

**FLORIDA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
2008 – 09 REGION C CUP COMPETITIONS
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. COMPETITIONS AVAILABLE

The FYSA is sanctioning Regional Cup competition in each of the categories listed below.

<u>AGE CATEGORY</u>	<u>BOYS (Mixed)</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Under 18/19	X	X
Under 17	X	X
Under 16	X	X
Under 15	X	X
Under 14	X	X
Under 13	X	X
Under 12 (8 v 8)	X	X
Under 11 (8 v 8)	X	X

These competitions are open to any qualified team not entered in Florida State Cup or District Cup.

2. DATES OF COMPETITION

Application Deadline ***Dec 17, 2008***

Division 1 and CDL teams in league play must play Div. 1 Region Cup.

Div. 2 teams are allowed to play up to Div. 1.

Read applications carefully- \$500 fine if wrong division.

Late applications will not be accepted after Deadline

Region Cup Team Draw (open to public) Dec. 20, 2008

Team Groups posted on website Jan. 5, 2009

Roster Freeze ***Feb. 5, 2009 (Younger groups)***

Feb. 12, 2009 (Older groups)

*******(Coaches may be added after roster freeze with the permission of the Region Cup Committee. Request must be in writing to the Region Cup Chair.)***

Preliminary Round 1 (U11-U14) Feb 21 & 22, 2009

Preliminary Round 2 (U15-U19) Feb. 28 & Mar 1, 2009

Round of 16 (U11-U14 only, if needed) Feb. 28 & Mar 1, 2009

Quarterfinal Round Mar 7 & 8, 2009

Semi-Final / Championship Round March 14 & 15, 2009

****ALL DIVISION 1 WINNERS WILL PROCEED TO PRESIDENT’S CUP****

MARCH 28,-29, IN REGION B

President Cup Winners will proceed to Region 3 – Directors Cup in South Carolina

Region 3 Winners will advance to National Director’s Cup (Under 14-17 only)

Division 2 Winners will proceed to the Division 2 Cup on March 28-29 in Region A.

3. LACK OF COMPETITION

If fewer than four (4) teams enter an age category, the Region Cup Committee reserves the right to determine if a competition will be offered. If no competition is offered, then those teams that did enter will be given the option of entering a higher age category or the return of their entry fee.

4. GENERAL RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Teams, players, officials, and managers will conform in this competition to all rules and regulations contained in the Constitution and Bylaws and Guidelines of the Florida Youth Soccer Association, and as presented herein. In the event of conflict, rules herein shall have precedence.

A. Team Requirements

- (1) Team is properly registered by the Florida Youth Soccer Association and is in good standing with all dues and fees paid.
- (2) All players must play on their primary registered / rostered team.**
- (3) Roster Size:
 - U11 & U12 teams may not have more than fourteen (14) players, 5 core players;
 - U13 – U16 will not have more than eighteen (18) players, 9 core players;
 - U17 through U19 teams must not allow more than twenty-two (22) players on its roster at any time during the seasonal year, 9 core players. Prior to each game, the Coach/Manager must declare a game roster with the Site Director. Players not participating will be crossed out on the Official roster. Any player(s) and/or coach(s) that received red cards in prior Region Cup games cannot be removed from the game rosters, and must remain on all subsequent game rosters until their suspension has been served.
- (4) Team may not enter any other Florida Youth Soccer Association Cup Competition during this seasonal year.
- (5) NO STATE CUP PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY ON REGION CUP TEAMS.**
- (6) Acceptance of team into this competition does not, by that acceptance, confer unchallenged eligibility.
- (7) Each team entering must compete in a FYSA affiliated interclub league of at least four (4) teams and have played at least three (3) games against league teams.
- (8) All teams must register with the division they played in during regular league play. Teams will be allowed to go “up” a division, but can not play down a division.

B. Players/Coaches Requirements

- (1) Players/coaches must have valid, verified **USYS Permanent Passes** and will only be allowed to participate in any game of this competition with that laminated player pass, with picture attached and proper signatures affixed.
- (2) Once a player has participated in a Cup game, he or she is Cup Bound to that team and may not play on another Region Cup team. Said player may not transfer off this Region Cup team until Cup Bound team is eliminated from Region Cup/President's Cup.
- (3) A maximum of four (4) rostered coaches may be on the players' sidelines during any Cup game. They must have a valid coach's pass.

5. FEES AND FINES

A. Fees

- (1) An entry fee of \$200 will be submitted with each U11 and up team application. This is a non-refundable entry fee.
- (2) Referees and assistant referee fees for all games for the entire weekend will be paid in cash with the correct change in denominations of 1's, 5's, and 10's at each pre-game check-in. It is the responsibility of each team coach or manager to pay half of the total fee in exact cash. Referee fees for semi-finals and finals will be paid out of Region Cup funds (if the teams have competed in a preliminary round/group round.)

