

2019 MIDDLESEX YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE COMMISSIONER'S CUP & MTOC QUALIFIER

Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd

Congratulations and welcome to the 2019 Middlesex Youth Soccer League Commissioner's Cup and MTOC Qualifier Weekend. This year's tournament will be held at the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Fields at Progin Park, 512 Old Turnpike Road, Lancaster MA 01523. Please visit www.mayouthsoccer.org Progin Park tab for information on the Mass Youth Soccer Field Complex, directions, partner hotels, etc.

The Commissioner's Cup qualifying teams for Grade 34 Div. 1 – Div. 5, Grade 56 Div. 3 – Div. 5 and Grade 78 Div. 3 – Div. 5 will compete in a three game round robin format on Saturday and Sunday.

The MTOC eligible divisions Grade 56 Div. 1 & Div. 2 and Grade 78 Div. 1 & Div. 2 will play single elimination semi-final games on Saturday and the winners will compete in the finals on Sunday. The finals for Grade 910 Div. 1 & Div. 2 and Grade 11+ Div. 1 will be held on Sunday. MYSL has drawn Wild Card slots for the Boys Grade 11+ D1 and Girls Grade 56 D1, 56 D2, 910 D2 and 11+ D1 to MTOC.

Please note that all game schedules, team and game information are available on SportsManager. Please note that at this time some tie breaker / play in games remain to be played prior to the start of the Tournament and those teams which qualify will be added to the SportsManager schedule as the game results are submitted.

All teams are required to check in at least one half hour prior to the scheduled start of their first game of each day at the check in tent at the east side of the Pavilion Building. You must submit two (2) copies of the approved game roster with watermark, complete with jersey numbers, as well as pass cards for all players at the time of check in. All rostered coaches must have their MYSL passcard and their Mass Youth Identification credential at check in and at all times during the tournament. Note for Grade 34 teams, pass cards are required only for the coaching staff.

The Middlesex Youth Soccer League's Board of Directors directs your attention and adherence to the rules of the tournament, zero tolerance policy and field information on the following pages to ensure a safe and enjoyable soccer weekend.

No dogs or pets are allowed on site or on any of the fields

Barbequing allowed in the rear field picnic area Only

Tents allowed in designated areas Only

June 16, 2019

Fellow MYSL members,

Congratulations on a great season and welcome to the 2019 MYSL Commissioner's Cup & MTOC Qualifier Tournament.

This weekend is the culmination of your journey which began in late August of last year, through all of the practices, the fall developmental season, winter indoor activities, individual tournaments, playing with friends and family, kicking the ball around the backyard, and sometimes inside the house. It is a great accomplishment to get to this point and you should all be very proud of yourselves, as we are.

As many of you are aware, inappropriate conduct and outrageous behavior continues to be a problem for youth sports organizations. Please be reminded that MYSL has Zero Tolerance for this type of behavior between and from any combination of our players, coaches, parents, guardians and spectators involved with or in attendance at any MYSL event and this policy will be strictly enforced.

MYSL will not tolerate obscene or vulgar language, derogatory comments regarding race, gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation, aggressive behavior, sarcasm, harassment, taunting, verbal or physical threats during any MYSA event, from or toward anyone within its membership.

The role of the coach as role model for their players cannot be underestimated. The coach sets the tone for the team and it is their responsibility to maintain control, support the referees and to address and resolve any issues that may arise with their players, parents, guardians or spectators prior to, during and after the game, at the field and surrounding areas. Encourage the players and promote good sportsmanship!

We are all here to provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which our children may develop their soccer skills and hopefully a love for the game. Our goal is to teach them to be part of a team and learn the values of respect, integrity and good sportsmanship. These are life lessons they will carry with them beyond the soccer field and MYSL. Most importantly, we want them to feel safe and to have fun.

To help promote these goals, we will have Field Marshalls who will monitor the behavior of the players, coaches and spectators throughout the tournament. We would like to recognize and reward those players and coaches who exhibit the best example of fair play and good sportsmanship and emphasize the importance of this behavior, win or lose, both on and off the field. The Field Marshalls will support the referees and provide input in determining one team from each age group, Grade 34 through Grade 11+, to be nominated for the 2019 MYSL Commissioner's Cup & MTOC Qualifier Team Sportsmanship Award.

Thank you for your time regarding this very important issue.

