

10.0 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP RULES AND REGULATIONS

10.1 PURPOSE OF US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP

The US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup (hereafter referred to as State Cup) and the US Youth Soccer Ohio South President's Cup (hereafter referred to as President's Cup) are the most important team competitions conducted by the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (OSYSA) or by any Member within OSYSA. As such, this competition requires that each member team, League and Association shall support the State Cup and President's Cup as their first priority.

The US Youth Soccer policy on Players and Playing Rules describes the requirements of Players and Playing Rules. These rules and regulations are designed to supplement the US Youth Soccer National Championship rules and establish the procedures followed by OSYSA.

Each year the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson will appoint a volunteer Association, League, Club, or teams to host the one or more age groups at their home location that year.

The State Cup and President's Cup will offer primary competition in the following age groups for both boys and girls, U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, and U10.

As determined by the OSYSA Board of Directors, the State Cup and President's Cup may be run simultaneously.

Team competition in the State Cup and President's Cup will be a one loss and out format.

10.2 TEAM ENTRY

10.2.1 Only a registered US Youth Soccer team that is in good standing, the majority of whose players are domiciled within the boundaries of OSYSA and plays in a sanctioned league, may enter either the State Cup or President's Cup, but not both. All teams that submit an application will be accepted if they are in good standing with OSYSA. Teams that are qualified as outlined above may not participate, if the OSYSA sanctioned league in which the team participated was not the last league competition (or concurrent with State Cup) that they participated in prior to State Cup or President's Cup. (In the event that an ineligible team enters and participates anyway, their State Cup games will be forfeited.)

Teams must compete in a four team OSYSA League or Association and must be scheduled for and play at least a five game league schedule against teams domiciled inside the OSYSA boundaries. These games must be played by the conclusion of the league determined season. No more than 40% of the teams in their age group in the OSYSA sanctioned program can be domiciled in an out of State US Youth Soccer Association. Teams that don't compete as outlined in 10.2.1 cannot enter into the State Cup or President's Cup.

10.2.1.1 OSYSA teams that comply with these rules and play in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Region II Midwest Regional League may enter and play in the State Cup or President's Cup. OSYSA teams participating in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Region II Midwest Regional League will not have to comply with the 40% rule regarding the teams being domiciled outside of the OSYSA boundaries. The State Cup Chairperson may grant an exception to the 5 game requirement for OSYSA teams participating in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Region II Midwest Regional League in the event of extenuating circumstances. At no time may the exception go below the US Youth Soccer National Championships requirement.

10.2.1.2 Teams must play State Cup or the President's Cup in their home state. This is determined by where at least 50% of their players reside and register. (Players must always first register in their home state before rostering to any another state).

10.2.2 Each team that enters the State Cup or President's Cup must submit a copy of their validated roster from their USYS sanctioned Member League or Association along with their entry form. Secondary registered players cannot play in the State Cup or President's Cup. Teams must have at least seven (7) primary registered players on their roster to enter the State cup or President's Cup (5 players for teams U12 and below). The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between league and National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to the rosters of both competitions (7 players for teams U12 and below).

10.2.3 All rosters must meet the standards outlined in the State Manual. For example a new player has been added to the roster by writing the player on the roster rather than use of a Roster Change form, the validation on the roster is revoked and the team will not be permitted to participate until a new roster with roster change form is validated by the team's league and it is submitted to the State Cup Chairperson.

10.2.4 The State Cup or President's Cup roster is frozen at the moment of kick off at the team's first State Cup or President's Cup game. This includes any District level games that may be played.

A player may only play for one team in State Cup or President's Cup in any seasonal year. If a player is on the roster of a team when the roster is frozen, the player may not be on the roster of any other team for the National Championships.

10.2.5 The State Cup and President's Cup entry fees will be established by the OSYSA Board of Directors.

10.2.6 Teams must submit their entries by the deadline established by the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson.

