

Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Cup FAQs

1. How much are the Cups? How much is the application fee?



NCS (National Championship Series) = \$260.00*



Presidents Cup = \$235.00*



Turkey Hill Challenge Cup = \$225.00*

* = Fee does not include referee fees. Referee fees are split between opponents according to the current referee fee schedule (See #10). All Championship Final referee fees for all Cups are paid for by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer.

2. When are the Cups held?

March -May

U9 - U18 Boys and Girls Turkey Hill Challenge Cup

U12 - U17/U18 Boys and Girls Presidents Cup

U12 - U17 Boys and Girls NCS (National Championship Series)

May – June

U18 and U19/U20 NCS Boys and NCS Girls

3. Can I use Secondary Players, Guest Players or Club Pass Players in The Cups?

Use of Secondary Players, Guest Players or Club Pass Players in The Cups is strictly forbidden. The novelty of the Cups is the fact that all rosters are 'pure'. All non-Primary Players should be removed (minimally ~~erossed~~ ~~eff~~) from Cup rosters and lineups. Lineups printed from GroupNet through your Eastern PA Youth Soccer ID should only print eligible Primary Players.

4. What does “NCS” stand for?

NCS = National Championship Series

5. When is the Cup application deadline?

The application deadline for the 2017 Cups is as follows:

Tuesday, February 21st, 2017 – 4:00 PM EDT (Plymouth Meeting, PA)

- U9 - U18 Turkey Hill Challenge Cup Boys and Girls
- U12 - U17/U18 Presidents Cup Boys and Girls
- U12 – U17 – NCS Boys and Girls

Tuesday, April 25th, 2017 – 4:00 PM EDT (Plymouth Meeting, PA)

- U18 and U19/U20 Boys and Girls

For more information, go to:

www.epysa.org

or

http://www.epysa.org/cups/eastern_pennsylvania_state_cup_ncs/important_dates/

6. Do I HAVE TO use my US Youth Soccer/Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Player Passes / Coach Passes, lineups rosters?

Yes. Use of non-US Youth Soccer / non-Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer rosters, player passes, coach passes or lineups is strictly forbidden. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer is not affiliated with USClubSoccer, SAYSoccer, GotSoccer, EDP etc. Never use player passes, coach passes, rosters or lineups that are not affiliated with Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer in the Turkey Hill Challenge Cup, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Presidents Cup or Eastern PA Youth Soccer State Cup (NCS).

7. When is the Roster Freeze for 2017?

- **U9 - U18 Turkey Hill Challenge Cup Boys and Girls** – Roster Freeze is 15-March-2017 (4:00 PM EDT)
- **U12 - U17/U18 Presidents Cup Boys and Girls** – Roster Freeze is 15-March-2017 (4:00 PM EDT)
- **U12 - U17 NCS Boys and Girls** – Roster Freeze is 15-March-2017 (4:00 PM EDT)
- **U18 and U19/U20 NCS Boys and Girls** – Roster Freeze is 6-May-2017 (4:00 PM EDT)

8. Can my team “play up” in Cups?

U8 Boys and Girls Teams playing in any divisions of approved leagues are not U9 Cup-eligible. To be eligible and to play in the U9 Cup, there must be nine (9) age-pure U9 players on the original league approved roster.

U10 Boys and Girls Teams playing in any divisions of approved leagues are not U11 Cup-eligible. To be eligible and to play in the U11 Cup, there must be nine (9) age-pure U9 players on the original league approved roster.

U12 Boys and Girls Teams playing in any divisions of approved leagues are not U13 cup-eligible. To be eligible and to play in the U13 Cup there must be nine (9) age-pure U13 players on the original league approved roster.

U13 – U18 Boys and Girls Teams may “play up” in the Cups.

9. How many GotSoccer Points do I get for the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Cups?

Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer is not affiliated with GotSoccer or GotSoccer points. You will have to reach out directly to that organization for clarification. Please do not contact this office regarding GotSoccer or GotSoccer points.

10. What is the format of the Cups?

NCS – Single elimination format. Age group Champions and Wild Cards, if any, will advance to the Regional Championships. State Champions Wild Cards are required to attend the Regionals. Teams that elect not to participate will be fined.

