



State Cup & Presidents Cup Pre-Tournament Meeting



State Finals



Region A,B,C,D

USYS/FYSA Cup
Pathway





Play Dates - 2025 Presidents Cup



Event	Date	Location
Group Play - Match #1 (Self-Schedule Match)	February 21, 2026 (Must play by: March 1)	Home Team's Venue*
Group Play - Matches #2 & #3 (Neutral Venue Weekend)	March 7-8, 2026	13U-15U: Lake Myrtle Sports Park (Auburndale, FL) 16U-19U: HC Tournament Sportsplex (Tampa, FL)
Elimination Round (Round of 16 & Round of 8)	16U-19U: April 11-12, 2026 13U-15U: April 18-19, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park
Finals	May 16-17, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park



Play Dates - 2026 State Cup (13-17U)



Event	Date	Location
Open Cup – Match #1 (Self-Schedule Match)	February 21, 2026 (Must play by: March 1)	Home Team’s Venue*
Open Cup – Match #2 & #3 (Neutral Venue Weekend)	March 7-8, 2026	HC Tournament Sportsplex
Group Play - Match #1 (Self-Schedule Match)	March 21, 2026 (Must play by: March 22)	Home Team’s Venue*
Group Play - Matches #2 & #3 (Neutral Venue Weekend)	March 28-29, 2026	15U-17U: HC Tournament Sportsplex 13U-14U: Lake Myrtle Sports Park
Elimination Round (Round of 16 & Round of 8)	16U-19U: April 11-12, 2026 13U-15U: April 18-19, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park
Finals	May 16-17, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park



Scheduling



Self-Schedule Matches

- 1st match of the Group Play/Open Cup Round
- Home team hosts match at their home field (unless teams are more than 200 miles apart)
 - [How to Self-Schedule your Home Games](#)
- Both teams must coordinate kickoff times and check uniform colors in the GotSport Chat
- Home Team is responsible for assigning referees through a certified Referee Assignor
- **Matches must be scheduled by:**
 - February 11, 2026 (Presidents Cup Group Play / SC Open Cup)
 - March 11, 2026 (State Cup Group Play)
- Date can be changed with both teams' agreement, but must be played by:
 - March 1, 2026 (Presidents Cup Group Play / SC Open Cup)
 - March 22, 2026 (State Cup Group Play)
 - [How to Submit a Game Change Request](#)

FYSA-Hosted Weekends

- FYSA-Hosted weekends are used for:
 - Open Cup/Group Play Matches #2 & #3
 - Elimination Round
 - Finals
- Reschedules are not allowed
- Teams must be prepared to play at the venues set by FYSA
- Helps ensure tournament rules & standards are followed
- FSR Presence & Referee Quality
- Athletic Trainers
- Quality Facilities & Infrastructure
- Staff Presence
- Ensures no competitive advantage & timelines for Regional & National events are met

Hotels

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Presidents Cup

DATE	LOCATION	HOTEL LINKS
GROUP PLAY – MATCH #1: February 21, 2026	Home Team’s Venue* (Self-scheduled match)	N/A
GROUP PLAY – MATCHES #2 & #3: March 7-8, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park (13U-15U) <i>(2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823)</i>	Hotels
16U-19U ELIMINATION ROUND: April 11-12, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park <i>(2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823)</i>	Hotels
13U-15U ELIMINATION ROUND: April 18-19, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park <i>(2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823)</i>	Hotels
FINALS: May 16-17, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park <i>(2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823)</i>	Hotels

DATE	LOCATION	HOTEL LINKS
17U OPEN CUP – MATCH #1: February 21, 2026	Home Team’s Venue* (Self-scheduled match)	N/A
17U OPEN CUP – MATCHES #2 & #3: March 7-8, 2026	Hillsborough County Tournament Sportsplex <i>(9330 E Columbus Dr, Tampa, FL 33619)</i>	Hotels
13-17U GROUP PLAY – MATCH #1: March 21, 2026	Home Team’s Venue* (Self-scheduled match)	N/A
13-17U GROUP PLAY – MATCHES #2 & #3: March 28-29, 2026	Hillsborough County Tournament Sportsplex (15-17U) <i>(9330 E Columbus Dr, Tampa, FL 33619)</i> Lake Myrtle Sports Park (13-14U) <i>(2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823)</i>	TBA
16-17U ELIMINATION ROUND: April 11-12, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park <i>(2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823)</i>	Hotels
13-15U ELIMINATION ROUND: April 18-19, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park <i>(2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823)</i>	Hotels
13-17U FINALS: May 16-17, 2026	Lake Myrtle Sports Park <i>(2828 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823)</i>	Hotels