Again, congratulations on your season and best of luck this weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth G. Antonucci Sr." in a cursive script.

Kenneth G. Antonucci, Sr.
Commissioner's Cup Director
Vice – President of Development
Middlesex Youth Soccer League

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
Commissioner's Cup - Spring 2019

Age Group	Division	Qualifier 1	Qualifier 2	Qualifier 3	Qualifier 4	Playoff / Play-in 1	Playoff / Play-in 2	Play-in 3
B34	1	Waltham-B34-1	Wakefield-B34-1	Tewks-B3/4-1	Medford-B34-1			
B34	2	Stoneham-B34-2	BillySA-B34-2a	RUSC-Read-B34-2	Lowell-B34-2			
B34	3	. Reading B34-3	. Stoneham B34 - 3B	Somerville B34-3	Wilmington B34-3B			
B34	4	BillySA -B34-4	Wakefield B34-4	Chelmsford B34-4	Play-In Winner	Malden B34-4B	Burlington B34-4b	Melrose B34-5
B34	5	Westford B34-5B	Burlington B34-5c **	Melrose B3/4-6	Play-In Winner	Somerville B34-5b **	Burlington B34-5b	Waltham B34-5b
G34	1	Tewksbury - G3/4-1	Chelmsford - G34-1	Waltham - G34-1	Westford G34-1			
G34	2	Stoneham - G34-2	Dracut - G34-2	Lowell - G34-2	Wilmington - G34-2A-RE			
G34	3	Westfr - G34-3B	Westfr - G34-3A	Chelmsf - G34-3	WakeSA - G34-3			
G34	4	Dracut - Dracut G34-4	Wakefield G34-4	Tewks - G3/4-4	Waltham G34-4b			
G34	5	Chelmsford G34-5	Wakefield G34-5A	Melrose G3/4-5	Play-In Winner	Dracut G34-5	Melrose G3/4-4	
B56	3	Waltham B56-3a	Chelmsford B56-3	Malden B56-3a	Dracut B56-3			
B56	4	Waltham B56-4	BurlMA B56-4B	Medford B56-4	Lowell B56-4			
B56	5	Charles B56-5	Melrose B5/6-5	Lowell B56-5b	Billerica B56-5			
G56	3	BillySA - G56-3a	Stone - G56-3	Wilm - G56-3A-MQ	Melrose - G5/6-2			
G56	4	Chelmsf - G56-4	Westfr - G56-4A	Westfr - G56-4B	Stone - G56-4			
G56	5	Charles - G56-5	Wilm - G56-5B-IX	Dracut - Dracut G56-5	Chelmsf - G56-5a			
B78	3	Charles - B78-3	Tewks - B7/8-3	Wilm - B78-3	Stoneham B78-3			
B78	4	Westfr - B78-4	Medford - B78-4	SWOB - SWOB-B78-4	Wilm - B78-4B-NA			
B78	5	Westfr - B78-5B	Westfr - B78-5A	WakeSA - B78-5	Dracut - Dracut B78-5			
G78	3	Tewks - G7/8-3	Stone - G78-3	Lowell - G78-3	WakeSA - G78-3			
G78	4	Melrose - G7/8-2	BillySA - G78-4	Wilm - G78-4	RUSC - Read G78-4			
G78	5	Melrose - G7/8-3	Tewks - G7/8-5	Wilm - G78-5	BurlMA - G78-5			

Note: In B34 Division 5, Burlington B34-5c has withdrawn because they will not have enough players. Somerville B34-5b (Play-in 1) will replace them.
The winner of the Monday play-in game will be the fourth qualifier.