10.2.7 Teams may withdraw from the State Cup or President's Cup up to 30 days prior to the start of play without penalty, however the entry fee will not be returned. Teams that withdraw after that period may be fined.

10.2.8 If any team forfeits any game in State Cup or President's Cup play, the team may be fined and shall be prohibited from entering the following year's State Cup or President's Cup.

10.2.9 Any team that does not pay the fine(s) will be considered in bad standing and the team will not be permitted to play in any future State Cup, President's Cup, League or Association games until fines are paid.

10.2.10 Teams that have forfeited two or more games in any US Youth Soccer game since the previous State Cup or President's Cup or have forfeited a game in the previous year's State Cup or President's Cup may not be eligible to enter the current year's competition. Teams that withdraw shall be considered a forfeit.

10.2.11 Players who are not in good standing are not permitted to participate in the State Cup or President's Cup.

10.2.12 For teams competing in the U-14 and U-15 age groups, each player on the team must be:

- a) of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or
- b) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

For the teams competing in the U-16, U-17, U-18, and U-19 age groups, each player on the team must be:

- a) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or
- b) of the age of any younger age group, through the U-14 age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year

10.3 REFEREES

10.3.1 OSYSA is responsible for assignment of referees to State Cup and President's Cup games.

10.3.2 OSYSA is responsible for payment of referee fees for all State Cup or President's Cup games beyond the preliminary level. Participating teams are responsible for payment of referee fees for all preliminary district games.

10.4 SCHEDULING

10.4.1 It shall be the intent of the State Cup/President's Cup Committees to create a schedule that presents the best opportunity for the best teams to advance through the tournament.

It is the intention of OSYSA to attempt to schedule all finals of all Age Groups except U-19 at the same location on the same day.

10.4.2 State Cup and President's Cup games take precedence over all scheduled League and Association games. All games scheduled by member Leagues and Associations are required to be re-scheduled to permit all teams to compete in State Cup or President's Cup play. No member League or Association can forfeit any game of any team for the day that the team is playing in the State Cup or President's Cup.

10.4.3 Teams shall not be scheduled to play any more than two games on anyone day.

10.4.4 The State Cup/President's Cup Committee shall determine the seeds for both of the tournaments with all other participating teams' opponents to be decided by a double blind draw. The number of pre-play games within a specific OSYSA district will be determined as a percentage of teams from that district compared to the overall number of teams that have entered from a particular age group from all districts.

10.4.5 No games will be scheduled on the last day for district play in games. The last day will be used as a rain date. Any games not played as a result of weather or field conditions on the rain date will be scheduled to play the next day and will continue to be scheduled by day until completed.

10.4.6 The draw meeting will be held as scheduled by the State Cup/President's Cup committee. Any games that have not been played will have their position in the bracket drawn for the game winners in their age group and gender. Teams that have not finished their district play in games will not be a seeded

team for the competition. The State Cup/President's Cup Committee will determine the seeded teams from the winning teams that have completed their necessary district play in game(s).

10.4.7 The round of 16 will consist of no more than 16 teams. If for any reason there are more than 16 teams, additional pre-play games will be scheduled and played prior to the round of 16 play date. Teams for the additional pre-play games will be chosen by double blind draw from those districts that have too many teams advancing after the seeding of teams for that age group.

10.4.8 All State Cup and President's Cup games will be scheduled or re-scheduled as needed to keep the games on track. Protests, weather, field conditions, or any other reason that would cause a variance in the playing schedule will require that teams must play those matches prior to the next round.

10.5 US YOUTH SOCCER STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP PROCEDURES

10.5.1 Any protest must be presented in writing to the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson or his/her representative within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in protest, except as noted in section 10.5.1.1. If the Chairperson or his/her representative is not available at the site of the game, protests must be submitted, via e-mail to the OSYSA office at OFFICE@OSYSA.COM within four (4) hours of the completion of the game that is being protested. All protests must be accompanied by an \$175.00 bond that will be returned only if the protest is upheld. If the protest is being submitted via e-mail to the OSYSA office, the protest must include a statement acknowledging that the required \$175.00 bond will be submitted to the Chairperson or the OSYSA office within 24 hours of the submission of the protest. Protests based upon the judgment of referees will not be entertained. Misapplication of Laws of the Games may be a valid basis for a protest.