Presidents Cup Advancements - Boys



	Group Play February 21 & March 7-8		Elimination Round April 11-12 (16-19U) / April 18-19 (13-15U)		Finals May 16-17	
Age Group	Brackets	Advancement	Playoffs	Advancement	Playoffs	Advancement
13U Boys	4 brackets of 4 teams & 3 brackets of 6 teams	16 advance (Top 2 from each bracket + 2 WC)	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
14U Boys	5 brackets of 4 teams & 1 combined bracket of 6 teams	16 advance (Top 2 teams from each bracket + 4 WC)	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
15U Boys	8 brackets of 4 teams	16 advance (Top 2 from each bracket)	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
16U Boys	4 brackets of 4 teams & 3 brackets of 6 teams	16 advance (Top 2 from each bracket + 2 WC)	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
17U Boys	4 brackets of 4 teams & 1 combined bracket of 6 teams	Top 1 teams from each bracket + 3 WC	Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
19U Boys	8 brackets of 4 teams	16 advance (Top 2 from each bracket)	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination



Presidents Cup Advancements - Girls



	Group Play February 21 & March 7-8		Elimination Round April 11-12 (16-19U) / April 18-19 (13-15U)		Finals May 16-17	
Age Group	Brackets	Advancement	Playoffs	Advancement	Playoffs	Advancement
13U Girls	2 brackets of 4 teams	4 advance to Semi-Finals (Top 2 from each bracket)	-	-	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
14U Girls	1 brackets of 4 teams	2 advance to Final (Overall Top 2)	-	-	Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
15U Girls	1 bracket of 4 teams & 1 bracket of 6 teams	4 advance to Semi-Finals (Top 1 team from A & top 2 teams from B + 1 WC)	-	-	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
16U Girls	3 brackets of 4 teams	8 advance (Top 2 from each bracket + 2 WC)	Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
17U Girls	1 bracket of 5 teams	2 advance to Final (Overall Top 2)	17U teams will play 1-2 additional Group Play matches on Saturday and Sunday		Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
19U Girls	2 brackets of 4 teams	4 advance to Semi-Finals (Top 2 from each bracket)	-	-	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination



State Cup Advancements - Boys



Age Group	Open Cup February 21 & March 7-8		Group Play March 21 & 28-29		Elimination Round April 11-12 (16-17U) April 18-19 (13-15U)		Finals May 16-17	
	Brackets	Advancement	Brackets	Advancement	Playoffs	Advancement	Playoffs	Advancement
13U Boys	No Open Cup – Teams start in Group Play		6 brackets of 4 teams	Top 2 teams from each bracket + 4 WC	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
14U Boys	No Open Cup – Teams start in Group Play		6 brackets of 4 teams & 1 bracket of 6 teams	Top 2 teams from each bracket + 2 WC	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
15U Boys	No Open Cup – Teams start in Group Play		6 brackets of 4 teams	Top 2 teams from each bracket + 4 WC	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
16U Boys	No Open Cup – Teams start in Group Play		8 brackets of 4 teams	16 advance (Top 2 from each bracket)	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
17U Boys	1 bracket of 4 teams	1 advance (Bracket winner)	8 brackets of 4 teams	16 advance (Top 2 from each bracket)	Round of 16 on Saturday & Round of 8 on Sunday	Single Elimination	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination



State Cup Advancements - Girls



	Group Play March 21, 28-29 (13-17U) + April 11-12 (16U) / April 18-19 (14-15U)		Finals May 16-17	
Age Group	Brackets	Advancement	Playoffs	Advancement
13U Girls	1 bracket of 4 teams	2 advance to Final (Overall Top 2)	Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
14U Girls	1 bracket of 5 teams	2 advance to Final (Overall Top 2)	Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
15U Girls	1 bracket of 5 teams	2 advance to Final (Overall Top 2)	Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
16U Girls	1 bracket of 5 teams	2 advance to Final (Overall Top 2)	Final on Sunday	Single Elimination
17U Girls	1 bracket of 6 teams	4 advance to Semi-Finals (Overall Top 4)	Semi-Final on Saturday & Final on Sunday	Single Elimination



