

STATE CUP 2012 RULES

Governors and Presidents Divisions



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**CALIFORNIA STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION-SOUTH
STATE CUP RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR YOUTH**

1 TITLE

1.1 The Cal South State Cup Championships shall be known as “Sports Authority State Cup” and shall be governed by these rules. There shall be two divisions of State Cup as follow:

1.2 **GOVERNORS:**

Open to all teams (see team eligibility) in the Under 09 through Under 17 age groups playing in a Cal South Sanctioned League in the Bronze division equal or lower.

1.3 **PRESIDENTS:**

Open in the Under 17, 18 and 19 age groups playing in a Cal South Sanctioned League in all play levels

Open in the Under 09 through Under 17 age groups playing in a Cal South Sanctioned League in Silver Elite division or equal or lower. Champions in the Under-13 through Under 17 age groups will represent Cal South in the US Youth Soccer Region IV Presidents Cup Regionals. Cal South teams who win in the boys and girls Under-14 through Under-17 age groups will represent Cal South and Region IV in the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup National Finals

2 Administration

2.1 The Cal-South Board of Directors shall establish a State Cup Committee to manage the National Cup, State Cup, Recreational Cup, and other competitions as directed. The Board of Directors (BOD) reserves the right to any final decision with regard to all Cal South State Tournaments competitions.

2.2 The State Cup Committee shall be under the control and direction of the Director of State Tournaments. The Sub-committee chairs of the State Cup Committee shall be appointed by the Cal South President.

2.3 All State Cup competitions shall be under the jurisdiction, control, and management of the State Cup Committee. The State Cup Committee shall select the dates, times and sites for all games and shall have direct control of all arrangements including referees.

2.4 Each District Commissioner shall appoint a minimum of one representative to the State Cup Committee. There shall be a maximum of three representatives per district. The District Commissioner shall designate the representative authorized to cast the district vote. All sub-committee chairpersons shall have one vote.

2.5 The State Cup Committee shall have the authority to rule on any matter pertaining to this competition. The State Cup Committee shall deal with protests, misconducts, or any other incident arising out of a State Cup game. The Committee may increase automatic minimum game suspensions. The decisions of the Committee are final.

2.6 The State Cup Committee shall have an Executive Committee comprised of the Director, sub-committee chairpersons, and any two (2)-district representatives. Any

Executive Committee member shall excuse himself or herself if they have a conflict of interest in the matters at hand. Its decisions shall be recorded and attached to the next regular State Cup Committee minutes.

- 2.7 The current FIFA Laws of the Game will govern all games as amended by USYS as well as Cal South Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and these competition rules.

3 Team Eligibility

- 3.1 A team entering the State Cup shall meet the following eligibility requirements:
- 3.1.1 The team must have competed in a Cal South approved league for the seasonal year.
 - 3.1.2 The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered players (as defined by the rules of USYS and Cal South). No team may register a player not residing in Cal South to its roster without prior written permission from the Cal South president and the home State or National Association of the player.
 - 3.1.3 The team must be in good standing with Cal South, its league of registration and competition league, if applicable, and must be in compliance with, and has not violated, any of the rules of US Youth Soccer, Cal South and its League of Competition.
 - 3.1.3.1 Any team that withdraws from the Far West Regional League after a schedule is published will not be allowed to participate in Cal South State and/or National Cup for that seasonal year.
 - 3.1.4 The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and State Cup Tournament competitions roster by maintaining a minimum of **nine** players common to the rosters of both; except U 9 and U10 teams must maintain a minimum of 7 players common to rosters of both. Player retention shall be based on the league roster as of November 15th of the current seasonal year.
 - 3.1.5 The team may not release, voluntarily or involuntarily, any player from its roster unless a written request stating the reason for this action has been made to and approved by Cal South on the approved release form. A team may release involuntarily a player from its roster only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:
 - 3.1.5.1 The player has violated rules of the USSF or US Youth Soccer or the affiliation through which the player is registered.
 - 3.1.5.2 The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by the National State Association.
 - 3.1.5.3 The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.
 - 3.1.6 Club Pass - The club will determine when a player is placed on a State Cup Tournament Roster. The Club has the ability to move players from within the Club, on to and off of, a team's State Cup Tournament Roster and NOT have the club's player moves count as one of the 5 transfers players defined in 3.1.6.2 below. **However, if a player transferred from a team not participating in a cup after the cup-tie date, then they cannot be club passed. Example: A player transfers to a Presidents team from a non- participating team after the cup-tie date, because he thinks he**

can then be club passed to a different team, different age group. Players that are transferred after the cup tie date is in effect, CANNOT be club passed. Teams must still meet the Team Continuity rule of 9 players per 3.1.4 above.