Middlesex Youth Soccer League
MTOC Qualifying - Spring 2019

Age Group	Division	Seed 1	Seed 2	Seed 3	Seed 4
B56	1	Tewks - B5/6-1	BillySA - B56-1	Waltham - B56-1	Westfr - B56-1
B56	2	Somerv - B56-2	Waltham - B56-2	Chelmsf - B56-2	Wilm - B56-2B-SM
G56	1	Melrose - G5/6-1	WakeSA - G56-1	BillySA - G56-1	Wilm - G56-1A-CM
G56	2	Malden - G56-2	Wilm - G56-2B-AY	Westfr - G56-2	Somerv - G56-2b
B78	1	Waltham-B78-1	Everett-Everett-B78-1	BillySA-B78-1	Melrose-B7/8-1
B78	2	Somerv-B78-2	BurlMA-B78-2	Lowell-B78-2	Tewks-B7/8-2
G78	1	BillySA - G78-1	Stone - G78-1	BurlMA - G78-1	Tewks - G7/8-1
G78	2	Dracut - G78-2	Wilm - G78-2A-DF	WakeSA - G78-2	BillySA - G78-2
B910	1	Everett B910-1	Malden B910-1	Charlestown B910-1	Medford BU16-1
B910	2	Stoneham B910-2	Westford B910-2	Wakefield BU16-2	Tewksbury BU910-1
G910	1	Wilm GU16-1	Malden G910-1	Reading G910-1	N/A
G910	2	Stoneham G910-2	Wakefield GU16-2	Reading G910-2	Waltham GU910-2
B11+	1	Stoneham B11+-1	Malden B1112-1	Wakefield BU18-1	Everett B1112-1
G11+	1	Malden G1112-1	Wilmington GU18-1	Wakefield GU18-1	Tewksbury G11+-1

Semi-Final 1
Semi-Final 2

Seed 1 vs Seed 4
Seed 2 vs Seed 3

Coach, Player and Spectator Conduct

Please review the MYSL Coaches Code of Conduct and Rule 21 & 22 attached to this packet. Each rostered coach must submit a signed copy of the code of conduct by email prior to 6:00 PM Thursday night 6/20/19 to the tournament director at vpdevelopment@middlesexsoccer.org. You may bring a signed copy in hand when you check in the first time you check in with the team but this may cause a delay to your team check in.

It is the responsibility of **ALL** coaches to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and spectators (supporters) in all matches. Abusive, vulgar or obscene language, derogatory comments regarding race, gender, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation, aggressive behavior, violent play, violent conduct, fighting, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation and other behavior detrimental to the game will not be tolerated. A coach's responsibility for referee support and spectator control includes the times prior to, during and after the game at the field and surrounding areas. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for players, the referee and all other participants and spectators.

The persons responsible for a team and spectators will not address the referee at all during the play of the game.

Exceptions for persons responsible for a team (Coaches and Assistant Coaches)

During the game:

- Responding to a referee initiating communication.
- Making Substitutions.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

Exceptions for Spectators:

During the game:

- Responding to a referee initiating communication.
- Pointing out emergencies or safety issues.

MYSL recommends that the referee deal with coach(es) and spectator(s) infractions in accordance with FIFA Law 5 of the Game.

If the referee abandons the match, directs a person to leave the area, or issues a caution; the referee shall send a misconduct report for review – see MYSL Rule 29. MYSL asks that the information provided by the referee in the misconduct report be sufficient and detailed to determine follow-up actions required by the Commissioners, Age Directors and/or Sportsmanship Committee.

Any player, coach or team official physically or verbally assaulting a referee will be suspended a minimum of one (1) year. If the incident is considered serious, the Commissioner and Sportsmanship Committee may impose an indefinite suspension.

If you get ejected you will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and potentially any follow on MTOC playoff games.

Please see Middlesex Youth Soccer Rules Book 2018 – 2019 for the complete Rule 21 - Coach and Fan Conduct (Zero Tolerance Policy), Rule 22- Ejections and Rule 23- Player/Coach Infractions at www.middlesexsoccer.org under the information/files tab.

2019 Commissioner's Cup & MTOC Qualifier Check In Rules & Information

Team check in will be at the east side of the pavilion opposite the concession and turf fields.

All players and rostered coaches **must** check in a minimum of 30 minutes before the first game of each day. Please be sure to have all players and coaches present when approaching the registration tent to be checked in. Any late player or coach will need to be checked in separately prior to be allowed to enter the field. Passcards will be held at the tent until that person arrives / checks in.

All players **must** present themselves dressed to play, in matching uniforms which include matching team jerseys, shorts and socks.

Coaches **must** submit the following with you to at check in:

- Mass Youth Identification Credential for all rostered coaches to be on the team sideline.
- Two signed copies of the team's 2019 game roster with approved watermark and player jersey numbers. The tournament officials will keep one copy of the rosters. Coaches **must** have an approved 2019 spring roster in their possession during all games
- Coaches passcards
- Player passcards
- Signed Coaches Code of Conduct (if not submitted prior to the tournament).

