



# MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT Handbook

Welcome to the 2011 *Billerica Memorial Day Tournament*, Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The tournament will be held at two sites this year. The U8, U10, and U12 divisions will play at the **Vietnam Veterans Park**, Treble Cove Road, Billerica, MA 01862. Parking is available at the site. The U14 division will play at the Dutile Field. Parking is available at the **Dutile Elementary School**, 10 Biagiotti Way, Billerica, MA 01821.

We recognize that in the heat of competition emotions can run high. We sincerely hope that all participants, including players, coaches, and fans, will strive to maintain a balanced perspective of the purpose of this tournament: To have FUN. Sportsmanship is an important part the game and this event. Respect for fellow players, coaches, spectators, and referees is a value we hold in the highest regard. The BYSA Executive Board and Tournament Committee request your attention to the rules of the tournament to ensure a safe and enjoyable soccer weekend.

## See You On The Pitch!

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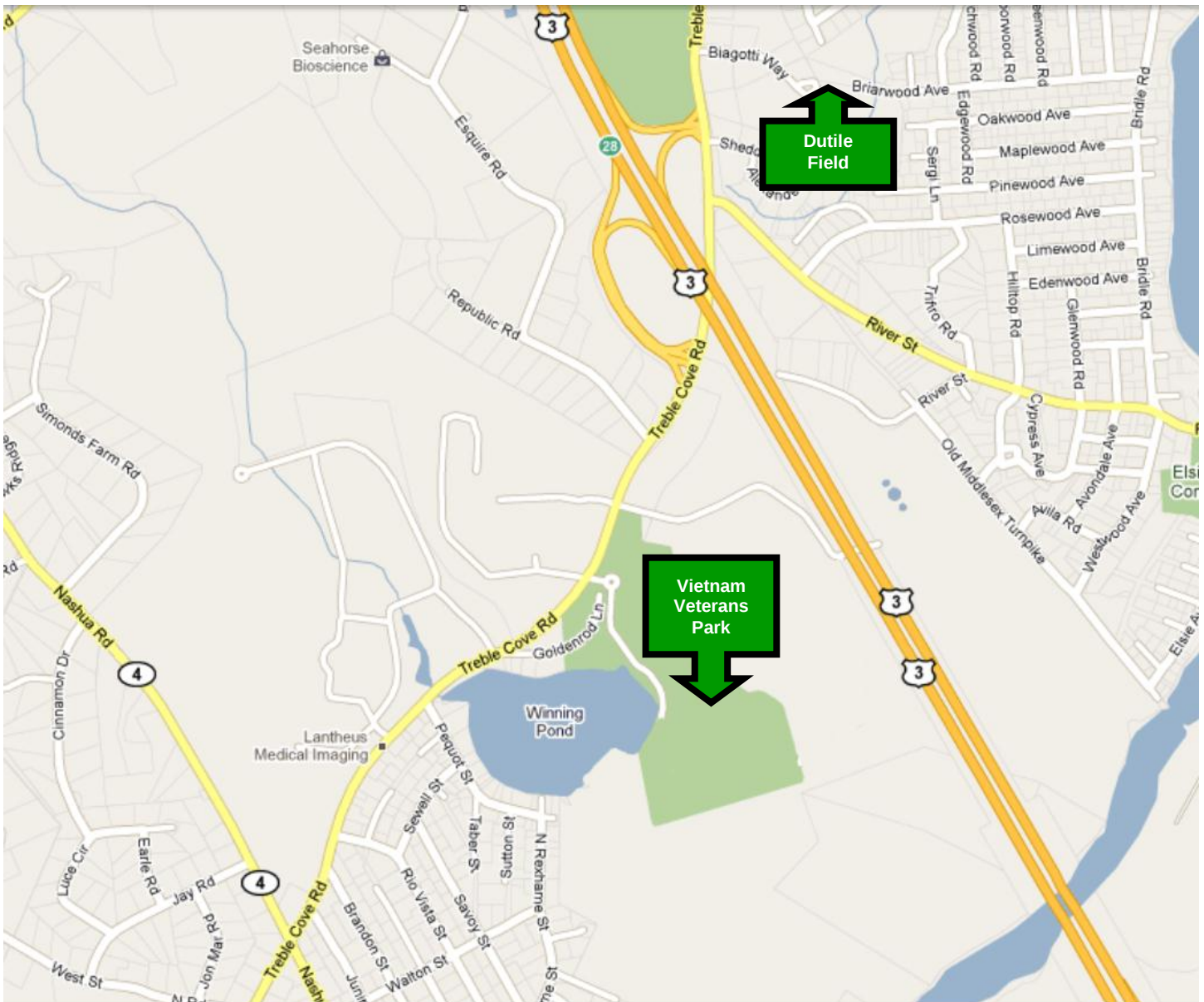


## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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| Sponsor:             | Billerica Youth Soccer Association                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Venues:              | U8, U10, & U12 = Vietnam Veterans Park (VVP), Treble Cover Rd Billerica, MA 01862<br>U14 = Dutile Field, 10 Biagiotti Way Billerica, MA 01821                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Format:              | U8- Competition for recreational groups will be 6 v 6 formats, with a guarantee of three games.<br><br>U10- Competition for the U10 travel groups will be 6 v 6 formats, with a guarantee of three games.<br><br>U12- Competition for the U12 travel groups will be 8 v 8 format with a guarantee of three games. Teams will play a round-robin format, with teams advancing to a Semi-Final and Final round competition.<br><br>U14- Competition for the U14 travel groups will be 11 v 11 format with a guarantee of three games. Teams will play a round-robin format, with teams advancing to a Semi-Final and Final round competition. |
| Patches:             | This is a patch tournament; teams should have patches to exchange after each game. Each player will receive a BYSA Memorial Day Tournament patch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Awards:              | U12 & U14 Division winners and runner ups will be awarded trophies.<br>All U08 & U10 players will receive participation prizes at the end of the tournament.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Food:                | Food and drinks will be available at tournament sites.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Tournament T-Shirts: | T-Shirts will be available for purchase at the tournament site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Divisions:           | Teams have been placed at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Competition and scheduling requests will be accommodated if possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



## VIETNAM VETERANS PARK & DUTILE SCHOOL FIELD



### Directions:

**Vietnam Veterans Park**, Treble Cove Road, Billerica, MA 01862:

From Rte. 3 North or South - Take Rte. 3 to Treble Cove Road Billerica exit, go right at end of ramp. The entrance to the fields is located on the left.

**Dutile Field**, 10 Biagiotti Way Billerica, MA 01821:

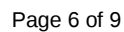
From Rte. 3 North or South - Take Rte. 3 to Treble Cove Road Billerica exit, go left at end of ramp. Take a right on Biagiotti Way. Parking is at the school. Field is 100 yards down path through the woods to the left of the parking lot

VIETNAM VETERANS PARK LAYOUT



An aerial photograph of a park area. A white diamond shape outlines a baseball field, labeled "Field 6". The top vertex of the diamond is labeled "Teams" and the bottom vertex is labeled "Spectators". A white arrow points from the "To Field" text to the field. A large blue "P" icon is in the bottom left. A "No Parking" icon is in the top left. A "Handicapped Parking" icon is near the "Spectators" label. A "Dutle Elementary School" is in the bottom left. Streets shown include "Blagott Way", "Ridgewood Rd", "McRayne Hill Rd", "Briarwood Ave", and "Oakwood Ave".