- 3.1.6.1 Once a player is rostered to the Team's State Cup Tournament Roster and that team has passed the Roster Freeze date for that team's State Cup Division; the player is NOT allowed to move within his or her club until the player's team is eliminated from the competition and then only for the next level of the competition in Presidents or National Cup regional competitions.
- 3.1.6.2 A team may not roster any player who was previously rostered during the seasonal year to another Club's team unless a written request stating the reason for this action has been made to and approved by Cal South on the approved forms (Release and Transfer). At the time a team names its State Cup Tournament roster it may not have more than 5 previously rostered transfer players from other Club's teams activated on the State Division Tournament Roster.
- 3.1.7 "Rostering" means assignment of a registered player to a team's State Division Tournament Roster.
- 3.1.8 Every team shall have a team roster and will present a game roster for every State Cup game. For under 15 and younger teams, the team roster may not have more than 18 youth players at any given time during the seasonal year. For under 16 and older teams, the roster may have up to 22 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Every team roster shall have a minimum of 7 players on the roster at all times. (US Youth Soccer Policy 205) (Cal South Rule 105) For teams Under-10 or younger, the team must not allow more than fourteen (14) or less than four (4) (Cal South rule 1.3.5.2) on its roster at any given time.
- 3.1.8.1 The team must name its team's Tournament roster for State Cup competition by the roster freeze date. This date depends on the Cup Competition age group, but will be nine (9) days prior to the start of the competition for the particular age group. All changes to team rosters, adds, transfers, etc., including electronically posted changes to tournament entries, team rosters, adds, transfers, etc., made via Internet, **must be posted by 6:00pm on Wednesday, nine (9) days prior to the start of competition** (if competition starts on Saturday), **or 6:00pm on Thursday, nine (9) days prior to the start of competition** (if competition starts on Sunday)
- 3.1.8.2 The team must submit its game roster to the State Cup Committee not later than 60 minutes prior to each scheduled State Cup game. The game roster shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of 7 players, except U9 and U10 shall have a maximum of 14 players and a minimum of 5 players. Every player listed on the game roster must be included on the team roster to be eligible to participate with the team.
- 3.1.9 Teams may enter the National Championship Series in a different age group than they were initially registered for in the current seasonal year as long as every player registered to the team is age appropriate for that competition's age group, except Under-10, which must play Under-10.
- 3.1.10 **Teams must enter State Cup via Internet entry no later than the date set by the Cal South Board of Directors. All entries must be posted electronically by 11:59 pm on this date and paid in full. Acceptance to State Cup after this deadline is at the discretion of the State Cup Committee.**

- 3.1.11 Teams wishing to withdraw (drop) from the competition after applying to a Tournament must have their head coach or team manager notify the Cup Chairman and the State office in writing (e-mail will suffice) of their desire to withdraw (drop). Teams withdrawing prior to the draw, but after the registration deadline, will be assessed \$125.00 administrative fee. Teams withdrawing after the draw date shall forfeit their entry fee and be subject to further disciplinary action including a fine(s).
- 3.1.11 Teams may enter only **one** State Cup Tournament in a seasonal year.
- 3.1.12 Teams on the waiting list have their players Cup-tied as of the date of the draw unless and until the team removes itself from the waiting list by notifying the Cup Chairman and the State office in writing (e-mail will suffice).
- 3.1.13 Teams agree to play, **without complaint**, wherever they are assigned to play within the Cal South geographical area.
- 3.1.14 The signature of the team's representative on the entry form and State Cup Team/Game Roster form acknowledges the team has complied with the above requirements. An electronic entry will be considered to have been signed, the same as a paper entry, once the electronic entry has been posted to Cal South.
- 3.1.15 Changes to team roster, adds, transfers, etc., including electronically posted changes to tournament entries made via Internet, **must be posted by 6:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the draw.**