All coaches and players must remain in the marked technical area and not creep up to the mid field line. All substitutions must take place at the mid field line.

Sun shades or canopies may be used over team bench areas however they must be anchored if on grass fields and weighted on turf fields (no anchors allowed).

Water and cups will be provided at each team area. No food or drink on turf fields. Water only.

Please be sure to clean up your team area immediately after your game has completed to make room for the next upcoming team.

The Commissioner's Cup Director will have the final say on any and all discrepancies that may occur.

Protests will not be entertained

Awards:

Each team will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. Most points will be used to determine the Commissioner's Cup Champion and Runner Up (Finalist).

All Grade 34 team players and coaches will receive Commissioner's Cup participation awards.

Awards will be presented to the Grade 56 & Grade 78 Commissioner's Cup Champion and Runner Up (Finalist) players and coaches for division 3, 4 & 5.

Awards will be presented to all MYSL MTOC Qualifier Champions and Runner Up (Finalist) players and coaches for Div. 1 & Div.2.

Additional Information:

At ten minutes prior to the first kick of each day, all teams will line up with the referees at the center circle for the morning announcement and the playing of the National Anthem. This is a great photo opportunity and an exciting way for the players and families to start the day.

If you have any handicapped or elderly spectators or family members planning to attend your game please let the tournament director know ahead of time at vpdevelopment@middlesexsoccer.org and we will try to make parking accommodations in the lower referee lot. There will be transport from the upper lot to the pavilion or field if needed. An attendant will be located at the upper parking area.

Member towns / cities, teams, families and spectators may set up tents between turf and grass fields 6 & 7, in the area north of the pavilion and along the perimeter of field 6.

Tents need to remain outside of the spectator lines and allow for foot and emergency vehicle traffic to and from the fields.

Spectators need to remain behind the spectator lines at all times and at no time are allowed to be behind the goal line or goal.

No barbecuing is allowed at the pavilion area. For those wishing to barbeque there is parking and a picnic area at the rear fields.

Rest rooms are available at the west side of the pavilion and additional portable toilets will be available on the main roadway adjacent to field 1.

A custom T-shirt vendor will be on site for anyone interested in purchasing Commissioner's Cup & MTOC Qualifier attire.

2019 Commissioner's Cup Rules of Competition

Grade 78 Division 3, 4 & 5 Match Rules

- Halves are 25 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Games need to be started on time. Teams should be warmed up ready to begin when the game ahead of them ends.
- Ties stand in all matches.
- All games are played with running time.
- Unlimited substitutions on throw-ins for both teams if the team in possession substitutes first, on goal kicks, and after a goal.
- An injured player must be replaced if the referee stops play due solely to the occurrence of serious injury or if the referee signals for the coach or medical personnel to enter the field to attend to the injury. The opposing team may have an equal substitution. Goalkeepers are exempt from this requirement.
- A player issued a yellow card MAY be substituted at the option of the coach.
- Sent-off players or dismissed team officials must leave the playing area and may not remain with their team.
- A player sent-off for serious foul play or violent conduct will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament.
- Any coach who is dismissed from any match is disqualified for the remainder of Tournament.
- FIFA Laws of the Game and MYSL 11v11 playing rules are in force for anything else not mentioned above.

Grade 56 Division 3, 4 & 5 9v9 Match Rules

- All of the above Grade 78 rules apply.
- MYSL Grade 56 Playing Rules.

Grade 34 7v7 Match Rules – All Divisions

- All of the above Grade 78 rules apply.
- Halves are 20 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- MYSL Grade 34 Playing Rules.

Commissioner's Cup Tie Breaker Rules:

In determining final standings of Commissioner's Cup when teams are tied in points following the conclusion of their games, the following tie breakers rules will be used to determine the champion, in the following order:

- i. Head to head competition
- ii. Least goals allowed in all tournament games
- iii. Goal differential, maximum of 3 goals per game
- iv. If more than two teams are tied, the tie breaker rules will be used to determine a clear winner or eliminate one or more teams. If more than one team remains, the tie breaker rules will be applied again, starting from the top with the remaining teams to determine the clear winner.
- v. If teams are tied at the end of all the tie breaker rules, they will be declared tied for that position in the standings.

