

2012 REGION A CUP **Rules and Regulations**

For the seasonal year 2011 - 2012 FYSA Region A is offering competition in each of the following categories:

- Girls and Boys (mixed): Under 11, 12, 13, 14,15,16,17, and 19.
- Festivals will be offered for Under 9 and Under 10 Girls and Boys, in two divisions competitive and recreational.

There will be three (3) Divisions of play in Boys and Girls.

- Division I
- Division II
- Division III

Since the winner of Division I in U11 through U19 represents the Region in President's Cup, if only one team enters this competition in any of these age groups, that team will automatically advance to the President's Cup.

Region Cup Entry deadline is January 3, 2012. Payment must be received by January 6, 2012.

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 Region A.

Champions of FYSA President's Cup in ages U13 thru U17 will advance to the Region III President's Cup Championship. Champions of the Region III President's Cup will advance to the National Director's Cup competition.

Also since Both Finalists in Division II in the U-11 to U17 groups will represent Region A in the Division II Cup against teams from Region C, teams that do not fulfill their obligation to compete in the Division II Cup event will be subject to a \$500.00 fine should the opening not be filled by another qualified team from Region A.

It is the responsibility of each team registered and participating in Region A Cup to verify game dates, times and locations through the utilization of the Region A Cup official web site. The Region A Cup Committee will not be responsible for notifications beyond the posting of the original schedule on the official Region A Cup web site

Once the Region A Cup competition schedule has been approved and posted, there will be no schedule changes for any reason.

DATES OF COMPETITION

Region A Cup Roster Freeze Date	February 15, 2012
Division III (Boys & Girls U11 & above)	March 3 – 4, 2012
Festivals I & II & III (Boys & Girls U9 & U10)	February 11-12, 2012
Division I & II (Boys & Girls U12 & below)	February 25 – 26, 2012
Division I & II (Boys & Girls U13 & above)	March 3,4,10,11, 2012
Region A Cup Finals Division I & II	March 31 & April 1, 2012
President's Cup & Division II Cup	April 21 - 22, 2012

The Region A Cup Committee is aware that some of these dates may interfere with SAT and or ACT testing, however, the Committee may not have a choice because of field availability. In this instance we ask that players schedule tests on other dates.

DIVISION I

This Division is for A teams that are not playing in State Cup. The winners of this Division will advance to President's Cup. The Regional Cup Committee will determine additional teams to advance if necessary. Winners of President's Cup will advance to USYS Region III President Cup. Winners of Region III President cup will advance to Nationals Directors cup. **If a team is currently playing Division "1" or "A" in league play then the team must register and play in Division I. If the team was in the finals of Division II last year, then the team must play in Division I this year.**

DIVISION II

This Division is for "B" teams that are not playing in State Cup. If a team is currently playing Division "2" or "B" in league play then the team may register and play in this Division or move up to Division I. **If the team was in the finals of Division II last year, then the team must play in Division I this year (this only applies if the team retains 60% of their roster and is for U14 and above).**

(Note: The only exception to this rule will be for Division I teams that wish to play up one year. Example: U11 D1 team can play U12 D2)

DIVISION III

This Division is for Recreational teams only. Information must be provided with the application that the team can be classified as a recreational team under USSF/USYS guidelines. **No Division I or II teams will be allowed to register and play in this division.**

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 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.
- 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 Region A 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. (Note: If both teams have a substitution at midfield, then both players will be allowed to enter.)
 - B. Prior to goal kick by either team;
 - C. After a goal by either team;
 - D. After injury by either team (Note: **ANY PLAYER ATTENDED TO ON THE FIELD, MUST LEAVE THE FIELD OF PLAY. THIS INCLUDES THE GOALKEEPER.**);
 - E. At half time; an
 - F. At a FYSA required water break.

5. Law IV – Player 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 the 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.

Division	Length	Ball Size	Players	OT Periods
U13 , U14 Round Robin	2x30	5	11v11	None in round robin competition
U15 and above Round Robin	2X35	5	11v11	None in round robin competition
U19, U17,	2x45	5	11v11	Quarters, Semis and Finals 2 full 10 minutes , Kicks from the mark
U16, U15	2X40	5	11V11	Quarters, Semis and Finals 2 full 10 minutes , Kicks from the mark
U14, U13	2X35	5	11V11	Quarters, Semis and Finals 2 full 10 minutes , Kicks from the mark
U12, U11 Round Robin	2x25	4	8v8	None in round robin competition
U12, U11	2x30	4	8v8	Quarters, Semis and Finals 2 full 10 minutes , Kicks from the mark
Festival U10, U9	2x25	4	6v6	None in any competition

For further explanation, in the round robin portion of the competition and all Festival games, the score at the end of regulation time will stand. In the quarterfinal, semifinal and final competition of all age groups except Festivals, if there is a tie score at the end of regulation time, the overtime periods as above apply. If at the end of the overtime periods there is still a tie, the game results shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the mark in accordance with FIFA.

