

TOURNAMENT RULES



EVENT OVERVIEW

Event: Iowa Soccer COPA Clásico 2026

Format: 4-game guarantee, 35-minute running clock (no halftime)

Levels: Gold & Silver (may combine if needed)

Awards: Medals for Champions & Finalists

AGE DIVISIONS & FORMATS

7v7 (6+GK): 9U–14U • Max Roster 14

6v6 (5+GK): 15U–19U • Max Roster 12

Divisions may combine as needed: 9/10U, 11/12U, 13/14U, 15/16U

FIELD & EQUIPMENT

Field Size: 55 x 30 yards | Goals: 6.5' x 18.5'

Footwear: Turf or firm ground cleats

Uniforms: Matching jerseys, shorts, socks

**Home Team: Light | Away: Dark

**Home changes if conflict, Shin guards: Mandatory

ROSTERS

No on-site check-in required

Official roster due by roster freeze date ([website](#))

Copies held by tournament staff

Players may play on multiple teams only if in different divisions and age eligible.

STANDINGS

Win: 3 pts | Draw: 1 pt | Loss: 0 pts

Scores & standings posted on the official [Copa Clásico](#) website.

COMPETITION RULES

USSF rules apply unless noted

+Build-Out Line (9U–10U): Opponents drop to half; keeper may play early.

+No heading (9U–12U)

+No offsides

+Unlimited subs anytime

+No punts/drop-kicks: Indirect free kick from midfield if violated.

+Throw-ins for restarts

+slide tackling allowed

+Home team listed first and kicks off.

Zero tolerance for referee abuse. Coaches responsible for team and spectators.

Director may shorten games if necessary.

TIEBREAKERS

1. Head-to-head (skip if 3+ teams)
2. Goal Differential (max +8 per game)
3. Fewest Goals Allowed
4. Most Goals Scored
5. Kicks from the Mark

KICKS FROM THE MARK

Each team selects 3 players. If tied after 3 rounds, alternate kicks until a winner is determined.

WEATHER & CANCELLATION

Matches may shorten or cancel due to weather or other conditions.

Before first game: partial refund (based on expenses).

1 game played: 25% refund | 2+ games: no refund.

Tournament not liable for travel or lodging costs.

FINAL AUTHORITY

All decisions made by the Tournament Director are final and binding.