2019 MTOC Qualifying Rules of Competition

Grade 11+ Match Rules

- MYSL 11v11 Playing Rules are in effect.
- Halves are 45 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Games need to be started on time. Teams should be warmed up ready to begin at the designated time.
- A winner must be determined. Therefore, overtime, 15 min halves, and kicks from the penalty spot, if necessary, will be used. If overtime is needed, both halves will be played to completion. If the score is still tied, then teams will proceed immediately to kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA rules. All matches unfinished due to any cause shall be replayed if neither team is at fault. However, if play is stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Cup Director whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.
- Sent-off players or dismissed team officials must leave the playing area and may not remain with their team.

Grade 9/10 Division 1 & 2 Match Rules

- All of the above Grade 11+ rules apply.
- Halves are 40 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 15 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed.

Grade 7/8 Division 1 & 2 Match Rules

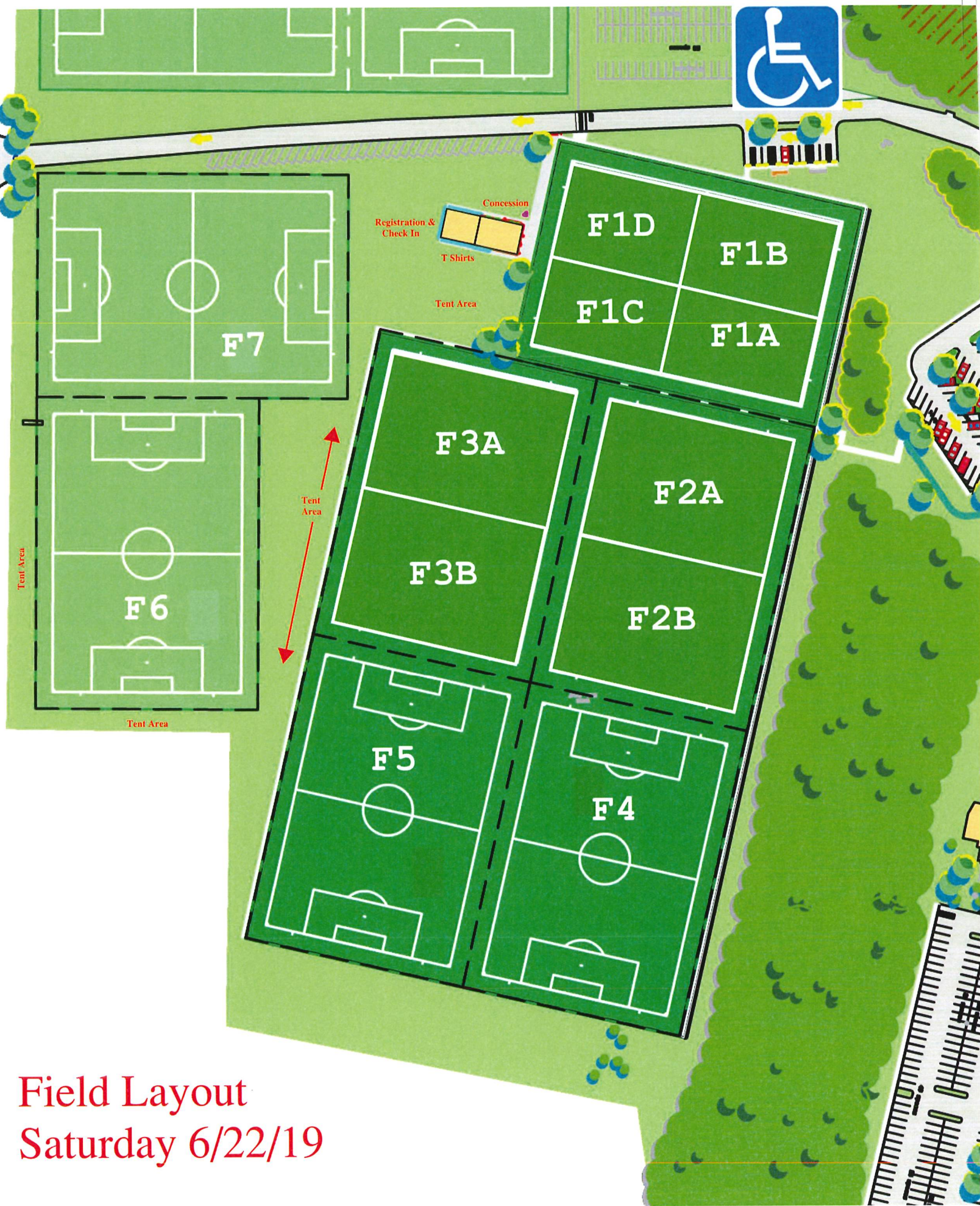
- All of the above Grade 11+ rules apply.
- Halves are 35 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 10 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed.