4 Player Eligibility

- 4.1 Players must be properly registered to their team at the time it names its State Cup Roster for that team.
- 4.2 A player may play for only one team entered in a State Tournament during a seasonal year.
- 4.3 A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.
- 4.4 A player is cup-tied to his/her team once the team has entered a State Tournament and participated in the draw for his/her team's respective age group.
- 4.4.1 A Cup-tied player may transfer to any other team entered but is ineligible to play in a State Tournament for the current seasonal year.
- 4.5 A player whose team withdraws from a State Tournament after the draw is still Cup-tied and may transfer to a team still entered in a State Tournament but is ineligible to play in State Tournament competitions in the current seasonal year.

5 Form of Competition

- 5.1 State Cup competition shall be offered annually in the following age groups for boys and girls: Under-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.
- 5.2 State Cup competition shall be a modified tournament format, with a preliminary round of games from which teams will advance to a single-elimination format with, depending

on the number of teams entered, round of 64, round of 32, round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. Preliminary round games can end in a tie.

- 5.3 For all games beyond the preliminary round, games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will play overtime periods per rule 7.1. Rule 7.2 will govern the determination of a winner if a game goes to overtime.
- 5.4 Teams will be awarded points for games in the preliminary round:
 - 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss
- 5.4.1 Ties in points in the preliminary rounds shall use the following tiebreaker rules in order:
 - 1. The winner in head-to-head competition
 - 2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum differential of 4 per game)
 - 3. Least goals allowed
 - 4. Most goals scored
 - 5. Shut-out wins (forfeits not counting)
 - 6. FIFA kicks from the penalty mark
 - 7. If there is a tie between two or more teams for wild card placement, step 6. will be a coin toss by the State Cup Committee.
 - 8. If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tiebreaker criteria listed shall be used in the order shown until one team is advanced or one team is eliminated, or both. If remaining teams are still tied at this point in the tie-breaking process, they will then be compared beginning again with step 1 until another team is either advanced or eliminated.
- 5.5 Entries into State Cup will be placed into Divisions based on League Level of Play and then into brackets according to the draw described in this rule. Teams on the waiting list or teams entering late may be added to bracket slots after the draw at the discretion of the State Cup Committee.
- 5.5.1 The first year of State Cup Presidents Division (Under-9) and Governors Division all ages, there will be a State blind draw.
- 5.5.2 For the second and each year thereafter follow this draw pattern:
 - 5.5.2.1 In the Under 10 and above age brackets the top 16 teams from the previous years State Cup will be seeded by a seeding sub-committee with approval by the State Cup Committee. If team has changed their club affiliation since last year, or if team has changed their team number or made a change to their name, Cup Committee must be notified of these changes.
 - 5.5.2.2 There will not be two Round-of-16 teams from the previous year placed in the same bracket unless there are fewer than 16 State Cup brackets.
 - 5.5.2.3 If there are fewer than 16 brackets, no two Quarterfinalists from the previous year can be placed in the same bracket until every bracket has a Quarterfinalist.

- 5.5.2.4 The second draw will be a blind draw of the remaining State Cup teams to complete the filling of State Cup brackets, placing each team as they are drawn into the first open position of a State Cup bracket.
- 5.6 If, due to the withdrawal of teams, a preliminary bracket contains three or fewer teams, the State Cup Committee may place remaining teams in different brackets. In addition, the Committee may redraw any age group if withdrawals reduce the total number of teams in that age group competition to a level, which would eliminate the need for one round of competition.
- 5.7 The State Cup Committee may review and amend State Cup Divisions for teams based on League level of play and records for teams appealing to change State Cup Divisions by the entry deadline or for teams determined to be playing above the Division level for which they applied.
- 5.8 Teams shall be notified of schedules a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to their first round of games.

6 Precedence of Games

- 6.1 Cal South State Tournament games shall take precedence over all other Cal South and Far West Regional League sanctioned games.