10.5.1.1 A protest regarding the use of an ineligible player may be made by anyone at any time during the current year's Ohio South State Cup or President's Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship. Any protest against any team that has already been eliminated from the current year's Ohio South State Cup or President's Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship shall not be entertained. Although a protest may not be entertained by the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson due to the lateness of the filing of the protest, the Chairperson may report any misconduct by any OSYSA player, coach or team, including the use of an ineligible player, during any portion of the Ohio South State Cup or President's Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship to the OSYSA Conduct Committee for their consideration. .

Upon receipt of any protest, the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson may, at his/her sole discretion, make his/her own determination as to the protest or may alternately refer the matter to the State Cup/President's Cup Committee for a hearing in the matter. If the Chairperson determines that the State Cup/President's Cup Committee shall hold a hearing, the Cup Committee, after holding an open and fair hearing in which all parties to the protest shall be provided an opportunity to be heard, shall make a determination as to the validity of the protest. If the Cup Committee determines that an ineligible player participated in a State Cup or President's Cup game, the Cup Committee shall prohibit the team involved in using the ineligible player from participating in the balance of the current year's State Cup or President's Cup and shall refer the matter to the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Cup Committee or US Youth Soccer National Championship Competition Committee.

Any decision made by the Chairperson or the Cup Committee as to the validity of any protest may be appealed to the OSYSA Appeals Committee as outlined in Section of 14.0 of this manual.

If the determination by the Chairperson or the Cup Committee requires the forfeit of the protested game, the winner as determined by their decision will advance in the State Cup or President's Cup. If the team that was determined to have lost the game upon which the protest was based has already participated in the next game of the competition, their opponent in the last game in the competition played by the team shall be declared the winner and shall be allowed to proceed in the competition.

10.5.2 Any team where it has been proved that they used an ineligible player in District, State or Regional and National competition is not eligible to compete further in the competition in the current seasonal year and shall not be allowed to compete in the following year's State Cup or President's Cup.

10.5.3 All teams must have their Player Passes with photographs attached and duly authorized by OSYSA. Teams without US Youth Soccer player passes cannot play in the State Cup or President's Cup. All players must be properly registered as primary players to the team prior to the start of the tournament.

10.5.4 Any roster that has had a player added to his roster by entry onto a blank line will not be permitted to participate in the State Cup or President's Cup until a properly validated roster and roster change form has been submitted.

10.5.5 Any player who is red carded in his/her last league game prior to his/her next State Cup or President's Cup game is not required to serve his/her red card penalty in the next Cup game that his/her team participates. However, he/she must sit out their next game in the league in which they received the red card.

10.5.6 If a player receives a red card in a US Youth Soccer National Championships game, he/she is required to serve the penalty in his/her next US Youth Soccer National Championships match. If the team is eliminated from US Youth Soccer National Championships competition the penalty must be served in his/her teams' next US Youth Soccer National Championships Competition match.

10.5.7 All issues or conflicts are to be referred to the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson for review and consideration under the Rules and Regulations of OSYSA.

10.6 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP PLAYING RULES

10.6.1 All games will be played under FIFA laws of the game as modified US Youth Soccer and/or OSYSA.

10.6.2 If a player or coach is sent off from a US Youth Soccer National Championships game, that player or coach will be ineligible to participate in the team's next US Youth Soccer National Championships game. No substitution will be permitted for a sent off player during the game that the player was sent off.

If all of the carded coaches of a team are sent off, the game will be suspended and the details reported to the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson. The US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson shall record the game as a forfeit by the team whose coaches were all sent off.

