



# ERITREAN SPORTS FEDERATION IN NORTH AMERICA



## THE 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ERITREAN SPORTS FESTIVAL 2023 Youth Soccer Team Registration Guide

*Denver, Colorado*

*July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>*

This document is to be used as a registration guide for participants of the ERSFNA's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Eritrean Sports Festival held in Denver, Colorado. The 2023 tournament matches will commence on Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM and end on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

In accordance with the registration guidelines outlined in the "*Youth Soccer Rules and Regulations: Coaches Handbook*" latest revision, all teams planning to participate in the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Eritrean Sports Festival (2023 ERSFNA Soccer Tournament) MUST complete the official registration process outlined below for a successful participation. In order to speed up the registration and tournament planning process, team registration fee and roster submission will be handled separately. All teams must submit their registration fee online at [www.eritreansports.com](http://www.eritreansports.com) before the stated deadlines. Team leaders and managers are highly encouraged to take advantage of the early registration discount special to secure a spot in this year's tournament. Teams will then have until May 15, 2023 to submit or make any changes to their team roster without incurring any penalty or additional fees.

### DEADLINES

Registration deadlines for the 2023 ERSFNA Youth Soccer Tournament are as follows:

1. **EARLY REGISTRATION** - Open **March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 20, 2023**. The early registration fee is \$200 USD per team for U8 to U12 divisions, \$250 USD per team for U13 to U14 divisions and \$350 per team for U15 to U18 divisions.
2. **REGULAR REGISTRATION** - Opens **March 21<sup>st</sup> through April 15, 2023**. April 15<sup>th</sup> is the final date by which teams may register without incurring any penalty. The regular registration fee is \$250 USD per team for U8 to U12 divisions, \$300 USD per team for U13 to U14 divisions and \$400 per team for U15 to U18 divisions.
3. **LATE REGISTRATION** - For those who missed the early and regular registration deadline, pending slot availability, interested team will be granted one final opportunity from **April 16<sup>th</sup> through April 30, 2023** for late registration. Teams registering during this period will be assessed an additional \$100 USD late fee penalty. The total fee for late registration is \$350 USD per team for U8 to U12 divisions, \$400 USD per team for U13 to U14 divisions and \$500 per team for U15 to U18 divisions.
4. **REGISTRATION END DATE** - Team registration will close at **11:59 PM EST on April 30, 2023**. Any registration fee and information received past the deadline will **NOT** be accepted or



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honored. Any check or money order received past the deadline will be returned to the sender after the conclusion of the tournament.

5. **ROSTER SUBMISSION CUTOFF DATE** – Final team roster and players photograph submission will close at **11:59 PM EST on May 15, 2023**.
6. **LIMITED ROSTER ADJUSTMENTS** – All registered teams will be allowed limited transaction until **May 31, 2023 11:59 PM EST** to make final roster changes. No additional player will be added to the roster. This time period will only be used for player transfer or exchange. A late fee of **\$25.00 USD** per player will be applied for any changes made after the **May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline**. Any transactions made during this time period will be considered incomplete until all associated fees are paid in full.
7. **IMPORTANT** - Roster change requests will **NOT** be honored past the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. All teams are urged and expected to submit their entire registration package on time. As always, **Onsite player registration is not permitted!**

## YOUTH AGE DIVISIONS

A maximum of only one (1) team per Club is allowed in each of the five (5) age groups or divisions. For example, Club A can only register one (1) team in the U10 Division.

### 1. **CROSS DIVISION REGISTRATION**

A player may register for more than one division; however, the player may only play-up one division and the player's age must be one (1) year less than the lowest age in the desired division.

### 2. **AGE DIVISION REFERENCE TABLE**

In an effort to be consistent with U.S. Soccer initiatives, ERSFNA will implement U.S. Soccer's Birth Year Matrix. When determining the age group for the tournament, the year the tournament ends should be used for determining the birth year. Also note that the format "U followed by age" does not include that age. To determine age that follow's the "U" use the following formula:

$$\text{Age Group} = \text{Tournament End Year} - \text{Birth Year}$$

When registering a youth team please adhere to the following age division as the guide:



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Table 1. Age Division Reference

ERSFNA Age Division	BIRTHYEAR RANGE (2023 Denver Tournament Season)	AGE GROUP (Years-old)*
<b>COED (BOYS AND GIRLS) TEAM</b>		
U8	2015 to 2017	6, 7 & 8
U11	2012 to 2014	9, 10 & 11
U14	2009 to 2011	12, 13 & 14
U18	2005 to 2008	15, 16, 17 & 18
<b>GIRLS TEAM</b>		
U18	2005 to 2008	15, 16, 17 & 18

\* Age Group = Tournament Year – Birth Year

## TEAM ROSTER SIZE LIMITS

Each team is required to submit a completed final team roster. Team roster limits are as follows:

Table 2. Team Roster Size and Match Format

Age Division	Maximum Team Roster	Match Format (Including Goalkeeper)
U8	14	7 v 7
U11	16	9 v 9
U14	20	11 v 11
U18	20	11 v 11