7 Playing Rules

- 7.1 Duration of game:

AGE GROUP	GAME LENGTH	OVERTIME (Elimination Rounds)	BALL
Under-19	Two 45 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5
Under-18	Two 45 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5
Under-17	Two 45 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5
Under-16	Two 40 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5
Under-15	Two 40 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5
Under-14	Two 35 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 5
Under-13	Two 35 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 5
Under-12	Two 30 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 4
Under-11	Two 30 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 4
Under-10	Two 25 Min. Halves	Two 5 Min. Halves	No. 4
Under-9	Two 25 Min. Halves	Two 5 Min. Halves	No. 4

- 7.2 Elimination round games tied after regulation will have two complete overtime halves added. If the game is still tied after two equal overtime periods, the match is decided by FIFA kicks from the penalty mark, which will immediately follow the overtime. Only players on the field at the conclusion of the overtime periods shall be eligible to participate in FIFA kicks from the penalty mark.
- 7.3 The home team is listed first in the schedule, shall have choice of sides, shall change shirts if the referee decides there is a color conflict, and shall supply the game balls.

- 7.4 Prior to each game, each team must present to the referee the completed game roster form with the **affixed stamp** of the State Cup Committee and the team's Cal South/US Youth Soccer player passes, and Administrator/Coach passes from same league of registration.
- 7.5 Each coach may review the game roster form and player passes of his/her opponent only at the time the game official checks credentials.
- 7.6 A fifteen (15) minute grace period is allowed from the scheduled starting time of the game. In the event both teams are more than fifteen (15) minutes late for the game, both teams will be deemed to have forfeited the game. Seven (7) players and a carded coach constitute a team ready to play. For U9 and U10, five (5) players and a carded coach constitute a team ready to play.
- 7.7 Each team is responsible for one-half of the official's game fees. The correct amount for each team is shown on the State Cup web page. The teams must pay the referee on the field prior to each game; paying in cash is preferable. The State Cup Committee shall pay official game fees for forfeited games.
- 7.8 **Substitutions**
- 7.8.1 Except as provided by US Youth Soccer or Cal South, substitutions shall be unlimited except where specified otherwise in the rules and regulations for a special competition.
- 7.8.2 Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage in play. (US Youth Soccer Rule 302 Cal South Rule 2.9)
- 7.9 Cal South 2.4.2 "**Endorse FIFA Law IV and current USSF guides**"
- FIFA Law IV states, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry)."**
The determination of whether a player may play or not will be made by the referee in accordance with FIFA Law IV.
- 7.10 It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. The coach, manager, and team shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators from their respective teams. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted.
- 7.11 Only credentialed Administrators/Coaches with Cal South/USYS passes from same league of registration for the current seasonal year; may be on the team bench. Only four (4) coaches with a Cal South/USYS pass from same league of registration and listed on the Game Roster form may be in the coaching box during State Cup games. Teams without at least one (1) coach (during the entire game) with a white administrator card from same league of registration shall forfeit the game.
- 7.12 Coaching from the sidelines (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted, in accordance with Cal South Rule 2.9 provided:
- 7.12.1 No mechanical devices are used cell phones included.

- 7.12.2 The tone of the voice is informative and not derogatory.
- 7.12.3 Each coach, substitute, or player remains within 10 yards on either side of the halfway line or midfield line.
- 7.12.4 No coach, substitute, or player makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes, or spectators.
- 7.12.5 No coach, substitute, or player uses profanity.
- 7.12.6 No coach, substitute, or player incites in any manner, disruptive behavior.
- 7.13 Alcohol or illegal drug use, or possession or transportation of a weapon without a valid permit, shall not be permitted at Cal-South State Tournaments events.

7.14 **Birth Documents (USYSA Rule 204)**

- 7.14.1 Original birth documents are not required in State Cup **except** upon request.
- 7.14.2 **Upon request**, State Cup players must show an original proof of age/birth document, which are specified in Cal South Rules and Regulations 1.2.1. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States, a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, a passport, an alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a current driver's license, an unexpired federal, state, or local government identification card (if documentation of date of birth is required), or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. **Hospital, baptismal, or religious certificates will not be accepted.**
 - 7.14.3 Any proof of age/birth document that is not in English must have an English translation attached to the original document, using the Cal South translation form. The translator must add his/her name, address, phone number, and qualifications to translate. No coach of a team or parent of a player may translate for that team or the parent's own child unless they are certified and/or accredited to teach the specific language, i.e. high school teacher, professor of languages at a university or college, a court translator, or anyone recognized as an official translator by a governing body.
- 7.14.4 **All** administrators of a team will be held responsible for the submission of documents as required for all check-ins. (All proof of age documents will comply with Rule 7.14.) The State Cup Committee will not hear any pleas from parents, guardians, or representatives of players with improper documents.
- 7.14.5 During the course of the competition, if the State Cup Committee has questions on the eligibility of any player or team, the committee has the authority to require the team/league to furnish proof of eligibility to participate in the competition. Failure to furnish the requested proof within forty-eight (48) hours may result in the disqualification of a player and/or team from the competition.

