

## **Region B Regional Cup Rules – Division I Teams 2006-2007**

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The Florida Youth Soccer Association is sanctioning Regional Cup Competition in each of the age divisions listed below. This competition is open to any qualified team from Region B that is not entered in Florida State Cup. The format will be the normal competitive format.

This is an invitational tournament and submitting an application does not guarantee entrance into the competition.

Division I teams are usually competitive travel teams. Division I teams can advance to the FYSA President's Cup only through this Regional Cup competition. Winners of the FYSA President's Cup are eligible to enter the Region III Presidents' Cup.

**Note: Region III President's Cup has dropped the U18/19s, U13s have been added.**

**BOYS/Mixed: U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18/19**

**GIRLS: U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18/19**

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### **DATES OF COMPETITION:**

**Entry Deadline: December 12, 2006**

**Tournament Draw: December 17, 2006**

**Roster Freeze: February 7, 2007**

**Knockout Round: February 24-25 2007**

**Challenge Round: March 10-11, 2007**

**Finals: March 24-25, 2007**

**President's Cup: March 30-April 1, 2007 (in Region D)**

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### **GENERAL RULES OF ELIGIBILITY**

Teams, players, managers and officials will conform to all Rules and Regulations contained in the By-Laws and Rules of FYSA and presented herein. In the event of a conflict, rules herein shall have precedence.

Acceptance of a team into this competition does not constitute acceptance of unchallenged players, coaches, or teams. The roster freeze date is the final date on which

all changes, additions, or deletions to a team's roster must be made (includes players and coaches). All documents to make these changes to a team's roster must be in the State Office on or before the close of business on the roster freeze date. It is recommended that submissions be sent by Express Mail, Federal Express, UPS, or other similar means where it can be verified the documents, if properly delivered, would have arrived on or before the close of business on the roster freeze date. Players with season ending injuries cannot be replaced once the roster is frozen. Any changes to the roster, after the roster freeze date, will result in the team being automatically disqualified from the competition.

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## **ENTRY APPLICATION**

Download the entry application at the Region B webpage located at [www.fysa.com](http://www.fysa.com)

Applications should be typed or completed on line and printed as it is used to communicate with the team, officials, and other tournament personnel. Email addresses and cell phone numbers are **mandatory** for the point of contact.

A completed Entry Application, with all the necessary signatures and a \$250.00 check made payable to "**FYSA Region B**", must be received no later than **5:00 PM, December 12, 2006** at the address below.

1. Initially, applications should be emailed to [rlc1016@aol.com](mailto:rlc1016@aol.com).
  2. Then applications and checks shall be mailed to: Rhonda Link-Cummings  
574 Silver Course Loop  
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## **TEAM REQUIREMENTS**

Team is affiliated with and sanctioned by FYSA and is in good standing with all dues and fees paid.

Team will have played at least three (3) games in an affiliated league of at least four (4) teams prior to competition.

**NO STATE CUP players are permitted on the Regional Cup Roster.**

**NO GUEST players are permitted on the Regional Cup Roster.**

**U11-12 teams:** There will be no more than fourteen (14) players at the time of the roster freeze and during the entire period of competition on the Regional Cup roster. At least five (5) of the players must have been on the team's roster during its first league game and continuously rostered to that team.

**U13-16 teams:** There will be no more than eighteen (18) players at the time of the roster freeze and during the entire competition on the Regional Cup roster. At least nine (9) of the players must have been on the team's roster during its first league game and continuously rostered to that team.

**U17-19 teams:** There will be no more than twenty-two (22) players at the time of the roster freeze and during the entire competition on the Regional Cup roster. At least nine (9) of the players must have been on the team's roster during its first league game and continuously rostered to that team. Only eighteen (18) designated players permitted on the bench during the game. The rest must stay on the spectator's side of the pitch.

Type all required forms completely as they will be used to communicate with the team.

Team rosters will be generated by the Regional Cup Committee.

### **COACH REQUIREMENTS**

Coaches must have a permanent, valid USYSA Coach's Pass signed, current photo attached, and laminated.

Coach's Passes shall be surrendered to the referee, site director, and/or the Regional Cup Committee upon request.

### **PLAYER REQUIREMENTS**

Players must have a permanent, verified, valid USYSA Youth Player Pass. The pass must have a photo attached, appropriate signatures, and be laminated.

Player's Passes shall be surrendered to the referee, site director, and/or the Regional Cup Committee upon request.