Post-Season - Presidents Cup

- Regional Events
 - The Regional events have been changed to Sub-Regional competitions (Presidents Cup National Qualifiers)
 - There will be 8 events across the country in June
 - Southeast Event:
 - Participating states: AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC
 - June 19-22, 2026
 - Lake Myrtle Sports Park (Auburndale, FL)
- 2026 National Presidents Cup
 - July 7-11, 2026
 - Stryker Sports Complex, Wichita, KS
- National Presidents Cup event page:
<https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/presidents-cup/>





Post-Season – State Cup

- 2025-2026 Season Changes
 - Regional events have been removed (Southern Regionals)
 - Teams qualify directly from State Cup to USYS Nationals
 - Teams also qualify via the National League Winter Events
- USYS National Championships
 - Boys (Utah):
 - 16-19U: July 13-20
 - 13-15U: July 16-23
 - Girls (Tennessee)
 - 16-19U: July 13-20
 - 13-15U: July 16-23
 - Event Page: <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/national-championship-series/>





Roster Procedures & Requirements



Roster Requirements

- Maximum Roster Size: 22
- Minimum Roster Size: 11
- Only Primary/P and Primary1/P1 (formerly Club Pass) players allowed
- Guest/secondary players (registered with a different club) are not allowed
- Players can only be on 1 roster in the event (cannot appear on 2 different rosters across same or different age groups)