Per Team Ref Fees are:

	Center Referee	Two Asst. Ref	Total * Game	One Half Fees Per Game	Denominations			
					\$20	\$10	\$5	\$1
U15-U19	\$42	\$40 (\$20 ea)	\$82	\$41	2	0	0	1
U13-U14	\$30	\$32 (\$16 ea)	\$62	\$31	1	0	2	1
U11-U12	\$20	\$32 (\$16 ea)	\$52	\$26	0	2	1	1

Failure to pay referee fees will result in a forfeit for non-performance and fine as outlined below.

* Please look at your schedule for how many games your team will be playing.

B. Non-Performance and Forfeiture Fine

- (1) The following actions shall constitute non-performance and forfeit:
 - a. withdrawal from the tournament after the posted deadline date, or
 - b. failure to show for a scheduled game, or
 - c. failure to pay required referee fees.
- (2) Teams may be fined up to \$1,100.00 for a forfeit of the tournament after the deadline.
 A team will be fined \$100.00 for each individual game forfeited. **If notification of forfeit is not given 7 days prior to the game, an additional fine of \$300.00 will be given.** A team that drops after the withdrawal deadline may be required to post a bond of \$500.00 in future years. The club may be required to post the bond in future years with a maximum of \$1000.00 to cover all entrants.
- (2) Notification of a team(s) inability to play must be received **IN WRITING** by the Cup Chair (Vice President, Region C) by January 10, 2008.to avoid a forfeiture fine.
- (3) All forfeits will be assigned a score of 3-0.

6. ENTRY APPLICATION

The only method of application for Region Cup is electronically (on-line) through the FYSA website. Once completed, print out the electronic application, supply appropriate signatures, accompanied by the appropriate Region Cup fees will be sent to:

Region Cup 2009
11170 Harborside Drive
Largo, Fl. 33773

All applications will have a date and time stamp which **MUST** be prior to the application deadline noted above.

7. OPERATION OF THE CUP COMMITTEE

The Region Cup competition will be under the jurisdiction of the Region Cup Committee. The Committee reserves the right to any final decision with regard to rule interpretation and to the completion of this competition which will include, but not be limited to, drawing for grouping, selection of tournament sites, scheduling of referees, eligibility of teams or players, fines or forfeitures, selection of awards, sponsorships and promotions.

A. The Regional Cup Committee Shall Consist of:

- Regional Vice President (Chair)
- District Commissioners
- Region "C" Communication Chair
- Other Committee Members

B. Tournament Format

Tournament shall consist of group play for round one and round of 16 and single elimination for Round of 16, Quarterfinals, and Championship Round. Standings in a group will be determined by:

- GAME POINTS:**
- 5 points for a Win
 - 2 point for a Tie
 - 1 point for a Shut Out WIN (None for a forfeit)
 - 0 points for a Loss
 - Forfeit recorded at 3-0 score

Go to Regionccup.com website to see all the game by game scores after the weekend games.

If two teams are tied on points based on the above at the end of group play, the advancers will be determined based on the following tie breakers:

- TIE BREAKERS:
- A. Head to head competition; if no clear winner then
 - B. Net goal differential (max 3 per game); if no clear winner then
 - C. Goals scored up to a maximum of three (3) goals per game then
 - D. Least goals allowed; (max 3 per game) if no clear winner then
 - E. Kicks from the penalty mark per FIFA rules

If there more than 2 teams tied, option A will be skipped and the tiebreaker starts at option B above.

8. TEAM CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

The following information is required to be presented at check-in. Coaches and/or team managers with incomplete information will not be allowed to check-in

- a. Check-in shall begin approximately one (1) hour prior to game time.
- b. A coach and/or team manager should present player passes (in alphabetical order), medical releases, and referee fees to the Site Director(s) for check in prior to game commencement.
- c. Players are not required to be present for check-in.
- d. A coach and/or team manager will supply a written list of uniform numbers for the official roster.

- e. Referee and assistant referee fees for all games for the entire weekend are to be paid at check-in with the correct change in denominations of 1's, 5's, and 10's (see Referee fees for exact denominations – pg. 3).
- f. Coaches/team manager will receive a welcome bag and any updates in the schedule at the time of check-in. It is the coach's responsibility to insure their team reports to the correct site and fields for their scheduled game time.