Any match, in which the goal differential is six (6) and has completed the 1st half of play, will be declared completed at that point.
No match can be concluded under this rule prior to the ending of the 1st half of play. At any time in the 2nd half the goal differential reaches six (6) the match will be declared completed.

9. Law VIII through XVII – No change.

II. Eligibility of Player/Coach

A. 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 blue membership passes will be accepted.)

All players on teams in Region A Cup must be rostered to their team as a primary player.

No guest players.

B. Coach

Only coaches in good standing with current, valid, laminated, and verified US Youth Soccer coaches passes (current photo and current 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.

C. Roster

1. 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 roster freeze date.** It is the team's responsibility to ensure all changes and/or corrections are completed prior to roster freeze date.
2. Coaches must add jersey numbers to the official FYSA roster, and it must be used at all Region Cup competitions.

NO LEAGUE ROSTERS OR EVENT ROSTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

3. All U-11 through U-18 teams are required to participate and play in 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.
4. All teams must demonstrate a 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 7b. below.

5. **Roster Freeze Date**

- A. **The roster freeze date for all divisions is February 15, 2012 at 5:00pm.** The roster freeze date is the final date on which all changes; additions or deletions to a team's roster must be made.
- B. 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/emails will be accepted in lieu of originals.
- C. All documents must be "DATE STAMPED" AS BEING RECEIVED IN THE STATE OFFICE on or before 5:00pm on roster freeze date.
- D. 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. (ie. Federal Express, Express Mail, etc.) **This does not mean in the hand of any FYSA official – but physically in the State Office.**

6. 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 Region A Cup Committee. The decision of the Region A Cup Committee concerning additions is final, binding and not appealable.

7. Roster (Minimum/Maximum)

- A. 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.
- B. All teams must not have more than the maximum allowed number of players of the roster at the Region A Cup roster freeze date. Roster maximums for age groups are as follows:
 - (1.) U11-U12 teams must not allow more than fourteen (14) players on its roster at roster freeze, and requires a continuity of five (5) players common to their league roster and Regional Cup roster.
 - (2.) U13 teams must not allow more than eighteen (18) players on its roster at roster freeze, and requires a continuity of nine (9) players common to their league roster and Regional Cup roster.
 - (3.) U14 – U19 teams must not allow more than twenty-two (22) players on its roster at roster freeze, and requires a continuity of nine (9) 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 eighteen (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 games cannot be removed from

the game rosters, and must remain on all subsequent game rosters until their suspension has been served.

- C. Only primary rostered players can participate in Region A Cup.

III. **Pre-Game Procedures/Team Check In**

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.
3. For Division I – III teams all required documents must be submitted to the site director thirty (30) minutes prior to game time.
4. **NO PASS --- NO PLAY --- NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. Each coach must have in his/her possession a medical release form for each player.
6. Each team must provide a copy of their FYSA official roster for each game.
7. The site director will transfer the game roster, player passes and the referee fees for the game to the referee.
8. First team listed is the home team. The home team is to change jerseys if the Referee deems a conflict. All teams must play in their primary colors first unless a conflict exists. These are the colors listed on the teams application.
9. The site director will determine the location of the teams and fans. (Teams and fans must be on opposite sides of the field.)
10. The referee will check the player's identity with his/her 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.
11. A player who arrives at the playing field after the start of the game may enter the game after being checked 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.

12. Three (3) team staff members are allowed on the side with the team. All must have the appropriate US Youth Soccer pass and be listed on the FYSA official team roster.

13. 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 team the other side.) Each team is allowed to have NO MORE than THREE (3) 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 the behavior of their fans. Remember you are the representative of your club and hopefully you will plan and act accordingly.
- 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.)

14. Each team shall furnish game balls at each game, and the final decision should be up to the referee as to which ball will be used.

IV. **Post Game Procedures**

- 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 to the site director.
- 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 quickly as possible. It is also required that the bench area be cleaned and that all trash be disposed of in a proper manner. (Failure to do 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. The game report as completed by the referee is the official document of the game.
7. **Each team (WINNER AND LOSER) is responsible for reporting to the site director immediately after the game to verify your score and to pick up your passes. Results will be posted as quickly as possible. You are responsible for being at the right place at the right time.**
8. **It shall be the sole responsibility of the coach to verify the game results after each match and to pick up his/her team's player passes.**

9. 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.