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# TOURNAMENT RULES

## Team Registration and Check-In

- 1) All players and coaches must check in 30 minutes prior to their first game. Players must present themselves dressed to play. Teams must be at their respective field 10-15 minutes prior to game time. Teams will have a 5-minute grace period. If a team fails to appear, the game will be ruled a forfeit and not be replayed.
  - a. Tournament officials will inspect each team during the check-in process, giving special attention to potentially dangerous items (casts, splints, jewelry, faulty cleats, etc.) as well as ensuring that protective items like shinguards are in place.
  - b. In all instances, the tournament officials cannot allow anything to be worn that might injure the player or an opponent on the field. Any items involving interpretation will be referred to the Referee Tent, and the judgment of the tournament's Referee Director will be final.
- 2) Roster size: The maximum number of players per team is 18 for U14 play, 15 for U12 play, 12 for U10 play, and 12 for U08 play. Teams are allowed a maximum of 2 guest players per roster.
  - a. All U12 & U14 players and coaches must be registered or affiliated with MYSL, MYSA, or USYSA. No player will be allowed to be rostered on more than one team participating in the tournament. Each player and coach must have a current Player Pass Card (with picture) and a league roster certified by the league registrar. Players unable to show proof of registration will not be allowed to play in the tournament. MYSA dual rostering rules apply.

## Conduct

- 3) There is a **zero tolerance policy** in place for this tournament regarding referees. This means verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Let the officials do their job. Displays of TEMPER, DISSENT by word or action against referees are cause for ejection from the match and/or premises and/or SUSPENSION from the tournament.
- 4) Each coach is responsible for his/her spectators' behavior. Coaches should inform their spectators of the rules (i.e.: behavior, spectator line, etc.). Each coach is expected to monitor his or her spectators and take corrective action if necessary. Each coach is expected to support the referee or tournament official if action against a spectator is required.
- 5) Sent-off players or dismissed team officials must leave the playing area and may not remain with their team.
- 6) Any player sent-off will be disqualified for his/her team's next tournament match.
- 7) A player sent-off for serious foul play or violent conduct will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.
- 8) If two red cards are assessed to a team, that team will forfeit the game. The Tournament Committee will determine whether further action is warranted.
- 9) Any coach who is dismissed from any match for any reason is disqualified for the remainder of Tournament

## Logistics

- 10) All spectators must remain at least 2 yards away from the field touchline in order to provide a safe playing area for all players. No spectators may watch the game from behind the goal lines or on the team side of the field.
- 11) Tents will be allowed in designated areas only. **NO TENTS** shall be inside the perimeter of the fields. The perimeter of the fields is taken to mean the areas on the end lines and side lines of each field and the areas between the playing fields. These constitute a serious hazard to players. Tents **MUST** be properly anchored and, when not in use by a team (game time), must be collapsed.
- 12) **No pets** allowed! People who bring pets to the fields will be asked to leave the premises.
- 13) Assignment of teams into divisions and scheduling is at the sole discretion of the tournament committee and is not subject to discussion, protest, or appeal.