2017 NCS State Cup Age Group Wild Cards (will go to Regional Championships this year):

- U13 Girls

- U16 Boys

Presidents Cup - The Presidents Cup will be a World Cup format event for all ages. Games will be played at Home/Away fields. An age group requires four (4) teams for competition to be offered. If less than four (4) teams enter, combined age groups may be created at the discretion of the Cup Commissioner. The winners of the World Cup format brackets will advance to the appropriate single-elimination bracket (i.e. divisional playoffs, quarter-finals, semi-finals, etc.). Age group Champions and Wild Cards, if any, will advance to the Regional Presidents Cup. Presidents Cup Champions and State Wild Cards are required to attend the Regionals Presidents Cup. Teams that elect not to participate will be fined.

2017 Presidents Cup Age Group Wild Cards (will go to Regional Presidents Cup):

- U12 Boys

- U13 Girls

- U14 Boys (Awarded on 10-April-2017)

- U15 Boys

Turkey Hill Challenge Cup - The Eastern Pennsylvania Turkey Hill Challenge Cup will be a World Cup format event for all ages. Games will be played at home/away fields. An age group requires four (4) teams for competition to be offered. If less than four (4) teams enter, combined age groups may be created at the discretion of the Cup Commissioner. The winners of the World Cup format brackets will advance to the appropriate single-elimination bracket (i.e. divisional playoffs, quarter-finals, semi-finals, etc.). Brackets will consist of 3, 4 or five teams. You are not *guaranteed* three games but most teams will get at least three games.

There are no Regionals for the Turkey Hill Challenge Cup, however, we are hoping to hold a cross competition with the respective winners of New Jersey Commissioners Cup (their equivalent of our Challenge Cup) in June in the coming years. This will not take place in the 2017 Cups. Teams winning the Turkey Hill Challenge Cup and Wild Cards, if any, will be required to participate.

11. Will my team play on Saturdays or Sundays?

In The Presidents Cup and the Turkey Hill Challenge Cup, teams aged U14 and younger will typically be scheduled (by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer) to play Saturday Cup games*. At the team's discretion by mutual team consent, teams may agree to play on any day of the week prior to their scheduled Cup match.

In the Presidents Cup and the Turkey Hill Challenge Cup, teams aged U15 and older will be typically scheduled (by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer) to play Sunday Cup games*. At the team's discretion by mutual team consent, teams may agree to play on any day of the week prior to their scheduled Cup match.

NCS teams are typically scheduled the same way (U12-U14 Saturdays and U15-U19 Sundays), however, NCS teams are expected to play their games on (or before) the weekend they are scheduled by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer unless they get permission of the Tournament Cup Commissioner (Dave Ash) or Cup Competition Director (Frank Olszewski) in writing a week in advance of their scheduled match stipulating that the teams agree to play their game on a non-weekend date. Any match not played before the next scheduled match will result in a Double Forfeit.

Note: Weather-related scenarios or playoffs etc. could alter the above.

* = All Cup Finals will be scheduled by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer at their discretion and may not follow the above. Please plan accordingly, as Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer cannot honor schedule requests for the Finals. Playoff games may be scheduled Saturdays or Sundays – or both.

See #23 for Presidents Cup and Challenge Cup considerations.

12. Can we play on a different day than we are scheduled?

Yes. You may always play a game PRIOR to the scheduled match date as long as both teams agree to the change. See the rules for the specific instructions on How To Change a Game Date. It is also reasonable to play on a Sunday if you are scheduled for a Saturday game (same weekend). See #23 for Presidents Cup and Challenge Cup considerations.

13. I have 22 players on my roster (expanded roster). Can all of them play on Game Day?

No. Only up to 18 players may play on Game Day. You must decide which 18 players will be eligible for the game. Only the 18 players eligible for the game are to appear on your lineup that you present to the referee and opponent. Players designated as 'not playing' **may not** dress in their team uniform – they must dress in street clothes. However, the players designated as 'not playing' may sit with their team in the team area/bench. Should an injury occur to one of the 18 players designated as eligible for the game, ineligible players **may not** dress for the game and 'become eligible'. Once made ineligible from the lineup, a player may not participate in that game. Ineligible players are still subject to the Laws of the Game and may receive yellow/red cards, however.