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.

10. **Any discrepancy not reported to the site director by the end of the day of competition will stand as reported on the game report.**
11. Results of all round competition and standings will be posted on the Region A Cup official website. Results will be available for public immediately after they are posted.

V. **Determination of Standings**

1. Round Robin Play for all Divisions

The breakdown of all age and gender divisions will be determined by the Region A Cup Committee based on the number of team entries on the due date specified on the application form. This Round Robin competition applies only to ages U11 and above. Round Robin rules do not apply to any Festival competition which includes age divisions of U9 and U10.

Team entries in age and gender divisions of 1 to 20 teams, will be allocated into groups and competition as follows:

Teams Entered	Type of Play	Promotion
1	None	Advances directly to President's Cup
2	Directly to Finals	Winner advances to President's Cup
3	Round robin	Top 2 teams to finals
4	Round robin	Top 2 teams to finals

6	2 groups of 3	1 st in each group to Finals
8	2 groups of 4	1 st in each group to Finals
9	3 groups of 3	1 st in each group + 2 nd best overall to semifinals
10	1 group of 4 + 2 groups of 3 with cross over	1 st in each group + 2 nd best overall to semifinals
12	3 groups of 4	1 st in each group + 2 nd best overall to semifinals
13	3 groups of 3, 1 of 4	1 st in each group to semifinals
14	2 groups of 4, 2 of 3 with cross over game	1 st in each group to semifinals
15	3 groups of 4, 1 of 3	1 st in each group to semifinals
16	4 groups of 4	1 st in each group to semifinals
18	3 groups of 4, 2 groups of 3 with cross over game	5 group winners and 3 best second overall to quarter finals
20	5 groups of 4	5 group winners and 3 best overall to quarter finals

In groups of more that twenty (20) teams, the teams registered will be allocated in groups of three (3) or four (4) teams to best serve the overall competition for this first round of play. In groups where this cannot be met teams will be placed on a waiting list.

The following procedure will be used to determine team ranking at the end of the first round of play and will also be used in determinations of best seconds:

3 points for Win
0 points for Loss
1 point for Tie

If rankings are tied, the following procedure will be used until the winner is determined:

1. Winner of Head-to-Head Competition
2. Adjusted Goal differential (Goals for – Goals Allowed) max of four (4).
3. Least goals against with a maximum of four (4) goals per game.
4. Goals for with the maximum of four (4) goals per game.
5. **Red Card points.**
6. “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” until as prescribed under the Laws of the Game.

Note 1: In cases where goal differential is used, maximum number of goals considered shall be four (4) goals. (ie: score of 2-4 differential = 2, score of 7-1 differential =4)

Note 2: In the event that three (3) teams are tied for one (1) position after the first five(5) tiebreakers have been used. The following procedure shall be used:

- There will be a blind draw by the site director.
- The first team drawn will sit out with the other two teams participating in kicks from the mark.

- The winner will then play (kicks from the mark) the team sitting out for the chance to advance.
- If two teams advance from this group then the loser of the first set (kicks from the mark) will play (kicks from the mark) against the loser of the second set (kicks from the mark) for the second in the group.

2 Semi-Finals

In Divisions with 4 groups	Win Grp A v Win Grp B, Win Grp C v Win Grp D
In Divisions with 3 groups	Win Grp A v Win Grp B, Win Grp C v 2 nd Best (2 nd Best is not from Grp C. If it is, then A v C and B v 2 nd Best)

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 the player's check in. Any team playing a suspended player or coached by a suspended coach shall be immediately disqualified from Region Cup competition. All games played by this team will be considered as forfeits with a score of 4-0 in favor of the opponent.

In the event that a team or teams are involved in an extracurricular activity such as bench clearing brawl, etc. both teams may be subject to disqualification from the remainder of the Regional Cup tournament. The extent of this penalty will be at the determination of the Regional Cup Committee. The decision of the Cup Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.

1. Ejections

If a player/coach is ejected from any game, the player/coach's pass together with the referee's report of the incident shall be turned over to the site director by the referee. The site director shall contact the Regional Cup Discipline chairperson about the incident.

The minimum penalty for any ejection is the player/coach shall not be permitted to participate in the next immediate Regional Cup match of his/her team. (FYSA minimums as defined under FYSA Rules Section 500 shall apply.) The Disciplinary Committee of Region A may increase this penalty based on the severity of the incident as contained in the referee's report.

After the determination of the suspension is made, the site director will be notified informing him/her of the length of the suspension.