Roster Procedures

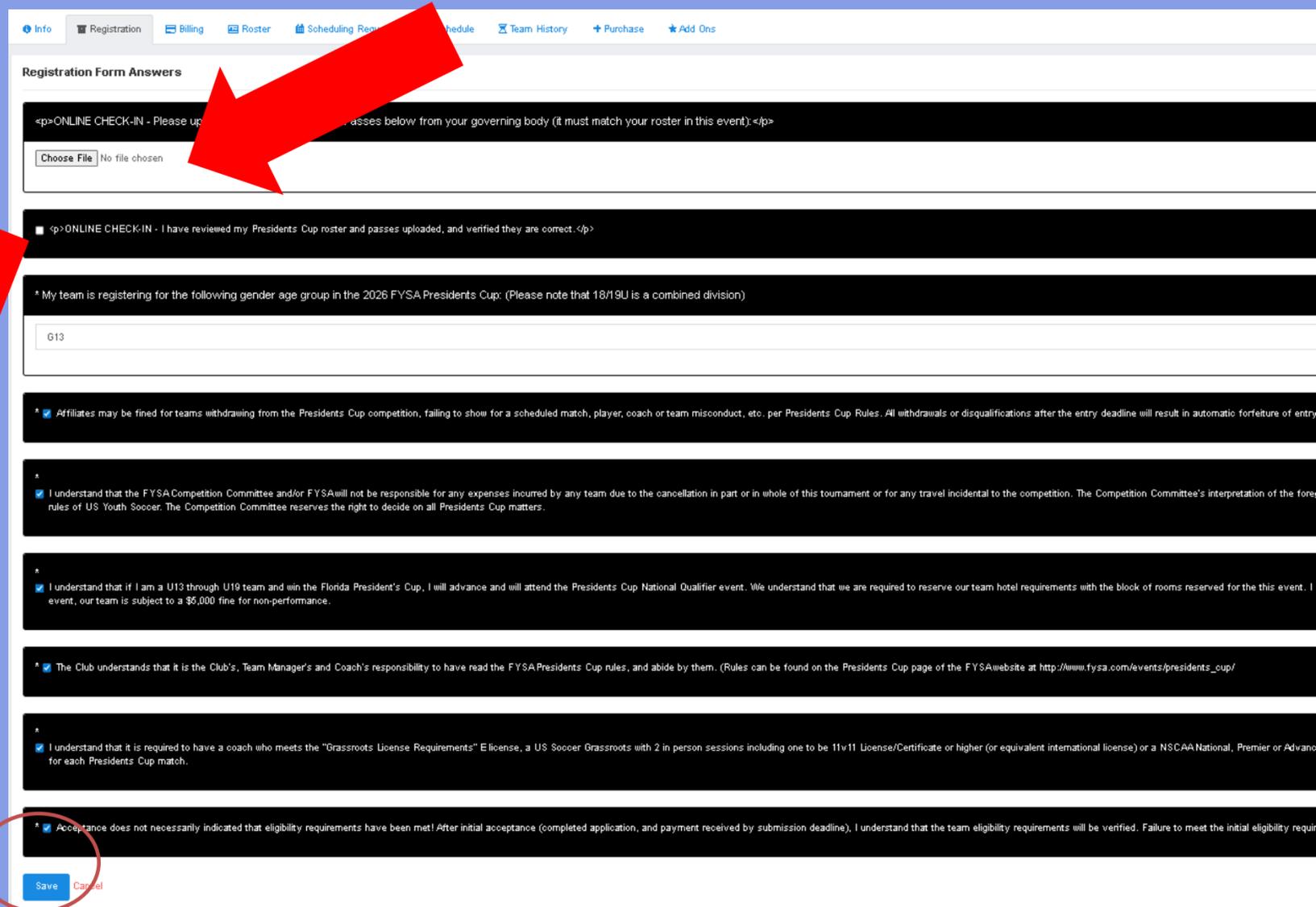
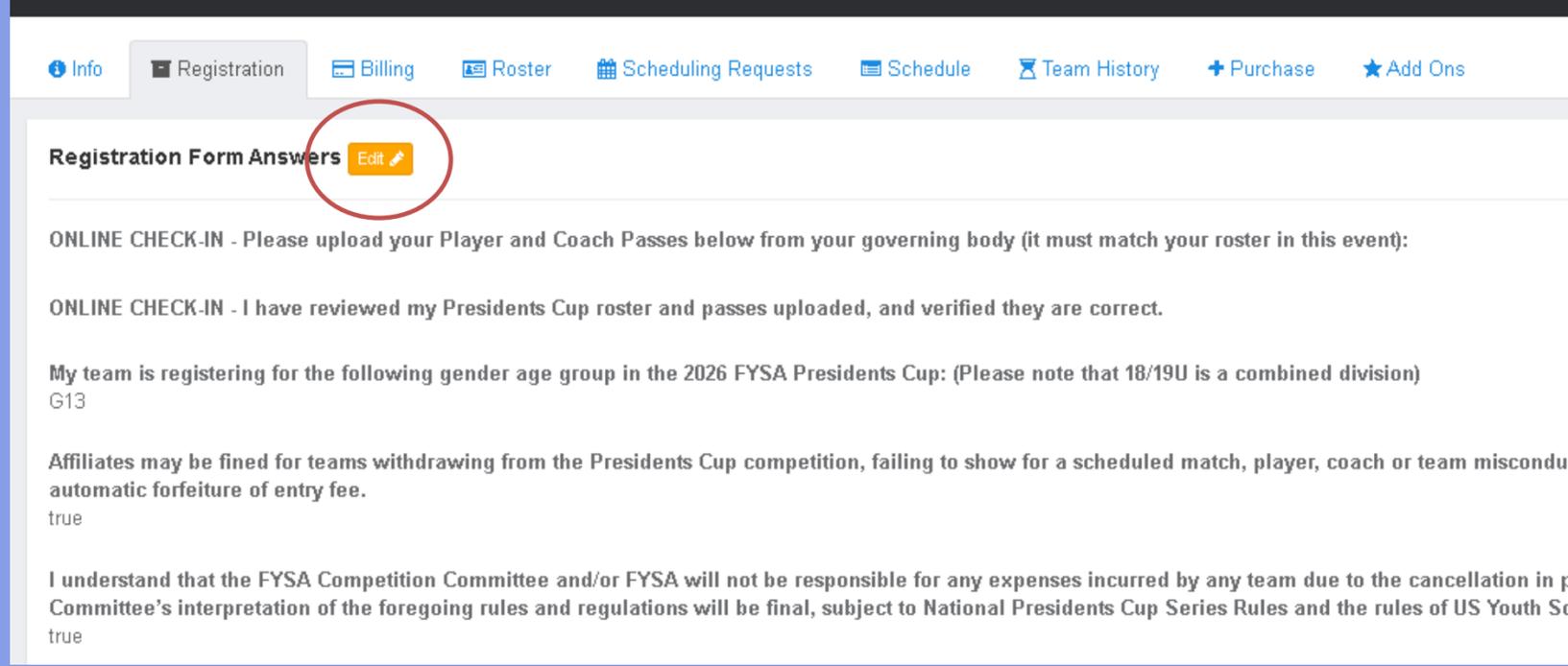
- We have cloned the roster from each team's governing body and unlocked the Presidents Cup/State Cup rosters so that you can make changes as needed in the Cup event by the Roster Freeze.
- Roster Freeze Dates:
 - Presidents Cup & SC Open Cup:
February 11, 2026, at 5pm
 - State Cup Group Play:
March 11, 2026, at 5pm
- For more information on rosters, click here:
 - [Roster Builder Guide](#)



