



2026 EBU BOB BUSS TOURNAMENT

The format for the Bob Buss Tournament is designed to:

- Make our in-house tournament like other area weekend tournaments.
- Place the emphasis of the tournament on playing soccer.
- Enjoy a weekend of soccer, food, and fun.

Our hope is this tournament will give our recreational players a sense for what tournament play is like and while celebrating the end of the 2025-2026 soccer season. The entire tournament will be played on the weekend of June 6-7.

Please be patient in the parking lots as at times as it will be busy as teams are coming and going. Families should plan accordingly and give time to get to each game.

Note: Recreational soccer rules regarding playing time apply to the Bob Buss Tournament. Each child is guaranteed to play at least one half of each game.

Seeding Notification

Seeding for the tournament will be determined by teams' spring standings as of Saturday, May 21. Playoff seeding will be determined as described in the rules below and will be done by EBU's Recreational Director, Robert Williams.

Fields

All games will be played at Voigt Soccer Park, including semi-final and championship games.

U6 through U8

U6 and U7 will play two games (4 x 8 min). U8 will play two games (4 x 12 min). No scores will be kept, and no standings will be posted. **ALL U6, U7, and U8 PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A PARTICIPATION MEDAL.** Coaches may pick up medals at the concession stand during the tournament.

U9 through U15

U9 through U15 will play at least two games. **These games will be 2 x 25 minutes.** The 1st and 2nd place finalists in each division will be given a trophy. All non-first and non-second place winners will receive a participation medal. Coaches may pick up these medals at the concession stand after their team has been eliminated from placing first or second in their division.

Games

Division	Length of Games	Overtime	Guaranteed
U6	4 eight-minute quarters	None	2 games
U7	4 eight-minute quarters	None	2 games
U8	4 twelve-minute quarters	None	2 games
U9/U10	2 twenty-five-minute halves	2 five min. halves	2 games
U11/U12	2 twenty-five-minute halves	2 seven min. halves	2 games
U13/U14/U15	2 twenty-five-minute halves	2 seven min. halves	2 games

Overtime

Overtime will only be played if a play-off game ends in a tie. All other games will be allowed to end in a tie, including pool play games (where the winner of a division is determined by points). Overtime will be played out for the entire time, even after someone scores. There are no "golden goals".

Penalty Kicks

In the case of a tie after overtime play, each team will be allowed five penalty kicks. Only the players who are on the field of play at the end of the overtime period shall be eligible for penalty kicks. The referee shall choose the goal. The team winning a coin toss will shoot first. The kicks will be taken alternately. The team scoring the most goals after five kicks will be the winner of the competition.

If after five kicks by each team, both teams have the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of the kicks shall continue in the same order until such time as both teams have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily 5 more) and one team has scored one goal more than the other. Each kick shall be taken by a different player, and not until all eligible players of any team (including the goalie) have taken a kick, may a player of the same team take a second kick. You may change goalies between kicks, as long as that player is eligible.

Referees

Teams are not responsible for paying referees before games. Certified licensed referees will be assigned to games U8 and up, with certified referees serving as linesmen for the semi-final and championship games. If a referee is scheduled to work at a relative's game, the scheduler shall be notified, and reassignments will be made to avoid any conflict of interest. Verbal abuse or taunting of referees by coaches, parents, or players will not be tolerated and may result in the ejection from the game or tournament.

ALL REFEREE DECISIONS ARE FINAL. NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.

Uniforms

Players are expected to wear their EBU recreational uniforms for all games.

CONDUCT

Spectators

Spectators should be seated opposite their team bench and should not be behind the goal or on the coaches' sidelines. Coaches remind your parents before this weekend about being good spectators for our youth program and to cheer and support all the players during this tournament. Excessive or aggressive behavior towards coaches, referees or players will not be tolerated. We are all one EBU!

Player Behavior

Coaches should encourage players to be respectful during the game and not encourage foul play, which includes excessive pushing, shoving, grabbing, pulling, etc. This is meant to be a fun end-of-year tournament for our recreational players.

Coach Behavior

Coaches are held to a high standard to be a good role model for our youth program. Excessive or aggressive behavior to other coaches, referees or players will not be tolerated.

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PLAYOFF SEEDING

The following scoring rules apply to U9 and above during the Bob Buss Tournament:

- 6 points for a win
- 3 points for a tie
- 0 points for a loss
- 1 extra point for a shutout
- 1 point for each goal scored, up to a maximum of three goals

Possible total of 10 points maximum per game.

Tie-breaking Rules

1. Head-to-head competition
2. Total number of goals allowed
3. Goal differential
4. Shoot out

If there is a Wild Card (WC) Team in a Division

The WC has the 4th best score among the remaining teams, if the teams were bracketed into three divisions. If your bracket has a WC berth, then 1 will play WC and 2 will play 3 unless the WC comes from bracket 1, and then 1 will play 3 and 2 will play WC.