- 14) Contingency Plans: In the event that a portion of the game schedule is suspended due to weather (or for any other reason), the following rules will apply subject to field availability and scheduling:
- In the event of a stoppage, round-robin games that are in the first half will be restarted at the point the games were stopped subject to time and field constraints of the tournament.
  - In the event of a stoppage, round-robin games that have completed a half, or are in the second half, will be deemed completed and the score at the time of the stoppage will stand;
  - In the event of a stoppage of championship final games an attempt will be made to restart at the point the games were stopped subject to time and field constraints of the tournament.
- 15) DETERMINATION OF PLAY-OFF TEAMS (U12 & U14):
- The tournament will consist of two rounds: (1) round-robin and (2) playoffs.
  - Each team will play three games in round one.
  - Ties stand in all round-robin matches.
  - The official scores will be posted only at the main registration area. Each team's coach has the responsibility of having a team representative check scoreboards at the registration tent to determine if their team is advancing to the semi-finals or finals and to obtain their scheduled time and field location.
  - The determination of order of finish will be made according to the following procedures:
    - Aggregate points earned in preliminary round games (3 pts for a win, 1 pt for a draw);
    - Tiebreakers – Ties between two teams at the end of the round-robin games will be resolved as follows:
      - Result of head to head competition;
      - Least goals scored against;
      - Highest total goal differential - goals for/ minus goals against, to a maximum of 4 per game;
      - FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark.
  - Round Two Playoff Game Rules (Semi-Finals and Finals): Two halves 25 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves. If tied at the conclusion of regulation time there will be two (2) 5-minute overtime periods played to completion with no break between periods. If tied at the conclusion of the 10-minute overtime, the winner of the match will be determined by FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark procedures. Only players on the field at the conclusion of the overtime period will participate in the penalty kicks. Coaches will prepare a list of kickers, in kicking order, before the end of the overtime period. If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.
- 16) Non-results oriented play with participatory prizes to all players for U8 & U10 divisions.
- 17) PROTESTS: The only reasons a protest may be considered are: (1) A team plays an unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player. (2) An error was made in the application of the Laws of the Game that directly affects the outcome of the match and the match referee acknowledges the error. As per Law 5 of the *Laws of the Game*, "the decisions of the match referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final" and are not protestable. A game cannot be protested because a coach thinks the referee was incompetent. Protests relating to goals, crossbars, appurtenances, or other field related issues will not be considered.
- PROCEDURE: All protests must be submitted in writing by the head coach to the tournament committee with a \$25 cash protest fee. The protest must be filed within thirty minutes of the completion of the match in question. Any protest of a semi-final or final match must be initiated by notifying the referee at the field at the end of the match. The protest fee of \$25 will be returned if the protest is upheld. The decision of the protest committee shall be final.

- 18) The Tournament Director will make final determination in all matters under dispute with the exception of *FIFA Laws of the Game*, in which case the Tournament Referee Director will make the final decision.

## PLAYING RULES

In addition to, or in modification of, FIFA Laws of the Game, the following special rules will apply:

- *The Ball:* The home team (team listed first) is responsible for providing a game ball.
  - U8 – Size 3                      b. U10 – Size 4                      c. U12 – Size 4                      d. U14 – Size 5
- *The Number of Players:* U8 & U10 divisions play 6v6 / U12 divisions play 8v8 / U14 divisions play 11v11 one of whom must be a goalkeeper.
  - Unlimited substitutions on throw-ins for both teams if the team in possession substitutes first, on goal kicks, and after a goal. All substitutes should enter and leave the field at the halfway line.
  - Substitutions may only be made with the referee's consent and only if the substitute players are ready to enter the game at the halfway line (except after a goal or for an injury).
  - An injured player must be replaced if the referee stops play. The opposing team may have an equal substitution.
  - A player issued a yellow card MAY be substituted at the option of the coach.
- *The Players' Equipment:*
  - Players' uniforms consist of:
    - a soccer jersey with visible, legible, non-duplicating numbers matching the roster listing;
    - soccer shorts of matching color;
    - pair of matching socks;
    - pair of soccer shoes/cleats (NO SPIKES ALLOWED);
    - shinguards are mandatory. Players will not be allowed to check-in or play without them.
  - In the event of conflicting colors, the home team (team listed first) is responsible to wear alternate jerseys or pinnies.
  - The following articles are not to be worn or allowed during a match:
    - jewelry of any type (string bracelets, barrettes, hairpins, earrings, etc.);
    - hard casts (even if padded), splints, hats, hard protective headgear, or unprotected braces;
    - any other equipment the referee determines is dangerous.
- *The Duration of the Match:*
  - Halves are 25 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
  - All games are played with running time. The clock continues to run regardless of whether or not an injury has cleared the field.
- *Offside:* Does not apply in U8 & U10 divisions.
- *Fouls and Misconduct:*
  - 6v6 and 8v8: Goal Keeper distributions (punts, drop kicks, and throws) may not travel in the air directly into the other penalty area in 8v8 competition or half of the field in 6v6 competition. If they do, the restart is an Indirect Free Kick at the point where the ball crossed the halfway line.

*Please refer to Middlesex Youth Soccer League playing rules for any omissions or clarification to these tournament specific rules.*