Online Check-In



- Teams must complete the Online Check-In by:
 - Presidents Cup & SC Open Cup: **February 13, 2026**
 - State Cup Group Play: **March 13, 2026**
- Go to your event Team Registration on GotSport and click the “Registration” tab, then click the orange “Edit” button to upload your player/coach passes:
 - Check the box confirming you have verified your Cup roster
 - Upload of Coach/Player Passes
- [Click Here for Online Check-In Instructions](#)



Uniforms

- Teams must communicate uniform colors with each opponent within the GotSport Chat no later than 48 hours before each match.
- Home Team Wears Light Colors (Jersey and Socks)
- Away Team Wears Dark Colors (Jersey and Socks)
- In the event of a color conflict, the team causing the conflict will need to change (Both teams should always bring both Jerseys and Socks sets)





Pre-Game Procedures



Team Check-In

- Teams will check-in at the fields with the referees before every game (no check-in at HQ)
- It is recommended teams arrive at least 1 hour prior to your game at your field
- Each team will pay half of the referee fee in cash before each game (except Semi-Final and Final matches)
- Each team will need to bring the following items:
 - At least one size 5 game ball
 - Player/Coach Passes
 - Game Report (self-schedule match only)

Presidents Cup & State Cup Referee Fees

Referee Fees Per Age Group				
Age Group	Referee	Asst Referee	TOTAL PER TEAM	Required currency
13-14U	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$85.00	20/20/20/20/5
15-16U	\$80.00	\$55.00	\$95.00	20/20/20/20/10/5
17-19U	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$110.00	20/20/20/20/20/10



Post-Game Procedures



Self-Schedule Games

- Once the game is completed, both teams need to sign the Game Report and take a picture of it.
- The team listed as the HOME TEAM is responsible for scanning QR code on top right of the game report to:
 - Enter the final-score on GotSport
 - Enter any Red Cards
 - Upload the picture of the Game Report on GotSport (click 'Save' after uploading)
- If the final-score and/or Game Report are not uploaded within 2 business days, the Home Team will be charged a fine of \$50.00.
- At the conclusion of the match, please make sure that the bench area is cleaned and that all trash is disposed of in a proper manner.

FYSA-Hosted Games

- Once the game is completed, both teams need to sign the Game Report and take a picture of it.
- FYSA will collect all Game Reports and update scores and red cards.
- At the conclusion of the match, please make sure that the bench area is cleaned and that all trash is disposed of in a proper manner.



Sidelines



- **Sidelines Setup:** Teams will take the same sideline of the field while spectators will sit on the opposite side across from their respective team. Spectators are not to cross the respective half of the field and intermingle with the opposition's spectator side.
- Players, managers, coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of The Laws of the Game. FYSA staff and security shall have the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the tournament for abuses of good conduct without warning.
- Technical Staff who cause issues will be carded/ejected from matches.
- Any spectator disruption will result in a fine of at least **\$500** for the club.
- Complaints about referee decisions or judgement calls will not be entertained – any official referee feedback must be sent via email by the coach to FYSA.
- **Spectators must not enter the field of play or team bench sidelines at any point in time.**
- Coaches will be accountable for the behavior of their fans and may be ejected for non-compliance.
- All Coaches are required to remain within their technical area and should remain seated on their respective benches, except to give tactical instructions, or to make substitutions. The use of cell phones from the bench sidelines is prohibited. Violators are subject to dismissal from the match.

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