

In its inaugural season, the United Soccer League is comprised of nine teams in three divisions. The Southern Division includes Jacksonville, Ft. Lauderdale and Charlotte. New York, Rochester and Buffalo make up the Northern Division. The Southwest Division consists of Dallas, Houston and Oklahoma City.

Each team will play a 24-game outdoor schedule. The point system will be in effect to determine the overall standings. Each team receives five points for a win, two points for a shootout loss and zero for a loss in regulation or overtime. In addition, a team will receive one point for each goal scored up to three in regulation or overtime.

PLAYOFF STRUCTURE: Come championship time in late August, the three divisional winners and two wild-card teams will be eligible. The quarter-final will be decided by one game between the two wild-card teams. The four teams left will play a best-of-three semi-final series, and the winners will play each other in a best-of-three championship series.

U.S.L. RULES & REGULATIONS

MOSTLY THE SAME RULES: As in 1983, the Tea Men will be playing by F.I.F.A. (Federation International Football Association) rules. The one major exception, of course, is the shootout.

THE SHOOTOUT: If the game remains tied at the end of the second overtime period, the outcome will be decided by a shootout. Players on each team will challenge the goal-keeper in a one-on-one situation.

The visiting team will kick first and each team will take five chances in alternate order. Attacking players will start with the ball on the 35-yard line and must take their shot within five seconds. The goalkeeper cannot touch the ball with his hands outside the penalty area.

If the teams remain tied after the prescribed five attempts, they shall continue to take alternate kicks until one team has scored more than the other. Only players in the game at the end of the overtime period shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.

CAUTIONS/EJECTIONS: After receiving three yellow cards (cautions) a player must serve a one-game suspension. Each red card (ejection) carries a two-game suspension.

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BUFFALO "STORM"

3937 Bailey Ave. Buffalo, N.Y. 14226 Sal DeRosa, owner George Smetana, GM Francisco Escos, coach Jerry Kissel, P.R. Dir. All-High Stadium (6,000)

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500 E. Morehead St. Charlotte, N.C. 28202 Rich Melvin, owner Ed Young, Op. Dir. Dave D'Errico, coach Memorial Stadium (24,500)

DALLAS "AMERICANS"

400 Chisholm Place, #216 Plano, Texas 75075 Bill Spears, owner Mark Early, GM Joe Rausch, Coach John Nicholson, P.R. Dir. John Clark Field (14,224)

FT. LAUDERDALE "SUN"

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JACKSONVILLE "TEA MEN"

1245 E. Adams St. Jacksonville, Fla. 32202 Ingo Krieg, owner Dennis Viollet, GM/coach Deona Hughes, Office Mgr. John Watson, P.R. Dir. Gator Bowl (80,200)

HOUSTON "DYNAMOS"

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NEW YORK "NATIONALS"

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OKLAHOMA CITY "STAMPEDE"

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ROCHESTER "FLASH"

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