14. What are the referee fees for the Cups?

Referee Fees 2016 - 2017

Fees are effective 9/1/2016 through 8/31/2017

Ages	Ref	AR	AR	Total
U9/U10	\$34.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$72.00
U11/U12	\$43.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$105.00
U13/U14	\$49.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$119.00
U15/U16	\$57.00	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$135.00
U17/U19	\$64.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$154.00

Each team pays HALF of the total referee fees for each game EXCEPT for the Cup Finals. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer pays ALL CUP FINAL FEES.

If less than 3 referees are present at the game, teams only pay the fee for each official present and only for their assigned role in the game. If a referee not assigned to the game fills in for a missing official they are to be paid for the role that they fulfill for the game.

You only pay referees that show up to your game (3-Man System). If one of the Assistant Referees does not show up, the teams keep that portion of the referee payment. If there are only two referees present from a 3-Man Crew, the referees will not officiate in a '2-Man' configuration (such as PIAA), they will officiate as a Middle Referee and an Assistant Referee. The referee at his/her discretion may request a Club AR but the Club AR has no true authority and are only providing secondary assistance to the Middle Referee. The Club AR is not required to be paid.

If a Middle Referee is running a 1-Man System, he/she may request Club Linesmen, however, the Club Linesmen are merely responsible to signal 'out of bounds' only – no direction, or possession indication or offsides. Club Linesmen have no authority and are only providing secondary assistance to the Middle Referee.

If the referee (one referee) shows up late but within the first half he/she should still be paid the full referee fee. If the referee gets there at halftime pay the referee ½ of the total fee. If a non-referee officiates a game through halftime or completely through a game, the teams may decide if they wish to pay that individual or not. Teams are not required to pay non-licensed referees.

If a referee is not notified in adequate time of a change of venue, time change or a cancellation due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, the Middle Referee – or Middle Referee and Assistant Referees are to be paid the full fee by the HOME TEAM. If a team shows for a game and the opposing team forfeits by a no-show, the team that shows does not pay the referee any fee. The referee will receive the fee at a later date

If a game is canceled by the referee at the field site prior to the start of the game for unplayable conditions, each team pays the referee one-half (1/2) the regular fee.

Once the game has started, if the game must be called (abandoned) due to weather, field conditions or other Force Majeure, the entire fee must be paid.

If a team shows for a game and the opposing team forfeits by a no-show, the team that shows does not pay the referee any fee. The referee will receive the fee at a later date from the team that forfeited (No Show).

15. What ages play in each Cup competition?

NCS = U12 (9v9 only) and U13-U19/U20 (11v11)

Presidents Cup = U12 (9v9 only) and U13-U17/U18

Turkey Hill Challenge Cup = U9-U10 (7v7), U11-U12 (9v9 only) and U13-U18

U9 –U11 have two Competition Levels – “A” = Most Competitive and “B” = Competitive

For the 2016/2017 Season, **The President Cup** will have the same U12-U17 Age Groups, as before, however, the “17U/18U” age group replaces the pure “U17” Age Group designation. This is being done to offset players affected by the new US Soccer birth year mandate as part of their Player Development Initiatives and, as such, will be for the 2016-2017 season only. For the 2016-2017 Cup season the eligible Presidents Cup age groups will be the following:

U12 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2005 (Maximum roster size of 16)
U13 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2004 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U14 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2003 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U15 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2002 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U16 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2001 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U17/U18 - Born on/after Aug 1, 1999 (Maximum roster size of 22)

Similarly, for the 2016/2017 Season, **The National Championship Series (State Cup)** will have the same U12-U19, as before, however the “19U/20U” age group replaces the pure “U19” Age Group designation. This is being done to offset players affected by the new US Soccer birth year mandate as part of their Player Development Initiatives and, as such, will be for the 2016-2017 season only. For the 2016/2017 Cup season the National Championship Series (NCS) ages will be the following:

U12 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2005 (Maximum roster size of 16)
U13 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2004 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U14 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2003 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U15 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2002 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U16 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2001 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U17 - Born on/after Jan 1, 2000 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U18 - Born on/after Jan 1, 1999 (Maximum roster size of 22)
U19/U20 - Born on/after Aug 1, 1997 (Maximum roster size of 22)

16. Where are Semi Finals held?

Semi Finals are played at the Home Team's field (as per the schedule). Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer does not host Semi Finals – only the Finals.

