

2008-2009 Region B Regional Cup – Division I Teams

Rules and Regulations

The Florida Youth Soccer Association is sanctioning Region B Cup Competition for any **U-11 through U18/19** FYSA registered teams meeting the requirements of eligibility for participation. This competition is open to any qualified team in good standing from Region B that is not entered in Florida State Cup.

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

Division I teams are competitively coded teams (see “Determination of President’s Cup Teams” section below). Winners can advance to the FYSA President’s Cup only through Region B Cup competition. Winners of the FYSA President’s Cup U13s through U17s are eligible to enter the Region III Presidents’ Cup.

The following Code of Ethics will bind all participants, coaches, and spectators while competing in this competition. 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

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 to retaliate.
- 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 “Laws of the Game”, and in adherence to FYSA 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 be 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 2008-2009 FYSA Region B 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.

DATES OF COMPETITION:

Entry Deadline: December 17, 2008

Tournament Draw: December 20, 2008

Roster Freeze: January 22, 2009

Knockout Round: February 7-8, 2009

Challenge Round: February 28 and March 1, 2009

Finals: March 14-15, 2009 in Ocala **NOTE:** *This is an SAT date. U16 and up will start at 4pm, if possible; however, teams are responsible to make arrangements to not have players schedule SAT testing on this date as we do not guarantee that all games can be scheduled as desired. Once the schedule is made, it will not be reworked. SAT dates can be changed with proper notice if needed by contacting the SAT administrators early.*

President's Cup: March 28-29, 2009 in Region B (B5) at Central Brevard Soccer Club.

GENERAL RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

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

Acceptance of a team into this competition does not preclude the challenging of any 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. All documents to make these changes to a team's roster must be in the FYSA Office 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 disqualified from the competition. If you have any questions, contact your DC or the FYSA Office before the regional roster freeze date.

ENTRY APPLICATION

1. The Region B Cup application must be entered on-line in order for a team to be accepted in the competition and can be entered by the club registrar or registered team staff member that has access to the "Secure Section of the FYSA web site".
2. After completing the on-line application, entrants must print the completed application, secure the required signatures, and mail the application with a \$300.00 check made payable to "**FYSA Region B**" to:
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All applications must be submitted on-line no later than 5:00 PM (EST) on December 17th, 2008, with the signed copy of the application and payment received at the above address by December 19th, 2008.

On-line entries for which an original signed copy of the application and payment are not received within the timeframes noted above will result in non-acceptance of the application.

Team code(s) should be written on memo line of check.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Teams must be coded with the age appropriate, competitive team code. However, teams may “play up” one (1) age group in the competition with the approval of the RCC.

Recreational teams must be recoded as a competitive team before electronic application submittal.

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

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. Prior to each game, the Coach/Manager must declare a game roster (maximum 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 games cannot be removed from the game rosters and must remain on all subsequent game rosters until their suspension has been served. Only designated players are permitted on the bench during the game; the rest must stay on the spectator’s side of the pitch.

ROSTER REQUIREMENTS

1. A coach can check the team 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 FYSA Office.
2. 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).
3. All 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 original.
4. Documents must be "DATE STAMPED" AS BEING RECEIVED IN THE FYSA OFFICE on or before 5:00 PM on roster freeze date (electronically or as prescribed by FYSA registration requirements).
5. 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 FYSA Office.** It is the team's responsibility to ensure that these documents are received in accordance with these requirements
6. 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 freezes only by petition to the Region B Cup Committee (RCC). **The decision of the RCC concerning additions is final, binding and not appealable.**
7. Team rosters for competition will be generated by the RCC.

COACH REQUIREMENTS

Only coaches in good standing with current, valid, laminated, verified, permanent US Youth Soccer Pass (current photo and appropriate signatures) will be allowed to coach providing they have met and completed all registration procedures per FYSA Rules and Regulations. Driver's licenses are NOT permitted as proof of person.

All coaches must be named on the official FYSA roster for the team they are coaching.