Players shall play for only one team in the tournament.

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### **FEES**

An Entry Fee in the amount of **\$250.00** shall be submitted with each entry application. Checks should be made out to "**FYSA Region B**".

Referee and assistant referee fees, for all games to be played that weekend, shall be paid, in exact cash, to the Site Director prior to the first game. Use Team Fee times the number of games to be played. It is the responsibility of each team's coach to pay the fee to the Site Director.

<b>Referee Fees (per game per round)</b>				
Age Group	Referee	Asst Referee(s)	Game Total	Team Fee

U11,12	30	15(each)	60	30 (2X\$10, 2X\$5)
U13,14	30	15(each)	60	30 (2X\$10, 2X\$5)
U15,16	40	25(each)	90	45 (2X\$20, 1X\$5)
U17,18/19	40	25(each)	90	45 (2X\$20, 1X\$5)

Referee fees for mini-games are exactly one-half the totals listed above.

## **FINES**

Teams will be fined \$300.00 for each game forfeited.

If a team withdraws after December 17, 2006, their entry fee will be forfeited.

If a team withdraws from the competition after February 7, 2007 an additional \$500.00 non-performance fine will be assessed in addition to the loss of their entry fee.

If a team withdraws from the competition after February 7, 2007 and does not notify the Region Cup Committee of their intent to do so seven (7) days prior to their first competition the forfeiture fines will be assessed in addition to the loss of their entry fee and the non-performance fine.

## **OPERATION OF THE REGIONAL CUP COMMITTEE**

The Region Cup Competition is under the jurisdiction of the Regional Cup Committee. The Committee reserves the right to render a final decision with respect to the competition which includes, but is not limited to, group drawings, selection of sites, scheduling of games, referee assignments, eligibility of teams and/or players, selection of play format, assessment of fines, determination of forfeits, selection of awards and sponsors.

In addition, the Committee reserves the right to determine who is selected to represent Region B in the President's Cup competition. Winning an age group division does not automatically qualify a team to advance, if in the opinion of the Committee, the team has not earned the privilege to represent Region B. Teams that exhibit poor sportsmanship on/off the field, have coaches and/or parents constantly berating the referees and/or site officials, and reflect poorly on their club and district can expect such a ruling by the Committee.

## **GROUP PLAY FORMATS**

The Cup Committee will furnish the format to the entered teams after the draw. It is to be a competitive format with the first round games to be determined by "luck of the draw" and not to be changed. The purpose of the competitive format is to determine a boys' and girls' regional winner in each age bracket. There is no minimum game guarantee for these teams.

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## **SITE PROCEDURES**

### **TEAM CHECK-IN: 45 minutes prior to first game**

The coaches and player passes must be submitted to the Site Director at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to the team's first game of the competition in a weekend.

The referee fees are to be paid, for the entire weekend, during the check-in prior to the first game.

**Teams will not participate until the referee fees are paid.**

### **PRE-GAME:**

The Site Director will give the passes and a copy of team rosters to the referee assigned to the game.

Players and coaches will go through the referee check-in on the field prior to each game. Only at this pre-game check-in may a player be challenged by the opposing coach/manager. The challenged player(s) will be noted on the referee's copy of the roster but will be allowed to participate in the game if the player has a valid, permanent USYSA player pass and is on the official Regional Cup roster. A challenged player does not constitute a game protest but may serve as the basis for a protest should one be submitted. Under no circumstances will a referee allow a player to participate without a valid, permanent USYSA player pass or without the proper equipment.

### **GAME:**

A player arriving late must first check in with the Site Director. After verification of eligibility the Site Director or designated assistant will escort the player to the field and notify the opposing coach and assistant referee. After this procedure the player is eligible to participate.

If a coach/manager is ejected the assistant may conduct the team. If the assistant is ejected (or if there is no assistant) and there is no other coach/manager on that team's roster that is available on the team sidelines the game will be declared a forfeit. A score of 4-0 will be recorded and a fine of \$300.00 will be assessed and is payable to the Site Director prior to the team's next competition. Under no circumstances will a team be allowed to participate without a coach/manager or assistant.

### **POST GAME:**

At the conclusion of the game the referee will return the passes, a complete game report, incident report (if necessary), and the roster copies to the Site Director. Upon completion of this procedure the referee will receive the game fee.

Coaches are expected to sign the completed game report to verify the recorded scores.

