

2010 FYSA President's Cup Rules & Regulations

Teams eligible for participation in FYSA President's Cup are the Champions from each Region's Division I Regional Cups. Division I Regional Cup Champions who do not fulfill their obligation to compete in the President's Cup event are subject to a fine of \$2,500 should the opening not be filled by another qualified team from the Region. In the event a Region did not offer a competition in a particular age group/division, the 2nd place team from another Region will fill that spot, as determined by the President' Cup Committee. Champions of FYSA President's Cup in ages U13 thru U17 will advance to the Region III President's Cup Champions. Champions of the Region III President's Cup will advance to the National Presidents Cup competition.

President's Cup will be a single elimination tournament with the winner of each semi-final advancing to the finals. There will be a consolation game between the teams not advancing to the finals. In the event any semi-final game or the Championship game is tied at the end of regulation, overtime will be played. This overtime will be two periods of 10 minutes each for all age groups. The overtime will be played in full. There will be no overtime in any consolation game. In the event the score is still tied at the end of the 2nd overtime period in the Championship games, the teams will decide the match by taking "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" as prescribed under the "Laws of the Game" until a winner is determined

The following Code of Ethics while competing in this competition will bind all Participants, coaches, and spectators. The head coach or team manager will review these policies with all team members, staff and spectators prior to the first game of the competition so they are familiar with what is expected of them. Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:

- 1st offense -- suspension for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of five (5) years.**
- 2nd offense -- suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of ten (10) years.**
- 3rd offense -- suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.**

FYSA CODE OF ETHICS

Players

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliation.
- I will always exercise self control.
- My conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance

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with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game," and in adherence to FYSA rules.

- While traveling, I shall conduct myself so as to bring credit to myself and my team.
- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.

Coaches/Volunteers

- I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players.
- I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials.
- I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will demonstrate knowledge of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
- I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
- I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
- I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete.
- Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
- I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.
- Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to be winners.
- My actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the affiliate.
- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs.
- I will accurately and completely complete the coach/volunteer application form and by application attest to the accuracy of the information submitted.

Parents/Spectators

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.

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- I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- I will not criticize game officials.
- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon FYSA, its members or its programs.

NOTE: Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics shall be afforded due process as defined in FYSA's Rule Section 600 before the implementation of any suspension.

I. Laws of the Game

All games shall be in accordance with FIFA, US Soccer, and FYSA Constitutions, By-laws, Rules and Regulations except as noted below for FYSA's Presidents Cup play:

1. Law I - No Change
2. Law II – No change
3. Law III - Number of Players
4. Substitution shall be unlimited, with the referee's permission at the following:
 - A. Prior to throw-in in your favor;
 - B. Prior to goal kick by either team;
 - C. After a goal by either team;
 - D. After an injury by either team;
 - E. At Half time; and
 - F. At a FYSA-required water break by either team.
5. Law IV - Players' Equipment - No Change
6. Law V - Referees
 - A. In the event the assigned referee fails to appear, the Site Referee Assignor will find an alternate referee.
 - B. The referee shall complete the Game Report following the game and deliver it to the Site Director.
 - C. The referee must be familiar with the rules of the competition and understand how to report result and any incidents that may occur during cup play.
7. Law VI - Assistant Referee
 - A. Two (2) assistant referees will be used.
8. Law VII - Duration of the Game (if required, see Determination of Standings) this is subject to changes for certain group play.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Game Time (minutes)</u>	<u>Overtime (minutes)</u>
19 and Under	2 x 45 = 90	2 x 10 = 20
17 and Under	2 x 45 = 90	2 x 10 = 20
16 and Under	2 x 40 = 80	2 x 10 = 20

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15 and Under	2 x 40 = 80	2 x 10 = 20
14 and Under	2 x 35 = 70	2 x 10 = 20
13 and Under	2 x 35 = 70	2 x 10 = 20
12 and Under	2 x 30 = 60	2 x 10 = 20
11 and Under	2 x 30 = 60	2 x 10 = 20

Any match in which the goal differential reaches six (6) after the 2nd half has begun, shall be declared completed at that point. No match can be concluded under this rule prior to the beginning of the 2nd half.

9. Law VIII through XVII - No Change

II. Eligibility of Player/Coach

1. Players

Only players in good standing with current, valid, laminated, and verified US Youth Soccer player passes (current photo and correct signature) will be allowed to play providing they have met and completed all registration procedures per FYSA Rules and Regulations (No "Florida" or temporary passes will be allowed in any PC Competition).