7.15 **Medical Release.** Players under the age of 18 may not participate in any State Cup game without a medical release form, with wet signature signed by a parent or guardian, being presented for the player at check-in.

7.16 **INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES (USSA)**

7.16.1 (a) For a player who is at least 17 years of age and comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age, the player must request an international clearance from the Federation.

(b) For a player who is 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16 years of age and comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age, an international clearance is not required. However, the State Association through which the player is registered shall require that—

(1) the player's parent, parents, or legal guardian complete and sign a statement that the player has not signed a professional contract or received money from a profession team for playing soccer; and

(2) the statement be (A) retained by the club or league with which the player is registered, or (B) filed with the State Association.

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(c) The Federation and FIFA have international clearance requirements and procedures for players coming to United States to play soccer, Consult the Federation about these requirements and procedures.

(d) The failure of a player to obtain the clearance or statement provided or to follow the procedures referred to in subsection (a) of this rule does not affect the player's eligibility in regard to any US Youth Soccer program or activity, or any program or activity of a member of US Youth Soccer, unless the Federation provides otherwise.

7.17 **Registration and Check-In**

7.17.1 Preliminary Games Registration. Teams will register with Cal South State Tournament officials prior to the beginning of preliminary games. At registration, the team representative shall present to the officials the following documents:

1. A completed State Cup Team/Game Roster Form, provided by the State Cup Committee; *and*
2. Administrator/coach Cal South/USYS passes from same league of registration, *and*
3. Cal South/USYS player passes for said team for the current seasonal year; *and*
4. The original white medical release forms per 7.17.

7.17.1.1 The date, time, and place of registration shall be determined and published by the State Cup Committee.

- 7.17.1.2 Failure to register at the assigned time and place will cause disciplinary action, which may cause the team's elimination from the current seasonal year's competition and forfeiture of entry fee.
- 7.17.1.3 Teams will check-in with State Cup officials one hour (60 minutes) prior to every game to receive their stamped official game roster form. The team shall have ready for each check-in:
1. Player Cal South/USYS passes from current Fall Season;
 2. Administrator/coach Cal South/USYS passes from same league of registration, and
 3. Medical release forms.
 4. For U16 and older teams the team shall identify up to 18 youth players who will be on their game roster for each game.
- 7.17.1.4 All teams shall check-in with the referee prior to **every** State Cup game and present the player cards and their official game roster form. All administrators/coaches must have at each game and present to the referee prior to each game their Cal South/USYS passes from same league of registration.

7.18 **Player passes, Game Roster Forms, and Uniforms.**

7.18.1 Passes/Cards

7.18.1.1 Each player must present to the referee his or her signed, plastic laminated Cal South/US Youth Soccer player pass for said team. Each administrator/coach must present his/her Cal South/US Youth Soccer pass from same league of registration bearing a recent picture of the identified individual, issued by Cal South for the current seasonal year, prior to competing in a match. It is the responsibility of administrators of a team to obtain Cal South/US Youth Soccer passes before the first State Cup game and that the passes are correctly prepared with, photo, registrar's stamp (on the back side), and fully laminated.

7.18.1.2 **Failure to present a correct pass/card renders the player (s) or administrator(s)/coaches(s) ineligible for the game.**

7.18.2 Game Roster Forms. Team administrators prior to each game shall present to the referee an official State Cup Game Roster form. Each Game Roster Form must be **stamped** in the appropriate box by the State Cup Committee for the Game Roster Form to be authentic.