17. Where are The Finals held?

NCS = United Sports - 1426 Marshallton-Thorndale Rd, Downingtown, PA 19335

Presidents Cup = Lehigh County Fields Complex – 466 Parkway Road, Allentown, PA 18104

Turkey Hill Challenge Cup = United Sports – 1426 Marshallton-Thorndale Rd, Downingtown, PA 19335

June NCS (U18 and U19 Boys and Girls) = TBA

18. How are the teams Seeded/Drawn?

NCS = The top 2 or 4 teams are seeded based on previous Cup results, the number of entrants, (for 12's and 13's current year results would be included) and Coaches Poll – If ten or less teams are included in The Draw, 2 teams will be seeded, if more than ten teams are included in The Draw, 4 teams are seeded. The rest of the field is a Blind Draw.

Presidents Cup = Blind Draw into Groups. World Cup Format with single elimination playoffs.

Turkey Hill Challenge Cup = Blind Draw into Groups. World Cup Format with single elimination playoffs.

19. Who reports the score of Cup games?

The Coach or Designee of the WINNING TEAM (or in the case of a tie – THE HOME TEAM) inputs the score for the Cup match by computer by 7:00 PM the day of the game. You must be logged in to your Team Account on Sinc to input scores. If the game is a night game (AFTER 5:00 pm) the deadline to report the score is by 11:00 PM of the same day. If you report the score incorrectly and cannot fix it, please reach out to Frank Olszewski at FOlszewski@epysa.org.

20. Do I assign referees or contact my referee assignor to get our Cup game officiated?

You **DO NOT ASSIGN** your own referees. All referees are assigned through Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer's certified assignors. After you agree to your game time and field with your opponent, the Home Team schedules the game by 12:00 PM on the Tuesday leading up to that weekend's Cup game. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer assigns the referee for you. Again, you do not assign your own referees.

21. How are Home and Away games determined?

NCS - In the first round of single elimination play, the top team in the bracket and all seeded teams will play at Home. In the subsequent rounds the Home or Away Team is determined thusly:

If Team A played Home in their previous game and Team B played Away, Team A will play at AWAY.

If Team A played Away in their previous game and Team B Played at Home, Team A will play at HOME.

If BOTH TEAMS PLAYED AT HOME – A Coin Flip will be conducted by The Cup Committee or Designee to determine which team plays HOME.

If BOTH TEAMS PLAYED AWAY – A Coin Flip will be conducted by The Cup Committee or Designee to determine which team plays HOME.

Coin Flips are conducted at the state office when a determination is made that they are needed. The state office will notify both teams of the coin flip result. This system including the coin flips are used to give teams a fair opportunity to host NCS matches. However, it is still possible to play an entire NCS Cup without ever having hosted a Home Game.

Presidents Cup – Home and Away games are randomly assigned prior to the Cup Draw. HOME and AWAY games are already determined. You will be scheduled to play at least 1 Home game and scheduled to play at least 1 Away Game.

Turkey Hill Challenge Cup - Home and Away games are randomly assigned prior to the Cup Draw. HOME and AWAY games are already determined. You will be scheduled to play at least 1 Home game and scheduled to play at least 1 Away Game.

22. Am I guaranteed THREE (3) games?

Unlike the Indoor Cup where you ARE guaranteed three games, you **ARE NOT guaranteed three games in the any of the outdoor Cups** – however, in the Presidents Cup and the Challenge Cup a World Cup Format (Group Play) exists and that assures most teams will play at least three (3) games.

Presidents Cup and Challenge Cup teams are arranged into groups through a Blind Draw into Three, Four or Five team Groups. The majority of Groups are FOUR TEAM (4) Groups. Some Groups are THREE TEAM (3 Groups) due to the number of teams that applied and other factors. Even FIVE TEAM (5) Groups exist – guaranteeing you at least four Group Games. As a general rule, in the Group Play Stage, the ONLY thing that you are guaranteed (in the Presidents Cup and the Challenge Cup) is that you will HOST one game and you will play AWAY at least one game. In Group Play in The Presidents Cup and the Turkey Hill Challenge Cup, tie games stand – no penalty kicks to determine winners of the Group Games – unless there is a single game playoff to determine the Group Winner.