All players on teams leading to President's Cup must be rostered to their team as a primary player.

No more than twenty five percent (25%) of the team's players may be non-Florida residences. Seventy Five Percent (75%) of the players must be in compliance with the Florida residency rule. All non-Florida players must comply with all FYSA, US Youth Soccer, and USSF requirements for registration. All non-Florida players must comply with all FYSA, US Youth Soccer, and USSF requirements for registration

2. Coach

Only coaches in good standing with current, valid, laminated, and verified US Youth Soccer player passes (current photo and correct signature) will be allowed to coach providing they have met and completed all registration procedures per FYSA Rules and Regulations. All coaches must be named on the official FYSA roster for the team they are coaching.

3. Roster:

A. The coach can check his roster on the web site for verification. Any changes and/or corrections must be made in accordance with FYSA registration procedures before the freeze date. It is the team's responsibility to ensure all changes and/or corrections are completed prior to roster freeze date. If no changes and/or corrections are submitted, your roster will be as per original print-out from the State Office. If you have any questions, contact your DC or the FYSA office before the regional roster freeze date.

B. Coaches will add jersey numbers to the state generated roster, and it must be used at all President's Cup Competitions

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- C. All teams participating in qualification matches leading to PC must play using FYSA generated rosters.
- D. All U-11 through U-18 teams are required to participate and play a minimum of 3 league games (in a US Youth Soccer-sanctioned league or a FYSA-sanctioned inter-club league) against different US Youth Soccer opponents. As part of the application, teams must declare the qualifying league they are participating in to meet this requirement.
- E. All teams must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and the cup competitions by maintaining a minimum number of players common to the rosters of both competitions as specified in H.2 below.
- F. **Roster Freeze Date**
- 1) The roster freeze date is the final date on which all changes; additions or deletions to a team's roster must be made. All time references are Eastern Standard Time (EST).
 - 2) Roster transactions are to be processed electronically on-line in accordance with FYSA registration procedures, or in hard copy form. All hard copy documents must be originals. No faxes/e-mails will be accepted in lieu of originals.
 - 3) All Documents must be "DATE STAMPED" AS BEING RECEIVED IN THE STATE OFFICE on or before 5:00 PM on roster freeze date.
 - 4) Transactions near roster freeze date not submitted electronically must be sent by Express Mail, Federal Express, UPS or other means where the date sent can be verified. Delivery service is being such that documents if properly delivered would have arrived on or prior to roster freeze date. The cost for any special handling shall be paid (in advance) by the team. (i.e. Federal Express, Express Mail, Etc). **This does not mean in the hand of any FYSA official – but physically in the State Office.**

All team rosters will be frozen as of 5:00 PM on a date consistent with the Region Cup roster freeze for their region. No changes in a team's President's Cup roster that is on file with FYSA for Regional Cup play can be made after roster freeze date. The following policy must be enforced in all competition held in the regions:

G. Frozen Roster

Once the roster has been frozen, no activity can occur to the team's roster. Season ending injuries cannot be replaced once the roster is frozen. Any change to the roster will result in the team being disqualified from the competition. Coaches/Volunteers may be added after roster freeze by petition to the PC Committee. The decision of the PC Committee concerning additions is final, binding and not appealable.

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H. Roster (Minimum/Maximum)

- 1) It is the responsibility of the coach and team staff to monitor their roster. In no way will it be the responsibility of FYSA and/or any of its representatives to monitor a team's roster.
- 2) All teams must not have more than the maximum allowed number of players on the roster at the regional roster freeze date for qualification for President Cup. Roster maximums for age groups are as follows:
 - (a) U11 – U12 teams must not allow more than fourteen (14) players on its roster at roster freeze, and requires a continuity of 5 players common to their league roster and Regional Cup roster
 - (b) U13 – U15 teams must not allow more than eighteen (18) players on its roster at roster freeze, and requires a continuity of 9 players common to their league roster and Regional Cup roster.
 - (c) U16 through U19 teams must not allow more than twenty-two (22) players on its roster at roster freeze, and requires a continuity of 11 players common to their league roster and Regional Cup roster. Prior to each game, the Coach/Manager must declare a game roster with the Site Director, not to exceed 18 players. Players not participating will be crossed out on the Official roster. Any players and/or coaches that received red cards in prior Regional Cup or President's Cup games cannot be removed from the game rosters, and must remain on all subsequent game rosters until their suspension has been served.
- 3) Only primary rostered players can participate in President's Cup.