Grade 5/6 Division 1 & 2 9v9 Match Rules

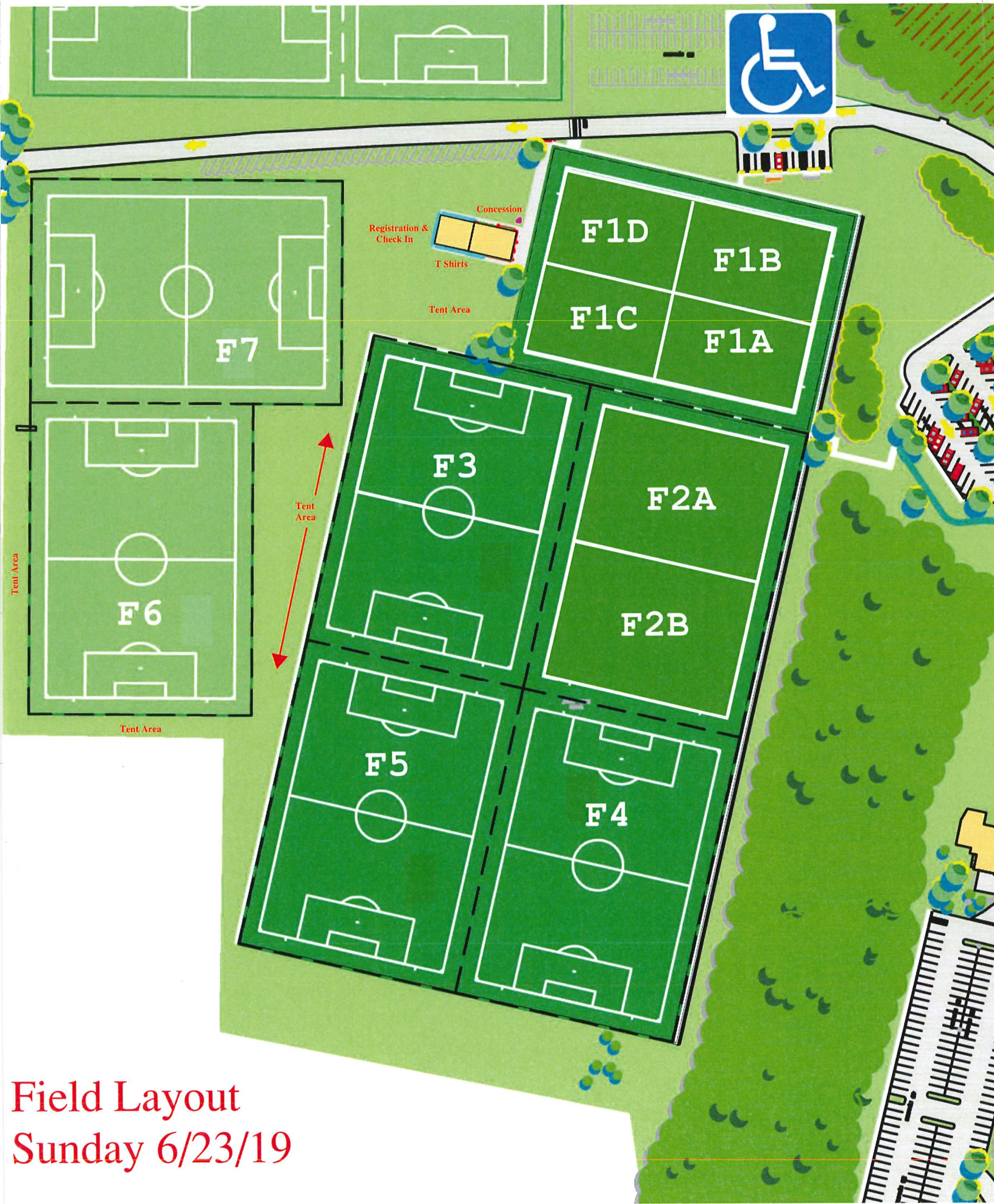
- All of the above Grade 11+ rules apply.
- Halves are 30 minutes long with a 5-minute rest interval between halves.
- Overtime of two 10 min halves followed by kicks from the penalty spot if needed