7.18.3 Uniforms. Each player, ***including the goalkeeper***, must have a number listed on the game roster form and each shall wear a numbered jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player must wear a different numbered jersey. Goalkeepers must wear colors, which distinguish them from other players and game officials.

8 **Game Officials**

8.1 The appointment of game officials shall be the responsibility of the State Youth Referee Administrator, in conjunction with the authority of the State Cup Committee. Officials shall be USSF registered.

- 8.2 Complaints regarding game officials must be in writing and sent to the Referee Disciplinary Committee with copies to the SYRA and Director of State Tournaments.
- 8.3 The State Cup Committee shall be responsible for the fees for all officials in the State Cup finals and forfeited games.
- 8.4 The scale of charges for duly appointed referees shall be as determined by the State Cup Committee.
- 8.5 The referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the field in all matches. In other respects, the duties of the referee and referee assistant are as defined in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 8.6 The referees appointed to officiate in any State Cup game shall be neither a past nor present member nor be related to a member (member to include players, coaches and or administrators) of either of the competing teams. Referees accepting games that violate this rule shall be reported to the referee disciplinary committee for possible disciplinary action.
- 8.7 In the event the referee appointed fails to appear and where assistant referees have been appointed, one of those assistant referees shall assume the responsibilities of the referee.
- 8.8 The referee will give to the site field marshal at the conclusion of the game, all game roster forms from the completed games. The referees shall (a) mark the game roster forms appropriately, (b) complete the Cal South no-show report when one team fails to appear for a game within the required time, (c) complete the referee supplemental report for all red cards given, and (d) turn in the forms required by (b) and (c) to the site administrator from the State Cup Committee.
- 8.9 The referee may show a **RED** card to an ejected coach/administrator.

9 Misconduct and Breaches of the Rules

9.1 **Player Send off/Coach Ejection:**

- 9.1.1 If a player or administrator is ejected from a game, the referee shall give the pass and a supplemental referee report to the field site administrator or a State Cup Committee member. Coaches ejected from the game shall spend the remainder of the game off the site. The game can be suspended until the coach leaves the site.
- 9.1.2 The referee may show a **RED** card to an ejected coach/administrator.
- 9.1.3 Any player ejected from one (1) State Cup game shall be ineligible to participate in his/her team's next **played** Cal South State Tournament game/games (games forfeited to that team do not count as games played). . If a player is advancing to Regional Competition his/her suspension will be served at the Regional Competition. Unserved suspensions will carry forward to the next year's competition where he/she is listed on a State Game Roster.
- 9.1.4 In the case of an administrator/coach ejection, the administrator/coach will be ineligible to participate in any State Cup game for the next two (2) games for the team from which he/she was ejected. If the team from which he/she was ejected is no longer playing in State Cup the administrator/coach will sit out the next two games where he/she is listed on the State Game Roster as an administrator/coach of a team

still competing in State Cup. If an administrator/coach is advancing to Regional Competition his/her suspension will be served at the Regional Competition. Unserved suspensions will carry forward to the next year's competition where he/she is listed on the State Game Roster as an administrator/coach of a team entered in State Cup.

- 9.1.5 Any player or administrator ejected from a second State Cup game shall be ineligible to participate during the balance of the current Cal South State Cup competition. . (Once suspension(s) have been served, they may participate at the Regional level)
- 9.1.6 Suspension from affiliated soccer shall not be assessed without a hearing before the State Cup Committee. The State Cup Committee has the authority to assess more than a one-game suspension without said hearing.
- 9.1.7 An ejection is not subject to protest.
- 9.1.8 The committee may increase automatic game suspension(s).

9.2 **Suspension Guidelines for Players**

- 9.2.1 The State Cup Committee shall act on all disciplinary matters and shall have discretionary powers in determining disciplinary action applied to team personnel and players. Game suspensions listed below are to be regarded as minimums for the charged offenses. Depending on the findings of the State Cup Committee, penalties may be increased according to the gravity of the infringements. When sent off the field of play and shown the red card for infringement of the Laws of the Game, players and substitutes shall be disciplined by additional game suspensions as follows:

9.2.1.1 **Serious Foul Play**

Examples include, but are not limited to, intentionally impeding an opponent, denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity; denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by handling the ball. **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.**