III. Pre-Game Procedures

1. Both teams must be at the site one-hour (1) prior to the scheduled game time.
2. Prior to the game, the Coach/Manager will check in with the Site Director, present the players and coaches passes, and enter the jersey numbers for each player on the roster who will participate in the game, and pay the referee fees. (IT IS RECOMMENDEND THAT EACH COACH HAS IN HIS POSSESSION A MEDICAL RELEASE FORM FOR EACH PLAYER.)

NO PASS----NO PLAY—NO EXCEPTIONS

3. The referee will check the player's identity with his pass and will check the player's equipment. Only at this time may a player be challenged. The referee will note the challenged player's name on the game report. The player will be allowed to play. No player's eligibility can be challenged or protested after the start of each game.
4. A player who arrives at the playing field after the start of the game may enter the game after being checking by the Site Director (if credentials were not presented to the Site Director previously) and after showing his/her pass to and being checked by the referee/assistant referee.
5. Four (4) team staff members are allowed on the side with the team. All must have the appropriate U.S. Youth Soccer pass and be listed on the FYSA team roster

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6. Control of Sidelines

- A) Players, managers, coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of The Laws of the Game. The Site Directors shall have the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses of good conduct; in addition to the rules of good manners, these rules will apply in this competition: The Site Director will designate one sideline for the sole use of the players and coaches. (One team occupying one side of midfield and the other the other side). Each team is allowed to have NO MORE than FOUR (4) team staff members (coach, assistants, and trainer) on this sideline. While the game is in progress players are to remain seated on their respective benches.
- B) The Site Director will designate the opposite sidelines for spectators.
- C) A restraining line may be drawn four (4) yards from the side touchline and all sideline viewers must remain outside of that line.
- D) Coaches/managers will be responsible for behavior of their fans.
- E) All Coaches are required to remain seated on their respective benches, except to give tactical instructions, or to make substitutions. (No continuous talking or walking the side lines will be tolerated)

IV. Post Game Procedure

1. It is asked as a mutual courtesy, that both teams congratulate each other for a match well played.
2. At the completion of the match the referee/assistant referee will return all player and coach's passes as directed by the site director. (Except for any player/coach that has been ejected or dismissed from the match)
3. The referee will complete the Game Report, and any other reports as may be required, and give the report(s) to the Site Director.
4. It is required that at the conclusion of the match that both teams clear the bench area and the field as soon as possible. It is also a required that the bench area be cleaned and that all trash be disposed of in a proper manner. (Failure to do so will result in a monetary fine against the team/club)
5. The coach/manager will be responsible for the behavior of their fans at all times.
6. Following the completion of the last scheduled games in a group, all teams will present themselves to a site identified by the Site Director where standings will be resolved

7. Player Passes

It shall be the sole responsibility of the head coach to insure that all player/coach's passes have been returned at the completion of ANY match. It shall also be the sole responsibility of only the coach to ensure that his player/coach's passes are present at every match.

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Failure to have the proper player/coach's passes will result in the team either forfeiting the match or the match being declared a forfeit by the cup committee.

V. Determination of Standings

President Cup is a single elimination format; there will be overtime in semi-final, and Championship games as needed.

In the event any semi-final game is tied at the end of regulation, overtime will be played. This overtime will be two periods of 10 minutes each for all age groups. The overtime shall be played in full. There will be no overtime in any consolation game.

In the event the score is still tied at the end of the 2nd overtime period, the teams will decide the match by taking "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" until as prescribed under the Laws of the Game."

VI. Discipline

It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, etc. is the responsibility of the team to notify the site director of this suspension at the time of player's check in. Any team playing a suspended player or coached by a suspended coach shall be immediately disqualified from PC Competition. All games played by this team will be considered as forfeits with a score of 3-0 in favor of the opponent.