The pass will be returned to the coach, except for referee assault or abuse. If a coach is registered to two (2) or more teams, the coach shall be suspended for all Cup activity until the original suspension is served with the team with which he/she received the ejection.

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 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 be at subsequent games but may not be 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 with which he/she received the suspension.

In the event that that team does not have another properly registered and rostered coach at the site, the site director will terminate the match and report the incident to the Regional Vice President. The Regional Cup Committee shall determine the status of the game and its decisions shall be binding on all parties.

2. **Red Card Points**

For every player that receives an ejection the player's team will receive **ONE(1)** red card point. For every coach that receives an ejection the coach's team(s) will receive **THREE(3)** red card points. **All Red Cards for Major Violent Conduct and Foul/Abusive language directed, shall carry three(3) points.**

If a team receives a total of **SIX(6)** red card points during a cup competition, the team shall be disqualified from further regional cup competition.

VII. **Forfeits**

Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of the first match of the day may be granted a fifteen(15) minute grace period. All games that follow will be started at the assigned time.

Failure to meet scheduled play will automatically require payment of forfeit fine. A game should be started as soon as the minimum number of players is present. For all divisions the minimum number of players is seven(7) for eleven(11) a side teams, six(6) for eight (8) a side teams and five(5) for festival. Any team not ready to play after this grace period has expired should be reported to the Site Director by the referee.

The game will be recorded as a forfeit and the score will be recorded as 4-0 in favor of the opponent.

VIII. Referee Fees

Referee fees will be split between the two teams and paid prior to each game to the site director in cash, and remember that site directors **DO NOT HAVE CHANGE so you must bring the correct amount which is as follows for each team and each game:**

Age Group	Fee per team	Referee Split
Festival	\$20	TBD
U11/U12	\$30	30/15/15
U13/U14	\$40	40/20/20
U15/U16	\$50	50/25/25
U17/U19	\$50	50/25/25

IX. Performance Bond/Fines

If a team/club has incurred a fine, this team/club must pay this fine to the site director prior to check in for their next game. If the team is no longer in competition the team/club will be billed by the Regional Vice President.

A team withdrawing or not completing their cup schedule will incur the following fines:

- Team withdraws after December 22nd but prior to the schedule being completed – loss of entry fee.
- Team withdraws after the schedule has been completed and posted and two weeks prior to start of competition will result in loss of entry fee, plus \$500.00 fine. Withdrawal of less than two weeks prior to competition will result in loss of entry fee, plus a \$750.00 fine.
- Club/Team miss enters team in the competition, ie. either the wrong team code/division – loss of entry fee, plus \$500.00 fine and disqualification from the competition.
- Team is disqualified from competition due to disciplinary actions or red card points, \$750.00 fine plus loss of entry fee.
- Team forfeit of game - \$200.00 fine plus referee fees for both teams for each game they forfeit.
- Team no shows to a scheduled game will be \$500.00 fine plus referee fees for both teams for each game they fail to show up for.
- Teams who do not leave the bench area clean at the completion of each game will be fined \$100.00 per offense.

X. Protests

All questions relating to the qualifications of the competitors or interpretation of the rules, or any dispute, shall be referred to the Regional Vice President. The Vice President shall then refer it to the appropriate committee. The decision of such committee shall be binding on all parties.

To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest:

- A. Must be verbally lodged with the referee, with the site director, and the opposing coach at the game site, and must be noted on the official game report by the referee and site director before leave the game site.
- B. Must be filed with the Regional Vice President within forty-eight(48) hours from the schedule time of the game as published on the official Region A website, and include:

A NON REFUNDABLE FEE, in the amount of \$400.00

The fee may be in cash, cashiers check, club check, or money order made payable to FYSA Region A.

No personal checks shall be accepted.

Seven (7) written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged.

Seven (7) written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses. Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars or other appurtenances of the game shall not be entertained.

A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the competition is not sufficient ground for appeals or protests.

Judgment decisions of the referee are not subject to appeal or protest.

The Regional Vice President shall immediately upon receipt of a protest notify the team against which such protest is made and shall send a copy of the protest and all particulars to that team, which will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses. The accused team will have forty-eight (48) hours to answer to the Regional Vice President as to the accusations.

The Regional Vice President will have forty-eight (48) hours to get with the Regional Cup Committee and render a decision. The decision of the Regional Cup Committee will be final as it pertains to the competition.

XI. **External Conditions, Weather, Etc.**

In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation of games, the tournament committee shall have the absolute authority to make these changes to best serve the interest of the tournament, keeping in mind the need to successfully identify winners by a certain time period.

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