10.6.3 If a participant is sent off for fighting as described in the referees report (throwing of punches and hitting by either individual), an automatic two game suspension is to be awarded and served by the individual(s) that actually hit the other individual(s).

10.6.4 In the event that any ejection occurs in the teams last State Cup or President's Cup game, the official game report for the sent off player/coach will be held and forwarded to the OSYSA office.

10.6.5 If any player or coach is penalized additional games by the Conduct Committee of his/her member Association/league, the player or coach will not be permitted to participate in the US Youth Soccer State Cup matches until the penalty has been served.

10.6.6 If in the opinion of the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson the reason for the ejection is of such a nature that the one or two (for fighting) game suspension is not a sufficient penalty, the incident is to be reported to the Chairperson of the Conduct Committee for consideration of further penalties. The player or coach should be notified that the complaint was forwarded. The player or coach's card is to be returned after the automatic penalty assigned under the rules is served in Cup or league games. If the Conduct Committee awards additional penalties, the player or coach's card must be surrendered at that time. The Chairperson's report to the Conduct Committee must be forwarded within two weeks of the alleged incident.

10.6.7 If any game has been started and then is suspended due to weather or other conditions, and cannot be completed that day, the game will be re-scheduled and replayed in its entirety.

10.6.8 A minimum of seven players constitute a team. A (10) minute grace period will be extended beyond the scheduled kick off time if seven players are not available. A team with seven players must start the game as soon as seven (7) players are at the field. If at the end of the 10-minute grace period the team does not have seven (7) players, the referee will not start the game and will report the failure of the team to show to the Cup Chairperson or his/her representative, in which he/she will declare a forfeit by the team short players. (For all U12 and below teams, 5 players constitute a team and will follow all of the same procedures as stated above using the 5-player rule.)

10.6.9 Each player must wear an official uniform with a number on the back of the player's jersey. The number is to be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Goalkeeper's are not required to have a number on his/her uniform. Each number must be different. In the event of a color conflict, the home team will change to an alternate set of jerseys. All players must wear shin guards, socks covering the shin guards, appropriate footwear, shorts, and a jersey. All teams must wear uniforms that conform to acceptable standards for State Cup or President's Cup play. Games will be suspended by the referee, if in his/her judgment, the uniforms worn by the team are not acceptable for competition. The Cup Chairperson will forfeit the game if he/she supports the referee's opinion regarding the unsuitability of the uniforms.

10.6.10 All games must end with a winner. If a game is tied at the end of the regulation play, overtime periods, as shown below, will be played.

10.6.10.1

Age Group	Players on Field	Game Length	Overtime Periods	Ball Size
U10	6 v 6	Two 25 minute halves	Two 10 minute periods	4
U11/12	8 v 8	Two 30 minute halves	Two 10 minute periods	4
U13/14	11 v 11	Two 35 minute halves	Two 10 minute periods	5
U15/16	11 v 11	Two 40 minute halves	Two 15 minute periods	5
U17-U19	11 v 11	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute periods	5

10.6.10.2 If at the conclusion of the overtime periods, the game remains tied, kicks from the mark (as defined in USSF/FIFA Law book) must be used to determine a winner of the game.

The following format will be as follows:

- a) Each team will select five (5) players to kick - only players on the field at the conclusion of the 2nd overtime period are eligible to kick.
- b) Teams will alternate kicks - first team to kick will be determined by a referee's coin toss, with the captain of the team that wins the coin toss deciding whether their team kicks first or second.
- c) If the score remains tied after five (5) kicks, teams will alternate players to take one kick at a time until a winner is determined.
- d) All eligible players must kick before any eligible player can repeat.
- e) Goalies may be changed after any kick..

10.7 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP TROPHIES

10.7.1 The players of first and second place teams in the State Cup and President's Cup shall receive individual awards. The team coach or manager will receive a team award for first or second place.