Prior to the competition, the FYSA's Presidents Cup Committee will appoint a Discipline Committee consisting of three (3) persons. The committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, coaches, managers, referees, spectators, etc. Notwithstanding rulings of this committee:

1. A player or coach ejected will have at least a one- (1) game suspension. The suspension will be served in the next scheduled cup match. A player/coach may receive more than a one-game suspension based on the severity of the actions.
2. The minimum suspensions for unacceptable conduct will be in accordance with FYSA's discipline procedures.
3. Coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained herein, including cautions, ejections, and standard suspensions. Any other individual, who may be reasonably construed, as being associated with a team such as relatives and spectators, shall also be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of this Association. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual(s) at any match that in the opinion of the referee is a supporter of that team.

ANY PLAYER RED CARDED, OR COACH EJECTED, MUST BE ESCORTED FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY BY A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE TEAM'S STAFF. SAID PLAYER/COACH MUST SIT AT THE SITE DIRECTORS TENT, HEADQUARTERS, OR

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DESIGNATED AREA UNTIL THE GAME IS COMPLETED. FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT MAY BE GROUNDS FOR THE MATCH TO BE DECLARED A FORFEIT. A CARDED PLAYER MAY AT SUBSEQUENT GAMES BUT NOT DRESSED OUT IN GAME UNIFORM. A COACH MAY NOT RETURN TO THE SITE IN ANY CAPACITY UNTIL THE SUSPENSION HAS BEEN SERVED. COACHES WHO COACH MORE THAN ONE TEAM WILL BE BARRED FROM ALL SITES UNTIL THE SUSPENSION IS SERVED CONCERNING THE ORIGINAL TEAM WHICH HE/SHE RECEIVED THE SUSPENSION.

VII Forfeits

A team will be allowed a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the scheduled game time before awarding the game to the opponent. Failure to meet scheduled play will automatically require payment of forfeiture fine. A game shall be started as soon as the minimum number of players as required under the Laws of the Game is present. **A forfeited game shall be recorded as 3-0 score in favor of the opponent.**

VIII. Protest/Appeals

1. PROTEST

All protests/appeals will be ruled on by a Protest and Appeals Committee comprised of FYSA's Presidents Cup Committee Chairperson, or designee, and the members of the PC committee. For a protest to be considered, the following procedure will be followed:

- A) No protest on referee judgment or discretion calls will be accepted.
- B) Verbal notification of intention to protest must be given to the Site Director immediately following the game.
- C) All protests must be in writing, delivered to the site director within one hour of the conclusion of match. A protest fee of \$400 must accompany the protest, delivered to the site director. This fee must be a money order, cash or club check. Personnel checks will not be accepted. The site director will then forward the protest fee with the written protest to chair of the state cup committee. The decision of the Presidents Cup Committee will be binding on all parties, allowing the competition to proceed. The protest fee will not be refunded.

2. APPEALS

Any appeal of a decision not covered above must be filed with seven (7) days of the decision. The appeal must be filed with the chair of the PC committee in writing and be accompanied by a fee of \$400.00. **This fee must be a money order, cash or club check. Personnel checks will not be accepted. The fee will not be refunded** The chair will then present the appeal to the PC Committee for determination. The decision of the PC Committee will be binding on all parties, allowing the competition to proceed.

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IX. Unfinished Game

Unfinished games due to any cause shall be replayed providing neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped during the second half and play cannot be resumed and provided neither team is at fault, the Snickers® Florida Presidents Cup Committee may deem the game complete. Should play be stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Committee as to whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.

X. External Conditions, Weather, Etc.

In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation of games, the Florida Presidents Cup Committee shall have absolute authority to make changes to best serve the interest of the tournament.

XI. General

1. FYSA's Presidents Cup Committee and/or FYSA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team due to the cancellation in part or in whole of this tournament or for any travel incidental to the competition.
2. FYSA's Presidents Cup Committee interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations will be final.
3. The Presidents Cup Committee reserves the right to decide on all Cup matters.
4. Affiliates may be fined for teams withdrawing from the competition, failing to show for a schedule match, etc., player, coach or team misconduct reflecting adversely upon the Competition or FYSA, actions requiring law enforcement being called, or conduct deemed unsatisfactory by the President's Cup Committee. The PC cup committee will recommend these fines with approval of FYSA's Board of Directors, The minimum fines for the following offenses shall be as follows:
 - A) Failure to fulfill obligation to compete in President's Cup event after winning Region Cup Division I competition, and Region unable to fill slot with another qualified team from the Region - \$2,500.
 - B) Failure to show for a scheduled match with no or less than a one week's notification - \$1,500.
 - C) All other matters not covered above, maximum fine of \$1500.00