

# 2008 FYSA South Florida Cup

## *Rules & Regulations*

Teams eligible for participation in FYSA South Florida Cup are the Champions from each Region's Division II Regional Cups. The South Florida 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.

**All participants, coaches, and spectators will be bound by the following Code of Ethics while competing in this competition. It is suggested that the head coach or team manager 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.**

### **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.
- 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's rules.
- While traveling, shall conduct themselves so as to bring credit to themselves and their team.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

#### ***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 knowledgeable 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.
- Coach's 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.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

### **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.
- Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

*Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events for the following periods and the revocation of your privilege to participate in the 2008 South Florida Cup Competition:*

1st offense: suspension minimum 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

### **I. Laws of the Game**

All games shall be in accordance with FIFA, US Soccer Federation, and FYSA Constitutions, By-laws, Rules and Regulations except as noted below for FYSA's South Florida 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, or
  - E. At half time.
5. Law IV - Players' Equipment - No Change
6. Law V - Referees
  - A. In the event the assigned referee fails to appear, the senior assistant referee will take the game and find an alternate assistant 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 results and any incidents that may occur during cup play.
7. Law VI - Assistant Referee
  - A. Two (2) assistant referees will be used.
  - B. In the event assigned assistant referees fail to appear, the coach of each team playing must find and agree on a suitable alternate. The game will be played as scheduled and will be official.
8. Law VII - Duration of the game (if required, see Determination of Standings) is subject to changes for certain group play.

<u>Age Group Game</u>	<u>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
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

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

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 second overtime period, 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.

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.)

**All players on teams leading to South Florida Cup must be rostered to their primary team.**

### 2. COACH

Only coaches in good standing with current, valid, laminated, and verified US Youth Soccer 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 FYSA web site for verification. Any changes and/or corrections must be made in accordance with FYSA registration procedures. It is the team's responsibility to ensure all changes and/or corrections are completed. If no changes and/or corrections are submitted, your roster will be as per original print-out from the State Office.

B. Coaches will add jersey numbers to the state-generated roster, and it must be used at the South Florida Cup competition.

C. 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 for qualification for South Florida Cup. Roster maximums for age groups are as follows:

(a) U13 – U16 teams must not allow more than eighteen (18) players on its roster) and requires a continuity of 9 players common to their Regional Cup and South Florida Cup roster.

(b) U17 through U19 teams must not allow more than twenty-two (22) players on its roster and requires a continuity of 9 players common to their Regional Cup and South Florida Cup roster. Prior to each game, the coach/manager must declare a game roster not to exceed 18 players, with the site director. 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 South Florida Cup games cannot be removed from the game rosters, and must remain on all subsequent game rosters until their suspension has been served.

- 3) Multiple rostered players from State Cup teams may not participate on a South Florida Cup team.

### 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 REQUIRED THAT EACH COACH HAS A MEDICAL RELEASE FORM IN HIS/HER POSSESSION 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 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.
5. Four (4) 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 team roster.
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, coaches and players must 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, both teams clear the bench area and the field as soon 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 so will result in a monetary fine against the team/club. Fine will be based on amount of trash left.)
5. The coach/manager will be responsible for the behavior of their fans at all times.
6. 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.

## V. Determination of Standings

South Florida Cup is a single elimination format; there will be overtime in games. 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 second 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 South Florida Cup 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 South Florida 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 (Rule 502).
2. 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 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 BE ALLOWED ON THE SPECTATOR SIDE ONLY. 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 South Florida Cup committee chairperson, or designee, and the members of the South Florida Cup 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 South Florida cup committee. The decision of the South Florida 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 South Florida Cup 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 South Florida Cup committee for determination. The decision of the South Florida Cup committee will be binding on all parties, allowing the competition to proceed.

**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 South Florida 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 South Florida Cup Committee shall have absolute authority to make changes to best serve the interest of the tournament.

**XI. General**

- 1. FYSA's South Florida 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 South Florida Cup committee's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations will be final.
3. The South Florida Cup committee reserves the right to decide on all Cup matters.
4. No refund of entry fees will be given after 15 days of entry deadline.
5. Affiliates may be fined for teams withdrawing from the competition; failing to show for a scheduled 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 South Florida Cup committee. The South Florida 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 show for a scheduled match with no or less than a one week notification, fine of \$1000.
  - B) All other matters not covered above, maximum fine of \$1500.00.