Examples include, but are not limited to, tripping, holding, unlawfully charging or pushing an opponent denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity; intentionally tripping, holding, pushing, unlawfully charging or tackling an opponent from behind or charging in a dangerous and violent manner. **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.**

9.2.1.2 **Foul and Abusive Language**

Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to, words uttered in frustration and, in the referee's opinion, loud enough to be heard outside the field of play; words or actions directed towards any person. **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.**

9.2.1.3 **Second Cautionable Offense**

Second yellow card after a previous yellow card. **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.**

9.2.1.4 **Violent Conduct**

Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to:

Spitting, or other unseemly act, on another person; kicking, striking or attempting to strike another person. **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of two (2) games.**

Pushing in an act of aggression, kicking, spitting on, striking, or attempting to strike a referee, assistant referee, or fourth official. **All age groups: Suspend from the balance of Cal South State Cup competition in the current year and the next year's Cal South Cup competition with review by the Cal South Protest, Appeals, and Disciplinary Committee or Board of Directors regarding further disciplinary action.**

- 9.2.1.5 Any player, substitute, or team official who refuses the referee's request for his/her name or gives a false name while the referee is gathering data to report on an infringement of the Laws of the Game involving him/her, shall have one game added to the suspension that would normally be levied by the State Cup Committee.
- 9.3 **Ejected Coaches:** During the game suspension(s), there can be **NO** contact of any kind or by any means between the team and the coach from 30 minutes before the game until the conclusion of the game. Additionally, the coach must not be involved in unacceptable conduct (defined to include coaching his/her players or harassment of opponents/players). The State Cup Committee has the authority to ban an ejected coach from more than one State Cup game.
- 9.4 Any team found guilty of using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the State Cup/National Championships competitions in the current seasonal year. Any coach, manager, or official found guilty of knowingly using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the State Cup/National Championships competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year. A player found guilty of submitting falsified birth information is prohibited from competing further in State Cup/National Championships competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year.
 - 9.4.1 A player who is sent-off from any championship game is prohibited from participating in the next immediately following championship game played by the player's team. A player may receive more than a one-game suspension.
 - 9.4.2 Coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained in this policy, including cautions, ejections, and standard suspension. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, are also subject to the jurisdiction and authority of US Youth Soccer. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.
- 9.5 Coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained herein, including cautions, ejections, and standard suspensions.
 - 9.5.1 Other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, shall also be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of Cal South.
 - 9.5.2 The coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual(s) at any match that in the opinion of the referee is a supporter of that team.
- 9.6 Administrators and players who are ejected in their last Cal South State Cup game and do not sit out their automatic suspension(s) in one seasonal year, shall have the

suspension(s) carried forward to the State Cup Tournament in subsequent seasonal year.

10 Protests

- 10.1 The State Cup Committee shall have the authority to rule on any matter pertaining to this competition.
- 10.1.1 The State Cup Committee shall deal with protests, misconduct, or any other incident arising from a State Cup game.
- 10.1.2 The State Cup Committee has the authority to assess suspensions for more than one game.
- 10.2 The decisions of the State Cup Committee *are final*.
- 10.3 Filing a protest shall not stay the State Cup competitions.
- 10.4 Protests based on violations of the rules and regulations are eligible to be considered by the State Cup Committee. Protests based on referee judgment calls as defined by the FIFA Laws of the Game are not eligible for protest.
- 10.5 Filing a protest:
 - 10.5.1 A written copy of the protest, citing the rule that has been violated, must be delivered to any State Cup Committee representative no later than two (2) hours following the conclusion of the game in which the violation occurred.
 - 10.5.2 The written protest must be accompanied by a one hundred dollar (\$100) fee, in the form of cash, money order, or cashiers check.
 - 10.5.3 The protest fee shall be returned if the protest is upheld. The protest fee shall not be returned if the protest is heard and denied.

11 Forfeits for Failure to Compete

- 11.1 Teams wishing to withdraw (drop) from the competition after applying to a Tournament must have their head coach or team manager notify the Cup Chairman and the State office in writing (e-mail will suffice) of their desire to withdraw (drop). Teams withdrawing prior to the draw will have their entry fee if paid returned. Teams withdrawing after the draw date shall forfeit their entry fee and be subject to further disciplinary action including a fine(s).
- 11.1.1 Teams failing to appear for a scheduled game without notifying the State Cup Committee at least 24 hours prior to team registration will also be assessed a \$500 fine.