At the conclusion of the weekend the coach is to pick up the team coach/player passes from the Site Director.

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## **LAWS OF THE GAME**

**LAW I: The field of play.**

The field of play will be in accordance with FIFA's rules of the games modified as published US Youth/FYSA Development Program Rules.

**LAW II: The size of the ball, supplied by the home team, will be:**

AGE	SIZE	CIRCUM	WT.
Over 12	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
12 & Under	#4	25-26 in.	11-13 oz.

**LAW III: The number of players.**

U11s and U12s will play eight (8) a side with goalkeepers.

U13-U19s will play eleven (11) a side with goalkeepers.

Substitutions will be unlimited and may be made only with the referee's permission (1) prior to a throw-in by your team, (2) prior to a goal kick, (3) prior to a kick off, (4) between periods and (5) after an injury by either team when the referee stops play.

**LAW IV: Equipment.**

All players shall wear shin guards and conform to FYSA Rule 402.2.

Teams will wear uniforms of matching color and design with numbers on the back of the jersey.

In the event of a conflict the designated Home Team will be required to change to a color acceptable to the referee. Numbers are required on the alternate jerseys.

**LAW V: The Referee.**

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he/she has been appointed.

Referees shall be in USSF dress uniforms.

**LAW VI: Assistant Referees.**

Two assistant referees are appointed to assist the referee, subject to the decisions of the referee.

No dual referee system or modified referee system is allowed.

**LAW VII: Duration of the games.**

AGE	TIME	OVERTIME	
U11,12	2 x 30 min= 60 min		Penalty Kicks
U13,14	2 x 35 min= 70 min	2 x 5 min= 10 min	Penalty Kicks
U15,16	2 x 40 min= 80 min	2 x 10 min= 20 min	Penalty Kicks
U17,18,19	2 x 45 min= 90 min	2 x 10 min= 20 min	Penalty Kicks

If mini-games are to be used, they will be exactly one-half of the above listed times.

Penalty Kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark".

**LAW VIII: The start and restart of play.**

A coin is tossed and the team winning the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half. The other team takes the kickoff to start the match.

In the second half of the match, the teams exchange ends and attack the opposite goals. The team that won the coin toss takes the kickoff to start the second half.

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## **CONTROL OF THE SIDELINE**

Players, coaches, managers, and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of the “Laws of the Game” and the FYSA Code of Ethics. The Site Director has the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses of good conduct. Removal can mean from the game site or from the entire sports complex if deemed appropriate.

The Site Director will designate one sideline for the sole use of the teams, with one team occupying one side of mid-field and the other team the other side of the mid-field. While the game is in progress, **coaches and players must remain on their respective bench areas** and not roam the sidelines. Up to three (3) non-players consisting of coaches, managers and/or trainers are allowed on the team sideline as long as they have current, valid, laminated USYSA member passes and remain within the technical area whether marked or not.

The Site Director will designate the opposite sideline for spectators. Spectators shall maintain a distance of at least one (1) yard from the sideline and field of play. No spectator is permitted below the eighteen (18) yard box nor permitted behind the goal areas. The coaches and/or managers are responsible for their fans.

## **RULE BREACHES**

Players who are ejected from a game will immediately report to the Site Director and remain with the Site Director until the match conclusion.

A coach/manager who is ejected from a match will immediately leave the site and may not return, in any capacity, until the suspension has been served.

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## **DISCIPLINE**

The Discipline Committee, which consists of the Regional Cup Committee, will review all reports of unacceptable behavior by players, coaches, managers, spectators, and anyone else associated with the Cup matches. It is the responsibility of the Committee to investigate a properly protested violation immediately upon its receipt.

The FYSA guidelines for discipline shall be followed for all rule breaches.

Players and/or coaches ejected from any game in the Region Cup competition shall serve a minimum one (1) game suspension in Region Cup play, and may receive more than the one (1) game suspension, as determined by the Discipline Committee.

Suspension(s) begin with the next Cup match.

Players will serve his/her suspension at a location as designated by the Site Director. Coaches/Managers that are associated with more than one (1) team are barred from the site until the suspension is served with the team that the suspension action was taken.

If a team is found guilty of using an ineligible player or players they shall forfeit all games in which the player(s) participated and receive the appropriate fine of \$300.00 per forfeited game. This fine must be paid prior to their next match or else the team is disqualified and whatever additional fines or fees assessed.