## PROOF OF AGE

Team representatives are required to provide ERSFNA with a copy of proof of age for each player on the roster. All new players must present proof of age each year. Valid forms of proof of age shall consist of:

- Birth certificate
- Birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records
- Passport
- Alien registration card (commonly known as Green Card) issued by the United States government
- Certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age
- Current driver's license, if applicable.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

Team registration process is as follows:



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1. **PAYMENT** – Make online payment at ERSFNA’s website [www.eritreansports.com](http://www.eritreansports.com). Go to top menu **YOUTH SOCCER > TEAM REGISTRATION** and complete the form along with your registration payment. The website accepts payment through PayPal or Credit Cards. You are highly encouraged to use this option to secure a spot without any delays.
2. **Player Release of Liability Form** – ERSFNA’s Release of Liability Agreement (MRLA-Form) must be completed and signed by each parent or legal guardian of each minor who will be participate in the tournament as a player. A pdf copy of the form is available for download on ERSFNA’s website, [www.eritreansports.com](http://www.eritreansports.com). Please complete the player waiver forms for each player and submit your completed package prior tournament start date.
3. **TEAM ROSTER FORM** - Email your completed team roster form (YSTTR-Form) along with all required players photographs in a zip file to [ersfna@gmail.com](mailto:ersfna@gmail.com) **no later than May 15, 2023**. When submitting team registration package please adhere to the following guidelines:
  - a. Name your zip file: **“2023\_Roster\_[insert full team name].zip”**
  - b. E-mail your zip file with subject heading **“2023 Youth Soccer Registration Package Team [insert full team name]”**
  - c. **PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENT** - All teams must submit one (1) digital photograph of each player and coach in JPG format.
    - i. **Photograph File Name** - Rename players’ photographs with **[first name]-[last name]** (example: joe-smith.jpg).
    - ii. **Photograph Dimensions** - Player photograph must be a 2”x2” inches clear frontal view (full-face view directly facing the camera). Please refer to figure 1 for acceptable facial dimensions.

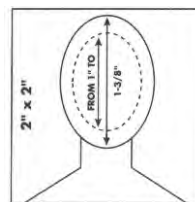


Figure 1

- iii. **Image Resolution Requirement** - Image pixel dimensions must be in a square aspect ratio (meaning the height must be equal to the width). Minimum acceptable dimension are 300 pixels (width) x 300 pixels (height). Maximum acceptable dimensions are 1200 pixels (width) x 1200 pixels (height). *Note picture taken by smartphone is sufficient to meet the requirement. **Do NOT resize the image.** Please send actual size as it was taken with your smartphone, unaltered.*



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- iv. **Photograph Background** - The photo must be taken against plain white or white-off background, without any pattern or objects behind you.
  - v. **Color Photograph** - Photograph must be in color and taken within the last twelve (12) months to reflect your current appearance.
  - vi. **Head Cover** - **DO NOT** wear a hat or head covering that obscures the hair or hairline. Your full face must be visible.
  - vii. **Sun Glasses** - Dark glasses or non-prescription glasses with tinted lenses are **NOT** acceptable.
  - viii. **Prescription Glasses** - If you normally wear prescription glasses take your photograph with the glasses on.
4. **PAYMENT CONFORMATION** – Payment confirmation and receipt will be emailed upon successful registration. Registered teams will be posted on ERSFNA’s website at [www.eritreansports.com](http://www.eritreansports.com). If you have any Youth Soccer related questions please contact the Soccer Commissioners listed below. If you have payment related questions or issues please contact ERSFNA’s Treasurer. It is your responsibility to follow up with the ERSFNA treasurer and soccer commissioners if you did not receive a conformation.
5. **ROSTER VERIFICATION** - Upon successful registration, team representatives will be contacted by the registrar to verify their team’s final roster prior to May 31, 2023.
6. **TEAM REPRESENTATIVE** – Team representative is ERSFNA’s point of contact for your team. All representatives must provide ERSFNA with a contact mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address. In addition, you must provide ERSFNA with the name of an alternate team representative and contact information so that we may communicate with you effectively.



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YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION SUMMARY				
Description	Deadline Dates	U8 to U12 Fees (USD)	U13 to U14 Fees (USD)	U15 to U18 Fees (USD)
Early	April 27 <sup>th</sup> through May 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$200	\$250	\$350
Regular	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> through May 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$250	\$300	\$400
Late <sup>1</sup>	May 16 <sup>th</sup> through May 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$350	\$400	\$500
Full Team Roster and Pictures	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	N/A		
Roster Change Transactions	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$35.00 per player <sup>2</sup>		

<sup>1</sup> Applicable only if open slot(s) are available after regular registration time period

<sup>2</sup> \$15 Late Transaction fee + \$20 ID Re-issue Fee

## SCHEDULES

Barring any setbacks, match schedule will be released on ERSFNA's website [www.eritreansports.com](http://www.eritreansports.com) no later than **June 17, 2023**. **All posted match time are subject to change at ERSFNA's discretion.**

**Notice:** The contents of this document may be changed at any time without advanced notice. Visit ERSFNA's website at [www.eritreansports.com](http://www.eritreansports.com) for the latest information relating to team registration.