12 Forfeits generally

- 12.1 Any team found guilty of violating any of the rules of this competition or of Cal South shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include disqualification from the tournament and forfeiture of one or more games. Forfeited games in the competition shall not be replayed.

- 12.2 Teams forfeiting any game in the preliminary round shall be eliminated from this seasonal year's competition. Recording of all preliminary forfeited games will be scored 0-0 with a forfeit (**F**) noted for the forfeiting team for all games scheduled and or played in the preliminary round. Any cards, yellow or red given in forfeited games stand. For placement of wildcards the Adjusted Game Scoring is used to fill in points for unplayed and forfeited games at the end of bracket play. Each unplayed forfeited game is awarded the average points per played preliminary round game for that team. ***(Forfeit one, forfeit all in preliminary rounds.)***

13 Suspension of game

- 13.1 If the game is suspended prior to the commencement of the second half, the game shall be replayed in its entirety.
- 13.2 If the game is suspended during the second half, the game shall be considered a full game, unless there was a purposeful misconduct or misuse of this regulation.
- 13.3 If overtime periods are required and the game is suspended prior to or during an overtime period, both overtime periods shall be played on a suitable date.
- 13.4 If the suspended game is a preliminary round match, the decision to replay the match shall be at the discretion of the State Cup Committee if the match has no effect on the outcome of either team advancing to the next round.
- 13.5 If a game is stopped or suspended due to misconduct, the State Cup Committee shall decide whether or not the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit or let stand, after making a determination as to which team or if both teams are adjudged at fault.

14 Suspension of Game due to weather or unforeseen events

- 14.1 In the event of inclement weather, the teams shall assume that the game will be played unless official notification is given.
- 14.2 The State Cup Committee, in an effort to provide the two preliminary games on one day, may arrange for an alternate field site on the day of play. In the case of bad weather, teams shall be notified at the earliest opportunity, which may be the morning of play. Providing the authority that has control of the field in question has not refused permission to use the field, the referee shall have the sole authority to decide whether a game shall be played or suspended due to inclement weather.

15 Game Termination due to misconduct

- 15.1 Should a game be terminated, it shall be the State Cup Committee's responsibility to review the referee report on the termination and determine if the game is to be recorded a forfeit, if the game is to be replayed, or let game stand, or if one or both teams are to be disqualified from the competition.

16 Appeals

- 16.1 The decisions of the State Cup Committee may be appealed to the Cal South Protest, Appeals, and Disciplinary Committee. Contact your District Commissioner or the Cal

South office for the proper procedures. All decisions of the Cal South Protest, Appeals, and Disciplinary Committee are final and as such no further appeals will be heard.

16.2 Filing an appeal shall not stay the State Cup competition.

17 Appendix: Definitions

Except as otherwise provided, the following definitions apply to this policy:

add - the addition of a player to a team's roster.

Board of Directors - the Board of Directors of Cal South.

Cal South - California Youth Soccer Association-South

Club Pass – A rule providing clubs and coaches with the flexibility to move players from team to team in their own club as necessary for State Division competitions based on player development and team needs. Club Pass player moves do not count as part of the maximum 5 allowed player transfers and only affect the Team's Tournament Roster

Eligibility to play - registered and not Under-suspension.

Federation – the United States Soccer Federation, Inc.

Involuntary release - the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of team authorities.

Referee Committee - the Cal South Referee Committee.

Registration - the signing of intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of USYSA.

Rostering - assignment of a registered player to a team's tournament roster.

Team Roster – means a list of registered players eligible to play for a team.

Game Roster – means the list of players who will participate in a particular game.

Suspension –the temporary withdrawal of rights and privilege, such as the right to play, coach, or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in soccer, and the suspension is for the entire term of the suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.

Team - a group of soccer players playing on the same side in soccer games.

USYS - the United States Youth Soccer Inc.

Voluntary release - the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of the player.

Youth player - an individual who has not reached 19 years of age prior to August 1 immediately before the start of any seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during a seasonal year is allowed to complete that seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during August of one seasonal year shall be allowed to complete all of the next seasonal year.

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