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

Only players in good standing with current, valid, laminated, verified, permanent US Youth Soccer Pass (current photo and signature) will be allowed to play providing they have met and completed all registration procedures per FYSA Rules and Regulations.

NO STATE CUP or GUEST players are permitted on Region Cup teams.

Players must be primarily rostered to the Region Cup team prior to roster freeze.

COACH/MANAGER/VOLUNTEER/PLAYER PASS REQUIREMENTS

All passes must be signed and have a current picture. Double lamination or picture on picture is not allowed.

Passes shall be surrendered to the referee, site director, and/or the Region Cup Committee upon request.

FEES

An entry fee in the amount of **\$300.00** 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.

FINES

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

If a team withdraws after December 17, 2008, their entry fee will be forfeited.

If a team withdraws from the competition after January 22, 2009, an additional \$500.00 non-performance fine will be assessed in addition to the loss of the entry fee.

If a team withdraws from the competition after January 22, 2009 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 the entry fee and the non-performance fine.

OPERATION OF THE REGION B CUP COMPETITION

Region B Cup Competition is under the jurisdiction of the Region B Cup Committee (RCC). The RCC 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 RCC 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 RCC 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 RCC.

GROUP PLAY FORMATS

The RCC 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.

PRE-GAME PROCEDURES

1. TEAM CHECK-IN: 1 hour prior to first game

Prior to the first game at each round, the Coach/Manager/Team Representative will check in with the Site Director, present the passes for all players and coaches, and enter the jersey numbers for each player on the roster who will participate in the game. For all rounds except Final Four Championships, the Coach/Manager/Team Representative will pay the referee fees for the weekend of play prior to the first game check-in. (In required currency as defined below)

REFEREE FEES MUST BE PAID IN "EXACT CASH" AS OUTLINED BELOW:

Referee Game Fees Per Game Per Round				
Age Group	Referee	Asst. Referee	Total per team	Total per game
U11, U12,	30	15	30	10/10/5/5
U13, U14	40	20	40	20/20
U15, U16	50	25	50	20/20/5/5
U17, U18/19	60	30	60	20/20/10/10

“WE WILL NOT/CANNOT ACCEPT LARGER BILLS OR CREDIT CARDS.”!!!!

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

Teams will not participate until the referee fees are paid. Game time is forfeit time, and the grace period will not be extended because of non-payment of referee fees. Payment must be in cash – not by check or credit card. See “Forfeit” section below.

2. At time of check-in, the Coach/Manager/Team Representative must inform the site director and note on the roster any player who will not participate in the match due to absence, injury, or suspension (i.e. for a previous red card). Failure to notify the site director at this time shall be evidence that all players on the roster did in fact participate in the match.
3. 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.
4. The Coach/Manager/Team Representative for all U17 and U18/19 teams must check-in with the Site Director one-hour (1) prior to each match, and declare their 18-man game roster prior to the game report being sent out to the field with the referees.
5. The Site Director will give the passes and a copy of team rosters to the referee assigned to the game.

NO PASS – NO PROPER EQUIPMENT – NO PLAY – NO EXCEPTIONS

6. 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.
7. 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.

If a coach is ejected, an assistant may coach the team. If the assistant is ejected (or if there is no assistant) and there is no other coach/manager with a current, valid US Youth Pass on that team’s roster, 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/assistant.

POST GAME PROCEDURES

1. At the conclusion of the game, the referee will return all player and coach 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.

2. Both teams must clear the bench area and the field as soon as possible (ten (10) minutes maximum).
3. Both teams are required to ensure the bench area is cleaned and trash disposed of in a proper manner.
4. 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.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the head coach to ensure that all player/coach passes have been picked up at the completion of the weekend.

LAWS OF THE GAME – FIFA, USSF, US Youth Soccer, and FYSA Rules

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:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>CIRCUM.</u>	<u>WT.</u>
U12 & Under	#4	25-26 in.	11-13 oz.
Over U12	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 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.

