

Playoff Coaches Information 2021

Congratulations to all teams that have qualified to participate in the **2021 ECYSA Championship Tournament**. Each of your teams has already had a very successful season. Please be sure your online contact information is correct so that we can reach you in case of an emergency or schedule change.

LOGISTICS:

- **Tournament Dates:** Tuesday – Sunday, June 15th – 20th, 2021
- **Schedule:** Posted online (ecysa.org) and subject to change. Please double check it after each match.
- **Tournament Sites:** Please be sure all of your families know that not all games are played at Pingree School. **The ECYSA Tournament** has multiple sites leading up to the Semi-Finals and Finals on Saturday and Sunday.
 - Hamilton/Wenham (Iron Rail Field #7, #8A, #8B, #9) G6 & G8-G12
 - Hamilton (Pingree School Field #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6) (All Age Groups)

PLEASE, NO PETS AT THE FACILITIES!

NO SMOKING or TOBACCO PRODUCTS or VAPING of any kind at any ECYSA Tournament Game or Facility

- **Parking:** Parking varies by facility. Please respect the parking attendants at the respective facilities, they are volunteers. There are handicap spaces available at the Pingree School behind the ice rink and along the main drive by the registration tent. The main entry to the school is a ONE WAY. Please advise spectators of such!!!
 - LIMITED PARKING on the LEFT SIDE OF THE ENTRY ROAD!
 - Handicap transport onto the playing fields is available by request at the registration tent. Handicap parking will also be available in the small lot at the front of the school.
 - FIELD #6** - *If you have a game on Pingree Field 6 – let your parents know to drive to the lot in the rear of the school which is adjacent to the field.*
- **Arrival Procedure:** Arrive 30 minutes before your game. Only Head/Assistant coaches need to check-in at the site registration tent where you will receive instructions and be directed to your field. Proceed to your designated field, player's game ready, for equipment/roster check-in with the referee staff. You need to check in prior to every game. You will receive Tournament Patches at your first check in. You must check in for each game. You must have your ECYSA coaches card and MA Youth Soccer Credential along with all player cards and roster when you check in.
- **Overtime Procedure:**
 - 2 five minute OT periods – no golden goal
 - If still tie – Kicks from the mark
 - Each Coach will provide a list of five players, who finish the game on the field, to the referee by uniform number in order of the kicks to be taken. (Make your list by players uniform number in advance)
 - An additional list of players will be provided for the balance of the team on the field in order of kicks.
 - Team who wins the toss will decide if they want to kick first or second.
 - If after the five designated kicks the score is still tie – then KFM proceed one kicker at a time until the tie is broken or everyone on the field has attempted one kick (including the keeper)
 - If the score is still tie – then KFM continue in an order determined by the coaches from the sideline. The second time through does not have to proceed in the same order.

- KFM will continue, using only players who were on the field at the end of regulation play until the tie is broken.
 - No player may kick an additional time until all other team mates including the keeper have attempted a KFM in that particular round.
- **Post Game:** If your team advances it is good practice to check in at the main tent on your way out to be sure the schedule or location for your next game has not been changed.

REFEREE: In most cases ECYSA will be providing a Center Referee and two Assistant Referees (ARs) for each game. Coaches and players may not be used to this in the G6 and G8 age groups, but it is a system that provides the best possible coverage for each game. As a coach, simply understand the Center Referee is in charge of the game the same way that he or she is when you only have a single referee.

TRAINERS: We will provide professional athletic trainers for each venue. They will be there to assist in caring for injuries and they will be the final say as to a players ability to return to play. At the Pingree site trainers will be in golf carts with Red Cross flags as markers.

FOOD: There will be no food for sale and teams may not gather or picnic after games.

Championships and MTOC: We have 25 championships on Sunday and several other wild card slot for MTOC. All champions and finalists will receive a championship T-shirt. If you qualify for a final please turn in shirt sizes for your team after the semi-final game. There will be no recognition ceremony this year as they want teams to move in and out of the facility quickly to avoid crowds. Champions in the MTOC 1 and MTOC 2 divisions qualify for the state tournament to be played on June 28-30 in Lancaster. In addition, we have MTOC Wild Cards in G6B MTOC 2, G8G MTOC 1 and G8B MTOC 2. All winners and wild cards should check in at the registration tent after their game to receive instructions for their time at MTOC.

- **Weather:** In the event of Weather related issues (Thunder & Lightning) if you hear an air-horn sound, please calmly exit the playing surfaces to your vehicles and await further instructions from tournament officials. We will attempt to restart games when the storm clears. In a case where weather postpones a game, tournament officials will communicate a new schedule ASAP.

Please enjoy your tournament experience and let us know if you have any questions.

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