rules during the tournament and will have the following modified rules in place for the U12 divisions:

- Intentionally heading the ball is allowed

No Protests:

No protests are allowed and all referee decisions will be final, except those concerning the use of overage or ineligible players. The opposing coach and referee must be notified of an overage/ineligible protest prior to leaving the field of play and the protest must be submitted in writing to the Field Marshal within 30 minutes of the match completion. A protest bond of \$50 in cash (no checks) must accompany the written appeal. The bond will be returned if the appeal is granted. A protest committee of three neutral persons will be appointed by the tournament director(s) to hear the appeal and make a decision before the next games for the teams involved. Their decision will be final. If a protest is upheld, forfeiture will be awarded for the protested match (a 1-0 victory for the non-offending team) and all previously played matches that

included the overage/ineligible player.

The Judiciary Committee:

The Judiciary Committee will settle all protests and disputes regarding overage or ineligible players and will consist of three neutral persons appointed by the Tournament Director.

Who's Eligible:

All players must be eligible to play in their age division, any exceptions to the rule must be approved in writing by the Tournament Director prior to team check-in.

Roster:

U9 and U10 may have a roster of 14 players.

U11 and U12 may have a roster of 16 players

U13-U14 may have a roster of 18 players.

U15-U18 may have a roster of 22 players but only 18 can dress for each game.

Players not playing need to be wearing "street clothes".

Once a team has checked-in, changes to the roster will not be allowed without written authorization from the Tournament Director.

Conduct:

All coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, coaching staff, and team spectators. At no time shall foul or abusive language or misconduct be permitted at any field or other facilities being used for the tournament. A Coach who are either unable or unwilling to control themselves or their sidelines may be cautioned or sent off. The referee will file a written report with the tournament Judiciary Committee. A copy of the report and a statement of any action will be sent to the respective association office.

Termination of Play:

If, in the opinion of the referee, game play must be terminated for misconduct of the coach, players and/or spectators, the offending team will be charged with a loss and the score will be determined by the Judiciary Committee. If, in the opinion of the referee, both teams are offending, the game will be terminated and the Judiciary Committee will determine the score.

Red and Yellow Cards:

Any player, coach or bench personnel sent-off or dismissed (red card) may not participate in the team's next game of the tournament. Any player, coach or bench personnel sent off for violent conduct may not participate in any further game of the tournament and will be referred to their state or national association for further sanctions. If a player, coach or bench personnel participates in any game for which they are suspended, his or her team shall forfeit that game and the player, coach, or bench personnel may not participate in any additional game of the tournament. Any coach or adult who is red carded or ejected from a game will not be allowed to attend any other games in the tournament even if they have multiple teams.

Substitutions

a) Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee during stoppage of play.

b) The number of substitutions shall be unlimited.

c) Players not on the field of play must remain (2) yards behind the touchline and not within 18 yards from the corner of the field.

Reporting of Scores:

Referees are responsible for the game and will report the score of all games to the Field Marshal. The Field Marshal reports scores to the tournament website and Scorekeeper. Scores are automatically truncated to a differential of 6 goals.

Gold Group:

The winners of the U11-U18 Gold Groups for each gender will receive an invitation to return to the 2027 tournament at no entry cost to the team.

· The invitation to the winning team is not transferable to another team and has no cash value.

· The 2026 winning team is required to use the same GotSport team identification number when registering for the 2027 tournament in order to receive the free registration.

· The invitation is only valid for the winning team of the championship game in the U11-U18 Gold Groups for each gender.

· Not valid for any division other than the Gold Group division.

· The invitation is only good for the 2027 adidas Clash at the Border tournament and is not valid for use on any of the other

Columbia Premier SC tournaments.

· Other restrictions may apply.

Tournament Format

Game Balls:

Game balls are supplied by the tournament, however, in case of missing game balls the home team will be responsible to supply game balls from that point on.

Game Duration (Length of each half):

U9-U10 games will be 25 minute halves.

U11-U19 games will be 30 minute halves.

All games will have a five-minute halftime unless shortened by the authority of the Field Marshal or Referee. If the start time of a game is more than 10 minutes behind schedule, the Field Marshal may make a decision to shorten the game. He/She will do so by informing the coaches and referees prior to the start of the game. Halves will begin by being shortened in 5 minutes increments.

Overtime:

All games will have **NO OVERTIME** period. Preliminary games may end in a tie. All semifinal/final games will have a winner. There will be no overtime periods for semifinal and final games. Kicks from the mark (KFM) per FIFA rules are used to determine a winner if a semifinal or final game ends in a draw at the end of regulation time.

Scoring for Preliminaries using a 10 point system:

Win - 6 points

Draw - 3 points

Shut Out - 1 point

Loss - 0 points

One point for each goal up to a maximum of 3

Examples of scoring for Group Play games:

0-0 Draw - 3 points total awarded to each team for the draw and 1 shut out point = 4 pts/team

1-1 Draw = 4 pts/team

2-2 Draw = 5 pts/team

3-3 = 6 pts/team.

3-0 = 6 points for the win. 1 point for the shut out. 3 points for the goals scored = 10 points for the winner

Scores will be automatically truncated to a 6 point goal differential.

Note: In the case of a "Bye" because of no show or cancellation, a score of 1-0 (8 points) will be awarded to the winning team. (The Tournament Committee will make every effort to try to find a replacement team when a cancellation occurs.) If a no show or canceling team has already played a game(s) this (these) game(s) will be rescored with a 1-0 (8 point) result, upon confirmation and approval from the tournament director.

Tie Breaking

1. Head to head competition
2. Difference between goals scored for and goals scored against (limit 4 per game)
3. Least number of goals scored against (limit 4 per game)
4. Most Goals For (limit 4 per game)
5. Most number of wins
6. Least number of losses
7. Coin toss or Penalty Kick (Tournament Director discretion) – In the case of a Coin toss, the Tournament director or representative assigned by the tournament director, will perform the coin toss with at least 2 neutral witnesses. The coin toss will be video recorded. Coaches attendance/notification is not mandatory.

In the event of a 3-way tie, the tiebreaker will start with #2 until 1 team advances or is eliminated, then the tiebreaker will

start again from #1 to break the tie of the 2 remaining teams.

Tournament and Match Schedules

Group Format based on number of teams for each age/gender: The Tournament reserves the right to alter the game formats to enhance competition and to improve the overall quality of the Tournament.

Referees: All matches will use referees certified by the USYS Referee Federation.

Match Delays, Suspensions, Cancellation: The tournament director will have the final say in match delays, suspensions or game cancellations due to unforeseen weather events. All attempts will be made to play any games that are delayed prior to the end of the tournament. If the game is unable to be played, the tournament director and the referees will make the determination of the score of the game.

Forfeits:

1. A forfeiture may occur when a team does not arrive by or within 5 minutes of the scheduled starting time for a match or not having the minimum number of players present. The tournament director may choose not to forfeit a game due to extenuating circumstances.
2. The minimum number of players required to start play will be based on FIFA Laws of the Game.
 - 7v7 - 5 Players
 - 9v9 - 7 Players
 - 11v11 - 9 Players
3. A team that forfeits a match will be permitted to proceed in the tournament to the playoff rounds if otherwise qualified to do so.

The Tournament Director has the authority to modify or waive these rules in unusual circumstances for any game(s), which have not yet begun. Any modification, waiver, or failure to enforce any of these rules of competition does not require the granting of further modification, waiver, or lack of enforcement. Any modifications made by the Tournament Director must be in writing.