9. PRE-GAME PROCEDURE

Before games may begin:

- A. A team shall be allowed a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the scheduled game time before awarding the game to their opponent. This forfeit will be awarded a 3-0 score. Failure to play scheduled matches will automatically require payment of the prescribed forfeiture fine.
- B. Prior to the game, the manager/coach will provide the site director with the player and coaches' passes and medical releases. **NO PASS, NO PLAY.** The coach will also pay the site director the referee fees for the whole weekend in the denomination that the region cup committee has advised. If the fees are not paid the team will forfeit the game. The site director will have a copy of the state roster. A manager/coach will advise the site director of any player(s) not present or whom are ineligible to play, including but not limited to those players serving suspensions and those players wearing casts. A coach who plays an ineligible player will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament and may be prosecuted in accordance with Section 401.2 of the FYSA rules.
- C. The referee will verify the identity of the player with player pass, and collect the player and coaches passes of those who are to participate in the game and give them to the assistant referee for safe keeping during the game.
- D. Only at this pre-game procedure may a player be challenged by an opposing manager/coach. Challenged player(s) will be noted by the referee on the Referee Game Report, but will be allowed to participate in the game (if player has a valid, verified player pass and is on the roster). A challenged player does not constitute a game protest but may serve as the basis for protest should one be submitted.
- E. In no event will a referee allow a player to participate without a valid, verified player pass or without required protective equipment. **NO PASS, NO PLAY...**
- F. In NO event will a referee allow a player with any type of cast to play or any type of jewelry.
- G. A player who arrives at the playing field after the start of the game may enter the game after he/she has been checked in by the referee.
- H. A coach and three assistants are the only adults allowed on the team side of the field, provided each has a valid coaches' pass.

10. LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game except as modified below:

LAW I - The Field of Play: The field of play may be reduced to minimum dimensions:

Age Group

U11/U12 will play 8-a-side, in accordance with recommendations in the FYSA coaches' handbook.

LAW II - The Ball: The size of the ball will be as follows:

Age Groups	Size No.	Circum. In.	Weight (oz.)
U13 - U19	#5	27-28	14-16
U11 - U12	#4	25-26	12-13

LAW III - Number of Players: Substitution shall be unlimited. Substitutions may be made only upon notification of the referee through the assistant referee and with the referee's permission at the following times.

- a. Prior to a throw-in in your favor
- b. Prior to a goal kick by either team
- c. After a goal by either team
- d. At the beginning of second half or overtime periods
- e. At the referee's discretion:
 1. Attention is called to LAW III (5)(B) - The substitute shall not enter the field until the player he is replacing has left, and then, only after receiving a signal from the referee.
 2. Any suspended player/coach must leave the player sideline and immediately report to the site director.

LAW IV – Player's Equipment: Player's equipment shall meet these additional requirements:

- a. All players will wear shin guards under the socks.
- b. Teams will wear uniforms of a matching design and color with unique numbers on backs.
- c. In the event of conflicting team uniform colors, the designated home team will be required to change to a color accepted by the referee,
- d. Jewelry, headbands, bandannas, braided beads, hard-billed hats or other items deemed hazardous or adornment not in the spirit of the game are prohibited.
- e. **NO CASTS**

LAW V - Referees: Referees shall complete the Referee Game Report following the game and return passes and report to the site director immediately following the game.

LAW VI - Assistant Referees: Two (2) assistant referees will be used. In the event an assigned assistant referee fails to appear, the coach/manager of the two teams must find and agree on a suitable alternate. The game will be played as scheduled and will be deemed official.

LAW VII - Duration of the Game: The duration of the game will be as follows for the first and second rounds of games:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Halves</u>	<u>*Overtime</u>
U17-U19	2 x 40 = 80	2 x 10 = 20
U15-U16	2 x 35 = 70	2 x 10 = 20
U13-U14	2 x 30 = 60	2 x 10 = 20

***If no winner is decided in overtime, then penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the laws of the game.*

U11-U12 2 x 30 = 60 Go directly to PK's.

For quarter finals through Finals, all games times will resort to regulations as noted below:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Halves</u>	<u>*Overtime</u>
U17-U19	2 x 45 = 90	2 x 15 = 30
U15-U16	2 x 40 = 80	2 x 15 = 30
U13-U14	2 x 35 = 70	2 x 10 = 20

ANY MATCH IN WHICH THE GOAL DIFFERENTIAL IS SIX (6) AND ONCE THE WHISTLE BLOWS FOR THE SECOND HALF, THE GAME SHALL BE DECLARED COMPLETED AT THAT POINT. AT ANY TIME IN THE 2ND HALF THE GOAL DIFFERENTIAL REACHES SIX (6) THE MATCH SHALL BE DECLARED COMPLETED.

11. CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT

Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves in the letter and spirit of The Laws of the Game. The tournament directors have the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the site for abuses to good conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary actions brought about by other authority. In addition to the rules of good manners, these rules will apply to this tournament:

- A. The tournament site director will designate one sideline to be for the sole use of players listed on the game rosters, and four coaches/managers from each team, with one team occupying one side of midfield and one team the other. While the game is in progress, the coaches/managers and reserve players must remain within their respective technical areas.
- B. The tournament site director will designate the opposite sideline for spectators and fans.
- C. A restraining line of contrasting color from the touchline will be drawn for four (4) yards from the touchline and all sideline viewers must remain outside of that line.
- D. Coaches/managers will be responsible for behavior of their fans, players and coaches.

12. POST-GAME PROCEDURES

We ask that as a mutual courtesy, both teams congratulate each other for a game well played.

- A. Referees will insure the return of all player passes and the tournament roster to the administrative area.
- B. The coach/manager of both teams will insure that the sideline area is clean and that all trash is in containers.
- C. Each coach will verify & sign the game report after each game. Scores will be posted with the site director(s).
- D. **Player passes are to be picked up by the coach at the completion of each weekend. If passes are left at the site, the coach must arrange for pick up from the site or have them mailed and the respective club will be billed \$15.**

13. DISCIPLINE/PROTEST COMMITTEE

The Discipline Committee will consist of the Regional Vice President and three (3) District Commissioners who are not from the districts that are party to the discipline under review. The Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, coaches/managers, spectators, and all protests properly submitted. Notwithstanding rulings by this Committee:

- A. ALL Discipline/Sanctions imposed will follow FYSA guidelines
- B. Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee will impose suspensions in accordance with FYSA Rules Section 500.

14. PROTESTS

Protests can only be submitted by a staff listed on the state roster for a team involved in the disputed game. The Region Cup Discipline Committee will rule on all protests. For a protest to be considered, the following procedure will be used:

- A. No protests on referee calls will be accepted. No protest or appeals of game outcomes. To challenge a player, see rule 9D.
 - VIDEOTAPES are inadmissible.
- B. Written notification of Intention to protest along with the protest fee must be given to the tournament site director, within 2 hours after the completion of the game being protested.
- C. The protest fee of \$400 submitted by cash, cashiers check or money order payable to Region C, must accompany the protest letter. **Protest fees are NON-REFUNDABLE**
- D. The Region Vice President will provide verbal notification of the decision within 72 hours after the completion of the last game for the entire weekend (every site Included). The protest decision will be provided by email no later than 5pm of the third (3rd day) after the applicable region cup weekend.

D. ALL REGION CUP COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

15. EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, ETC.

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

Unfinished games will be replayed provided neither team is at fault and the second half of play has not begun. If first half has been completed and the game cannot be resumed or completed, the Committee will within a reasonable amount of time deem the game complete.

16. AWARDS CEREMONIES

SEMI-FINAL PLAY:

For teams NOT moving to the finals, each player will receive a "SEMI FINALS" award.

FINALS/CHAMPIONSHIP:

Following the completion of each championship game, the two teams will present themselves to the awards area where:

- A. Each runner-up player will receive an award/trophy, and each runner-up team will receive a trophy to keep.

- B. Each winning player will receive an award/trophy and each winning team will receive a trophy to keep.
(NOTE: If the division is sponsored, awards from the sponsor will be made.)

17. PRESIDENT’S CUP

The President’s Cup is the state wide tournament for all Region Cup Division 1 winners. Penalties for not attending are as follows:

- A) Failure to fulfill obligation to compete in President’s Cup event after winning Region Cup Division I competition, and Region unable to fill slot with another qualified team from the Region - \$2,500.
- B) Failure to show for a scheduled match with no or less than a one weeks notification - \$1,500.
- C) All other matters not covered above, maximum fine of \$1,500.

17. GENERAL

- A. The Region 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 competition.
- B. The Region Cup Committee interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.
- C. The Region Cup Committee and/or FYSA reserve the right to decide on all tournament matters.
- D. Region Cup Committee members are as follows:

Vice President, Region C	Dave DiTillio
Region C Cup Chair	
District Commissioner, C-1	Wayne Scott
District Commissioner, C-2	Tim Smith
District Commissioner, C-3	Christine Foy
District Commissioner, C-4	Mark Zimmerman
District Commissioner, C-5	Miguel Denny
District Commissioner, C-6	Charlie Coats
Communication Chair	To Be Determined

- E. **TO ENSURE PROPER COMMUNICATION WITH THE REGION CUP COMMITTEE USE ONLY regionccup@yahoo.com FOR REGION CUP QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**