



**Hosting Club
2010 Action Packet**

U8-10 Play Dates

NORCAL PREMIER U8-9 PLAY DATES

The goal of this action packet is to ensure that there exists a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of NorCal Premier Soccer and the hosting club's.

A club, by applying to host, accepts the responsibilities of hosting the play date under the rules set forth by NorCal Premier Soccer. Any changes to the Play Date format or rules must be submitted for approval to the NorCal Premier Play Date Coordinator two weeks prior to the event.

THE AIM OF THE PLAY DATES

The aim of the NorCal Premier Play Date is to provide a cost effective way to bring U8-U10 teams together for one day, at different sites around Northern California, to enjoy a day of soccer.

The Play Date concept is borrowed from Holland where clubs attend very few tournaments (if any), but they will attend "Play Date" events in the younger age groups at various clubs.

These events attempt to keep costs down, while creating an exciting atmosphere for the young players.

Teams will play 3-4 games of 30-40 minutes. Every effort will be made to ensure that teams play opponents outside their region. In addition, efforts will be made to ensure that teams are playing against opponents with similar abilities.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE PLAY DAYS

While scores are posted, we do not keep standings and awards are not a part of these events. Emphasis should be placed on enjoyment and development for youngsters entering into the competitive soccer world.

Parent and coaches are encouraged to be supportive of their players and referees.

Do we believe teams should want to win? Always! However the development of the player should be first and foremost in the coaches and parents minds – especially at this young age.

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CLUB AND NORCAL PREMIER

Clubs hosting the 2010 Play Dates will be paid \$100 per paying team. The money provided by NorCal Premier can be used to pay for referees' for games.

In addition to providing the fields and one referee per game, the hosting club may provide the following to raise funds for its club:

- Non-soccer/soccer related games
- Juggling Contests
- Snack Bar *
- Vendors *

*** NorCal reserves all the vending rights and the club must get approval from NorCal 2 weeks prior to making any agreements with outside vendors.**

CHECK LIST FOR THE SOCCER GAMES

CHECK IN	Teams are asked to check in 30-45 minutes prior to their first game at the tournament headquarter tent.	All teams are to present current USClub passes, as well as, a USClub roster listing all players participating. No handwritten names are allowed. Players not listed on the roster are not eligible to participate.	Host club is to provide the volunteers needed to check in all teams. NorCal suggests at least 6 people for team check in. It is also suggested that players receive a hand stamp to signify to referees that they are eligible to play.
FIELDS	10-16, Depending on the number of teams. Host club needs to notify the NorCal Coordinator of the number of fields the club can provide so a team limit can be set for the event.	U10 regulation goals (when possible)	Host Club Provides
SCHEDULES	Emailed to Teams at least 5 days prior to event		NorCal provides
REFEREES	One licensed center referee per game		Host Club provides
GAME CARDS	Game cards will be available online on the NorCal website		Host Club will need to print games cards

CHECK LIST FOR OFF THE FIELD

CONTACT PERSON	A club contact to work directly with the NorCal Play Date Coordinator		Host Club provides
<u>CHECK IN</u>	30-45 minutes prior to team's first game at a central location		Host Club provides
<u>BATHROOMS</u>	Plan for 30 people per team. Should be at least a ratio of 2/5-3 bathrooms per field with a mid day maintenance. For exempel, a Play Date with 12 fields should have at least 30 bathrooms distributed throughout.	ENSURE THERE ARE ENOUGH	Host club provides
<u>SCORE BOARDS</u>	Posted at central location	No Standings, but all scores should be posted in a timely manner	Host Club will need to print scoreboards from the NorCal website. A record of all scores need to be kept and emailed to the NorCal Play Date Coordinator with 48 hours of event
<u>SNACK BAR</u>	<i>Please see Partnership between NorCal and Club section of this handbook</i>		
<u>BROCHURE/ PROGRAM HANDOUT</u>	Handout with schedule and Club Logo to be given to teams as check-in		Host Club choice – NOT MANDATORY
<u>TEAM INFO PACKET</u>	Provided by NorCal and emailed out to Host Club		

Play Date Rules

- All games will be 8 v 8 (7 and Goalie)
- Games will be two 18-20 min halves with 5 min halftime
- All games will be played on a U-10 size field (approx 70x40)
- Teams must be checked in 60 minutes prior to the first game
- All teams will need USCS rosters and passes at check-in
- All players will be checked in only once, prior to the first game, then passes and roster will not be needed for the rest of the day
- Scores will be posted on a scoreboard in a central location for information only
- All games will be controlled by the timer at the registration booth and the air horn will sound for the half, and the end of play
- There will be one referee provided by the host club
- Handballs will be enforced
- All throw-ins must be done correctly or it will result in a turn over
- Penalty kicks will be allowed for fouls committed inside the box
- All major and technical fouls will be enforced resulting in direct free kick or indirect free kick as appropriate
- Offside will be enforced
- Either team may substitute on any stoppage, at the referee's approval
- Teams must move quickly off the field so the next game can begin and keep everyone on schedule
- Referees, while respecting the Laws of the Game, will do their best to keep the game flowing, simple and fun