10.8 US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ROSTERS

10.8.1 All OSYSA State Cup Champions and wild card teams advancing to the Midwest Regional Championships must have their Blue Roster validated by the OSYSA Executive Director and all US Youth Soccer player passes must be laminated.

10.8.2 US Youth Soccer Player Passes and League Rosters are required at all US Youth Soccer Regional Championship games.

10.8.3 Region II provides a US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships manual. All State Championship teams and other teams attending the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships are to receive a copy of this manual. All teams are to study and understand all of their requirements at the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships.

10.9 US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.9.1 OSYSA State Cup Champions (U-19, U-18, U-17, U-16, U-15, U-14 and U-13) will be scheduled to play in the Region II US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships. These games are scheduled each year in a different member US Youth Soccer State Association belonging to Region II (the Midwest area). This competition features the State Cup Champion from each of the 14 Midwest State Associations that make up the membership of the US Youth Soccer Region II.

10.9.2 All US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup champions are required to play in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships. If a State Cup Champion (or wild card team(s)) does not participate, the team will be placed in bad standing and will be fined. Teams that refuse to participate in Regional Competition may not enter the State Cup the following year. Teams that cannot participate in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships should not enter the State Cup.

10.9.3 Each year each member State Association may be placed in a blind drawing to have the right to enter a wild card team(s) into an age group that has an odd number of entries. The second teams may be dropped from the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships if more than 60 days prior to the start of the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships any other State Association team withdraws making the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships an even number of teams (not counting the extra team entered from the State Association).

10.9.4 If OSYSA is the host State for the Region II US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships and if less than 30 days from the start of the competition a State Association withdraws a team from any Age Group making that Age Group an uneven number (counting any second team from any State Association), the OSYSA will have the right to enter a second team in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships to make the tournament even numbers.

10.10 US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CUP COMPETITION

10.10.1 President's Cup Champions (U-17, U-16, U-15, U-14) will be scheduled to play the Region II US Youth Soccer President's Cup. These games are scheduled each year in a different member US Youth Soccer State Association belonging to Region II (the Midwest area). This competition features the US Youth Soccer National President's State Cup Champions from each of the 14 Midwest State Associations that make up the membership of the US Youth Soccer Region II.

10.10.2 All President's Cup Champions are required to enter and play in the US Youth Soccer National President's Cup. If a OSYSA President's Cup Champion does not participate, the team will be placed in bad standing and will be fined. Teams that refuse to participate in Regional Competition may not enter the OSYSA State Cup or President's Cup the following year. Teams that cannot participate in the Regional Competition, should not enter the President's Cup competition..

10.10.3 Each year each member State Association may be placed in a blind drawing to have the right to enter a wild card team(s) into an age group that has an odd number of entries. The second teams may be dropped from the President's Cup competition if more than 60 days prior to the start of the US Youth Soccer Regional Cup any other State Association team withdraws making the US Youth Soccer President's Cup an even number of teams (not counting the extra team entered from the State Association).

10.10.4 If OSYSA is the host State for the Region II US Youth Soccer National President's Cup and if less than 30 days from the start of the competition a State Association withdraws a team from any Age Group making that Age Group an uneven number (counting any second team from any State Association), then OSYSA will have the right to enter a second team in the US Youth Soccer National President's Cup competition to make the tournament even numbers.

10.11 FIELD STATUS

10.11.1 Determination of field status as to its playing condition first rests with the organization providing the fields. Prior to any decision to close the field, they should consult with the OSYSA representative. Their decision is final. If the host organization approves the fields for play, the field may be canceled at a later time if the host organization deems the conditions to have changed. The referee may suspend games when he/she considers the field unsafe or unplayable.

10.11.2 In the event of inclement weather, everything possible will be done to provide games to teams that travel. However, games cannot be guaranteed. Teams that travel to US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup or Presidents Cup locations do so at their own risk of games being canceled due to weather or other circumstances.