

2026 Horseheads Boys Indoor Tournament

When: **Saturday March 7th, 2026**
Concessions will be available until 4:30 pm.

Where: Horseheads Middle School
950 Sing Sing Road
Horseheads, Ny 14845

Ages: Grade 5/6 (8:00am-11:00am), Grade 7/8 (11:00am-2:00pm)
Grade 9/10 (2:00pm-5:00pm), Grade 11/12 (5:00pm-8:00pm)

Format: 5v5 (4 plus GK)

No walls – all boundaries will be clearly marked by floor tape.

Official size 4 futsal ball will be used for play.

Players: **This tournament is intended for school-based teams – not club teams.** You can bring club players to the tournament, but please organize/break them up by the school district that they attend. Eight of your ten players should be from the same school district. Each team may bring 2 'guest players' that are not in district. These players must be indicated on your roster form at the end of this document.

Cost: **\$160.00** per team (**Checks made out to Horseheads Boys Soccer**). A copy of the roster/medical release must be received by March 1st to secure your spot and can be emailed to mmucci@horseheadsdistrict.com. **Please use the roster at the end of this document.**

Payment ahead of time would be appreciated but will be accepted the day of the tournament.
Per our accountant, I can only accept cash or check, so sorry, no Venmo.

Mailed to: Horseheads Athletic Department
Attn: Mark Mucci
401 Fletcher Street
Horseheads, NY 14845

Prize: 1st Place – Dryfit T-Shirt

Registration Contact:

Mark Mucci – mmucci@horseheadsdistrict.com. Please send team name, grade level, and contact person's email.

Brackets:

- **We will accept a maximum of 8 teams per age group, and we will be running 2 courts at the same time.** You will have an 18-minute break between matches. Each age bracket will take approximately 3 hours to complete, 3 games minimum guaranteed.
- There will be a running clock of 18 minutes that will start immediately at the conclusion of each match. Each match will start as soon as the last has ended and the previous teams have cleared the court. Have your team ready to go.

Court 1 (FH)	Court 2 (MSG)	Time
1-2	3-4	18min
5-6	7-8	18min
1-3	2-4	18min
5-7	6-8	18min
1-4	2-3	18min
5-8	6-7	18min
Break - 10 minutes		
#2 vs #3	#1 vs #4	18min
Championship Match (MSG)		18min

General Information

Team:

- Roster Size – 10 players maximum. 8 of the 10 players should be from the same school district/school team. We will allow 2 guest players to participate for each team.
 - If you bring multiple teams, only one team should in the bench area during a match.
- **There will be no walls.** All touch and endlines will be clearly marked by floor tape.
- Players may only play on a single team within their age bracket. Players may play up in a second bracket if they are listed on the roster/waiver for both teams.

Horseheads Indoor Tournament Rules

1) Equipment:

- All players must wear shin guards and appropriate indoor footwear.
- All players should be wearing the same color shirt. Keepers should have a color different from the rest of their team.
- If there is a conflict with jersey colors, pinnies will be available at the clock/score keepers table for the 'home' team to put on.
- Please remind your players that they should remove all jewelry prior to playing

2) Clock:

- 18-minute running clock. The clock will reset and start immediately at the conclusion of the previous match. Clock operators have been instructed to keep the clock running on an injury unless it takes longer than 2-minutes to remove the injured player. **If the injury occurs inside of 2 minutes remaining in the match, the clock will be stopped.**

3) Substitutions:

- Substitutions will be made on the fly. The player coming off must be near their bench area before the substitute enters the field of play. An indirect kick will be given if the player coming off is judged to have intentionally interfered with play.

4) Heading:

- No heading rule will be enforced for the G5/6 bracket.

5) Keepers:

- Same general rules as outdoor with the following exceptions:
 - **No punts or drop kicks**. The keeper may place the ball on the floor and kick it.
 - **The keeper cannot throw ball in the air past half court**. It must hit the floor or a player prior to crossing the half line. Indirect kick awarded at mid-court for violation.
 - The goalkeeper may gather a ball outside of their box if one foot remains firmly on the floor inside the box.

6) Ball Out of Play:

- Any ball out of play over a touch line (or hitting the ceiling) will result in an indirect free kick at the spot that the ball is considered out of play. Balls over the endline will result in a goal kick or corner kick. **All restarts (except a PK) are indirect – including kickoff, goal kicks and corner kicks.**
- **Defenders should be a minimum of 5 feet away from the ball on all indirect restarts.** Officials have been instructed to give cards for persistent infractions.

7) Penalty Kick (PK):

- If a penalty occurs inside the box, a direct penalty kick will be awarded from the spot (X) marked on the floor near the top of the box.

8) Cards:

- A yellow card will result in a player having to sit for 2-minutes (in their bench area) and their team will play a man down. **This is releasable if their opponent scores a goal.**
- A red card will result in a 2-minute non-releasable penalty. **One red card or two yellows accumulated during the tournament will result in ejection from the remainder of the tournament.** The offending team will be allowed to put a different player on and return to full strength after the 2-minute non-releasable penalty has expired.

9) Sliding

- **For Field Players – There will be absolutely no sliding allowed for any reason** - not to block a shot, not to stop a ball from going out of bounds, not to score a goal. Lunges for the ball may fall under this at the discretion of the official. An indirect free kick will be awarded to the other team for an infraction.
- A player who slides and makes hard contact with a player on the opposing team will automatically receive a card for the infraction (level based on the judgment of the official).
 - a. YELLOW – 2 minutes – releasable if a goal is scored by opponent.
 - b. RED – 2 minutes – non-releasable – player ejected from the remainder of the tournament.
- **For Keepers – Keepers may slide** if they are in the process of blocking a shot and, in the judgement of the officials, they are playing the ball and not the man. Slides should be laterally or diagonally across the face of goal. Keepers should avoid sliding feet first directly out from goal into an oncoming player (officials' judgement/discretion).