Mass Youth Soccer Field Complex
Progin Park

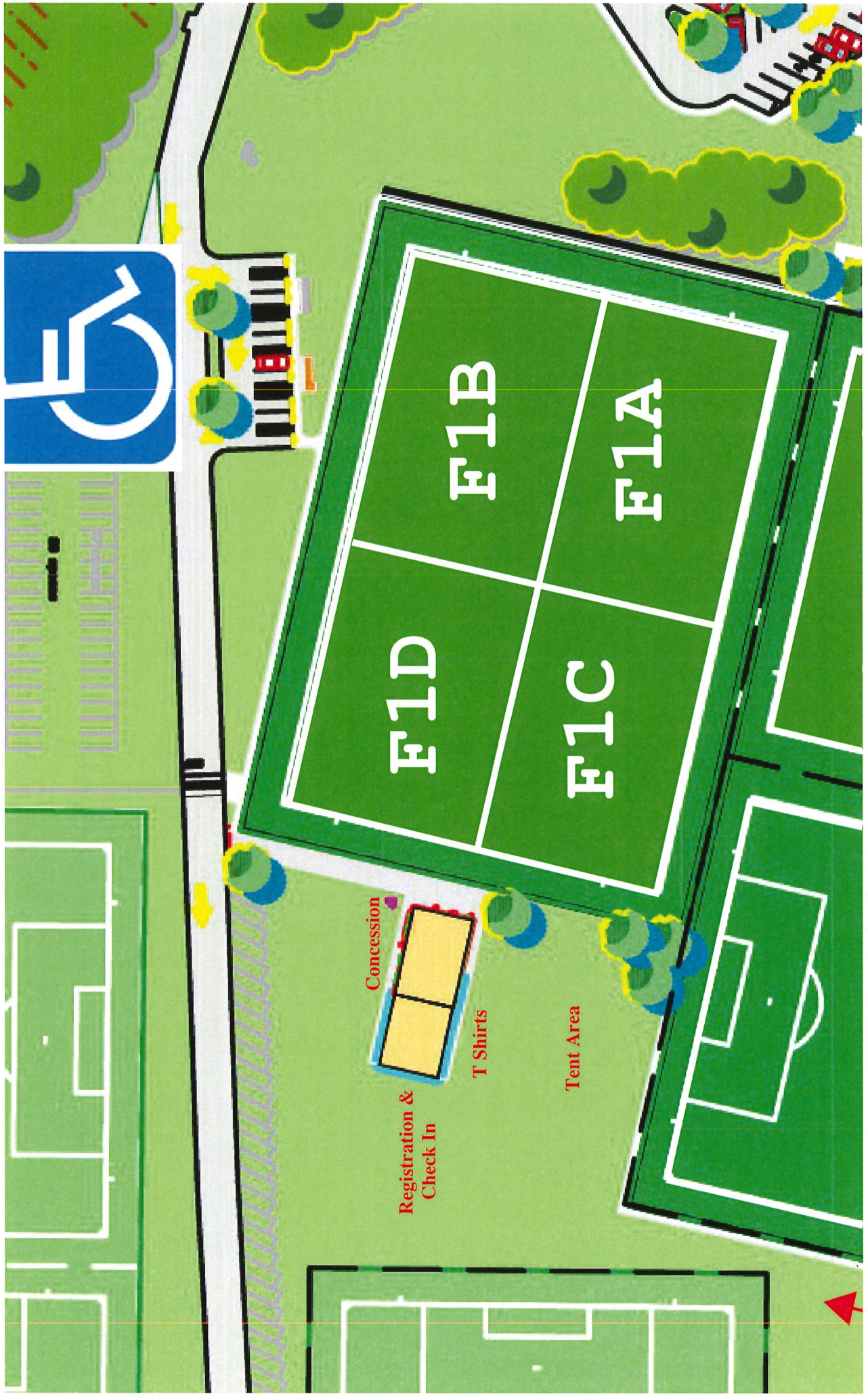




Field Layout
Saturday 6/22/19



Field Layout
Sunday 6/23/19



F1B

F1A

F1D

F1C

Concession

T Shirts

Tent Area

Registration &
Check In