No casts! Orthopedic braces permitted per FYSA Rule 402.2.(b) documentation. 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 (2) assistant referees are 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.

As noted below and subject to change for certain group play. There will be no overtime periods in preliminary round games. In games requiring overtime, ALL OVERTIME PERIODS WILL BE PLAYED IN FULL. If teams remain tied at the conclusion of the overtime periods, teams will proceed with penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA “Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark”.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	
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

Any match in which the goal differential reaches eight (8) 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.

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

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.

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 US Youth Soccer 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 a 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.

ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS

No artificial noise makers are allowed in any Region B Cup competitions. Anyone using artificial noise makers may be asked to leave the field area or the complex if the person or persons do not cease immediately after a request from any referee or the Site Director. Artificial noise makers include, but are not limited to, bells, whistles, horns, clackers, drums, etc. 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.

DISCIPLINE

The Discipline Committee, which consists of the RCC, 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 RCC to investigate a properly protested violation immediately upon its receipt.

It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, Region B Cup, prior year's State Cup, etc., is the responsibility of the team to notify the Site Director of this suspension at the time of player's check in (see "Pre-Game Procedures").

The FYSA guidelines for discipline shall be followed for all breaches of the rules.

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

Suspension(s) must be served in Region B Cup competition beginning with the next Cup match. Suspensions remaining after the Region B Cup Finals will be served in President's Cup, if applicable, then the next FYSA-sanctioned event.

A player 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.

Team found guilty of using an ineligible player(s) or suspended coach(es) shall forfeit all games in which the player(s)/coach(es) participated and receive the appropriate fine of \$300.00 per forfeited game. This fine must be paid prior to the next match or the team is disqualified and additional fines or fees may be 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 Region B Cup Committee shall have the power and authority to deal with all other breaches of the rules. The RCC authority shall include suspension of a team, player(s), coach(es), manager(s), trainer(s), fan(s), and/or spectator(s) and the forfeiture of Cup matches.

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: Net goal differential (+4/-4 per game).

FOURTH: Least goals allowed.

FIFTH: Most goals scored.

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

SEVENTH: Penalty Kicks.

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

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.

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 B Cup Committee. Decisions of the RCC shall be binding to both teams during the Region B Cup competition. For a protest to be considered, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. No protests will be accepted on referee discretionary rulings.
 2. Verbal notification of intention to protest must be given to the Site Director immediately following the game.
 3. All protests must be in writing, delivered to the Site Director within one (1) 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. Personal checks will not be accepted. The Site Director will then forward the protest fee with the written protest to the chairman of the Region B Cup Committee. The decision of the Region B Cup Committee will be binding on all parties, allowing the competition to proceed. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld at the Region Cup level.
 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. That team shall have the right to state their case, in writing, and must mail it to the Region B Cup Committee within forty-eight (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 forty-eight (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 insufficient 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 B 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.

AWARDS CEREMONIES

Following the completion of the Championship weekend games, all teams will present themselves to a site identified by the Site Director where awards will be presented. Awards will be provided for all teams competing on this weekend. Also, it is possible Region B can send several representatives to the President's Cup, and the RCC will need to be able to ask which teams, if offered the opportunity, can take advantage of it.

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 B 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) or inappropriate behavior by players, coaches, managers, or parents/spectators who consistently complain about referee decisions, field conditions or other manifestations of bad sportsmanship.**

The Region B 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.

Region B Cup Champions who do not fulfill their obligation to compete in the President's Cup event will be 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 second place team from another Region will fill that spot as determined by the President's Cup Committee.

GENERAL TOPICS

1. The RCC 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.
2. The RCC's interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.

3. The RCC reserves the right to rule on all cup matters, whether or not they have been specifically addressed herein.
4. The RCC has the right to refuse entry of any team applying for the tournament.
5. The RCC will pay the entry fee for the teams selected to represent Region B at President's Cup. Once the President's Cup application has been submitted to FYSA, failure to fulfill team obligations may result in a \$2,500 fine

REGION B CUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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