10) Playoffs – Overtime:

- **No substitutions** may be made after the overtime period has begun. **The 5 players that start the overtime period will stay on for the entirety unless an injury necessitates a substitution.**
- Play will start with a 3-minute golden goal period.
- If no team scores after 3 minutes, **keepers will be removed**. A drop ball at center court will start play. Play will continue in 1-minute increments, with the clock stopping and a player removed after each minute, until down to 2v2 or a team scores. At 2v2, time will no longer be kept, and the game will continue until a team scores.

11) Semifinal and Final Cards - Overtime

- In a semifinal or final match, if a player receives a yellow card in the final **two minutes of regulation** in a match that is currently a draw, the man-down situation **will not** carry over if the match goes into overtime. Teams will start the overtime period at even strength. **However, the offending player will not be allowed to participate in the overtime period.**
- If a team receives a card during the overtime period, card rules will be applied as stated above (Rule #8).

12) Scoring

- **6.5 points per game maximum**
- 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw.
- 1 point for each goal scored (up to a maximum of 3 per game).
- 0.5 point for a shutout.

If two teams are tied going into the semifinals, seeding will be determined as follows:

- 1) Head-to-Head.
- 2) Goal Differential
- 3) Coin Flip.

- To encourage teams not to run up the score **during the group stage**, **a 0.5-point penalty will be assessed for each goal over a goal differential of 6 for the match.** Once play enters the semifinals and finals, this rule will not apply.

13) Bench Area

- Only the team participating in a match should be in the bench area. If you are bringing multiple teams, please have the other team sit/wait in the stands.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

* FANS – Please come to support your child and their team. Please do not yell at the officials from the stands if you disagree with a call (or non-call). That is not your job or position. This is not the World Cup, Champions League, etc... It is an indoor soccer tournament that is designed to be fun. Win or lose, it will in no way affect the soccer future of any of the participants. The main point is that the kids get to come and have some fun in a competitive environment. Yelling from the stands never has, and never will, change a call.

Any fan yelling obscenities from the stands will be subject to immediate ejection from the event, and a game can and will be stopped until the offender leaves the premises; if necessary, their team will forfeit the match.

From New York State West Youth Soccer Association:

ZERO TOLERANCE as defined by NYSWYSA and outlined below as part of the NYS WEST Youth Soccer Association Zero Tolerance Policy.

To help prevent physical assault and verbal abuse in the leagues and clubs within the New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA, or Association); the Association has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. This policy applies to all coaches, players, parents, spectators and other supporters and referees effective immediately. Abusive and obscene language, violent play/conduct, fighting and other behavior (including, but not limited to sarcasm, taunting, etc.) deemed detrimental to the game between the above-mentioned groups will not be tolerated. The ultimate responsibility for the actions of coaches, players and spectators resides with the member clubs/attending schools. NYSWYSA is and will always be, a place where all races, genders, ethnicities, and sexual orientations can come together and feel welcome to enjoy the game of soccer, compete and grow together. Our organization maintains the highest standards and all our players, parents and coaches are expected to demonstrate the utmost level of respect and sportsmanship. The use of racial epithets and offensive language has no place in NYSWYSA. Use of racial epithets and other insensitive language is especially harmful for members of underrepresented groups. Permitting such language is incongruous to the culture of respect, dignity and belonging we strive to create for all athletes, staff and volunteers who support our youth. It is the responsibility of the coaches to provide referee support and spectator control, and it is the responsibility of the member clubs to provide instructions to their coaches on how they are expected to carry this out. This policy applies before, during and after the game at the soccer field and its immediate surrounding areas.

Parents & Spectators:

No parent or spectator shall persistently address the referee or assistant referees at any time. This includes but is not limited to: a. Parents and spectators shall not dispute calls during or after the game. b. Parents and spectators shall not make remarks to the referee(s) or advise the referee(s) to watch certain players or attend to rough play. c. Parents and spectators shall never yell at the referee(s), including criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind before, during or after the game. The only allowable exceptions to the above are: a. Parents and spectators may respond to a referee who has initiated a conversation, until such time as the referee terminates the conversation. b. Parents and spectators may point out an emergency or safety issues, such as a player apparently injured on the field or observed fighting. Additionally, parents and spectators shall not make derogatory comments to players of either team. Penalties (Parents & Spectators) In the opinion of the referee, depending on the severity of the offense, the referee may take any of the following actions: a. The referee may issue a verbal warning to the coach of offending party's team. b. The referee may stop the game and instruct the coaches to direct the parent / spectator to leave the field. c. The referee may abandon the game if the parent/spectator does not leave the field.

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Roster and Release Form

Team Name: _____

Team Level: G ____/____

Coaches Name: _____

Cell #: _____

Assistant Coach: _____

Contact Email: _____

Release - By signing the following for the child listed below you acknowledge that:

- Participation in this event is voluntary and that you assume all risks and hazards incidental to participation in this event.
- Your child is of normal health and capable of participation in the event.
- You agree to not hold Horseheads Boys Soccer (Coaches, staff, or players) or the Horseheads Central School District liable for any injuries that may occur to your child while participating in this event.
- You authorize medical treatment for the child listed below if they are injured, unless you are personally present and waive said medical treatment and that if said injury requires further medical treatment you will be responsible for all medical bills arising from such treatment.

	Name	Parent Signature	Guest Player	
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THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN AT THE SIGN IN DESK
PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST MATCH.

Coach attests that all signatures and player status are factual: _____

Coaches Signature