The Coach of the team found guilty of using ineligible player(s) shall not be eligible to compete further in the competition and subject to further discipline.

The Cup Committee shall have the power and authority to deal with all other breaches of the rules. Their authority shall include suspension of a team, players, coaches, managers, trainers, fans, and/or spectators and the forfeiture of Cup matches.

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## **DETERMINATION OF WINNERS**

**In group play there will be no overtime matches.**

To determine a winner from group play:

FIRST: Game Points.

Win= 3 points

Tie= 1 point

Loss= 0 points

SECOND: Head to Head Competition between the teams that are tied.

THIRD: Goal differential (+4,-4 per game).

FOURTH: Goals Allowed with a maximum of four (4) per game.

FIFTH: Goals Scored with a maximum of four (4) per game.

SIXTH: Card Points. One (1) point for each yellow card received and three (3) points for each red card. The lower total between the tied teams wins.

SEVENTH: Penalty Kicks.

Semi-final and final games IAW Region B Cup rule under Law VII.

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## **FORFEITS**

A team will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes grace period from the scheduled game time before the opponent will be awarded a forfeit. Failure to meet scheduled game play will automatically require payment of the forfeiture fine prior to the team's next scheduled match.

A game shall be started as soon as the minimum number of players is present per the Laws of the Game.

A forfeited game is scored 4-0 to the opposing team.

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## **PROTESTS**

All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules or any dispute or protest shall be referred to the Region Cup Committee. Decisions of the Committee shall be binding to both teams during the Region Cup Competition.

No protests will be accepted on referee discretionary rulings.

To be valid and eligible for consideration a protest:

- 1) Must be verbally lodged with the referee, opposing coach and the Site Director at the game site before either before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, depending upon the nature of the protest.
- 2) The party lodging the protest must submit the protest, in writing with one (1) copy for each member of the Region Cup Committee (you will need six (6) copies). The protest should be mailed, by certified mail, no later than 24 hours after the game in question (48 hours if played on a Saturday), have a protest fee of \$200.00 with the check made out to FYSA Region B (preferably certified check or money order) included in the mailing, and provide notification to the Chairman of the Cup Committee, by phone, so arrangements can be made to consider the protest in a timely manner.
- 3) Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall be considered only if a written objection, as well as the verbal, has been lodged with the referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.
- 4) The Chairman will notify the team, if applicable, against which the protest has been lodged and send a copy of the protest to that team. They have the right to state their case, in writing, and must mail it to the Region Cup Committee within 48 hours of receipt of the protest lodged against them. Again, certified mail is required.

5) Once the Chairman receives the reply the Committee has 48 hours to make a determination on the protest. This decision will be verbally relayed to the protesting party by the Chairman and followed by a written determination to both parties.

A plea of ignorance of the rules of this competition is not sufficient grounds for appeals or protests.

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## **EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, ETC.**

In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, stoppage, or cancellation of the games the Region Cup Committee shall have the authority to make changes to best serve the interest of the tournament, keeping in mind the need to identify Region B representatives to the President's Cup.

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## **AWARDS CEREMONIES**

All teams that participate in the Finals Weekend of competition must report to the Site Director at the conclusion of their final game. Awards will be provided for all teams, fourth through first. Also, it is possible Region B can send several representatives to the President's Cup and we need to be able to ask which teams, if offered the opportunity, can take advantage of it.

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## **DETERMINATION OF PRESIDENT'S CUP TEAMS**

**Winning the Regional Competition does not guarantee a place in the President's Cup.** While it will weigh heavily in the Region Cup Committee's decision the **Committee does not want Region B to be represented by teams that consistently engage in foul play (as evidenced by a high card count), inappropriate behavior by players, coaches, managers, or parents/spectators, or consistently complain about referee decisions, field conditions or other manifestations of bad sportsmanship.** The Region Cup Committee will be the sole determiner of who will represent Region B in these competitions and will announce their decisions as quickly as possible to allow the teams to prepare the appropriate paperwork and make arrangements at the Competition Site.

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## **GENERAL TOPICS**

The Regional Cup Committee and/or FYSA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by a team due to the cancellation, in part or whole, of this tournament, or any travel incidental to the competition.

The Committees interpretation of the foregoing rules shall be final.

The Committee reserves the right to rule on all tournament matters, whether or not they have been specifically addressed herein.

The Committee has the right to refuse entry of any team applying for the tournament.

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## **REGION CUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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