The NCS is a single-elimination competition and there must be a winner to EVERY match. Penalty kicks will ultimately determine the winner of a game tied through regulation and overtime.

Note: If a team forfeits or withdraws from competition or is removed for violation, your HOME GAME could be a forfeit. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer is not responsible for your loss of a HOME GAME / Group Game. We apologize for any inconvenience.

23. I have access to a great field through a personal contact. May we play our Home game at this field even though it is technically not our Home Field?

Yes. You may play your Home game at a neutral site, however, your team would be responsible for any fees for field rental/lights/permits that you might need. Your opponent is not obligated to split the field rental fees with you however.

24. What is the NCS Cup Draw?

The NCS Cup Draw is a public meeting where the NCS seeded teams are determined. Separate Draws are held for the spring (May) Cups and the June Cups.

For the 2017 NCS (U12-U17) Cups a Blind Draw will be conducted in response to the Player Development Initiatives change to birth year registration. Seeding is expected to resume in 2018.

A final decision regarding seeding in the U18 – U19 NCS has not been reached. The Cup Committee will determine the best course of action and notify participants in May 2017.

25. Is there a Draw for the Presidents Cup or Turkey Hill Challenge Cup?

Yes. A Blind Draw is conducted for both the Presidents Cup and Turkey Hill Challenge Cup. Once completed, you may view The Draws at www.epysa.org/Cups.

26. My team will be participating in the Jefferson Cup/Baltimore Mania Tournament in late March. Will the Cups conflict with our participation in the tournament?

As a rule, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer does not schedule Cup game around soccer tournaments, League games, ECNL or USClubsoccer or other non-US Youth Soccer events. You play those events at your own risk. The Cup Committee will not schedule around tournaments. All Challenge Cup and Presidents Cup Group Games must be played prior to your Age Group Divisional playoffs.

27. Most of my team plays lacrosse on Saturdays. Can I move my Challenge Cup or Presidents Cup match to Sunday?

While we do not schedule games around external conflicts such as other tournaments, injuries, vacations, spring break, family events or other sporting events. We would not expect to automatically reschedule a game based on any of those criteria. The Presidents Cup and the Challenge Cup typically play a round robin format. During that phase of the competition the rules do allow teams to agree to play a game on a date after the originally scheduled game date as long as both team agree to the reschedule. The key provisions are that (1) both teams must agree in writing in advance of the scheduled game date (5 days minimum) and (2) the game must be played before the scheduled playoff rounds. If the game is not played by that time it will be counted as a Double Forfeit.

Once the draw is completed and the schedule posted with the rules, you have the opportunity to exercise our game change rules to address your particular situation.

NCS matches are to be played on the weekend they are scheduled unless permission to move the game is granted by the Cup Commissioner (Dave Ash) or the Competition Director (Frank Olszewski). Permission must be requested a week in advance of the game in question.

28. Most of my players will be on their school spring break. Can I move the Cup game so that they can play?

Yes. See #23 for Presidents Cup or Challenge Cup considerations.

29. What are the Cup Eligibility rules?

I. Eligibility

1. This competition is governed by the United States Youth Soccer Association National Championship Rules. In the event that an issue arises that is not specifically covered by these Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup (NCS) rules, then the USYS NCS rules shall be used to resolve the issue.
2. Only Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer affiliated teams will be accepted into the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup. The team roster must consist of at least 50% of players that reside in Eastern Pennsylvania.
3. Teams may enter only one (1) cup competition. Players may play for only one team and in only one cup competition--the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup (NCS), the Presidents Cup, or the EPYSA Turkey Hill Challenge Cup.
4. Teams applying for cup competition must compete in a minimum four (4) team approved league during the current seasonal year affiliated with Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer, the US Youth Soccer Regional League or the US Youth Soccer National League, or with Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer's permission in another State Association. The league competition must consist of a minimum of one game against each of three (3) different teams participating in the league. For teams playing in late winter or spring leagues, the team must have played at least one (1) league game prior to the start of the cup competition.
5. All cup team rosters are restricted to the official team roster approved in the state online registration system. All roster changes must be executed and dated by an approved League Registrar by the Roster Freeze Date applicable for their age group and Cup competition. After the Roster Freeze date no roster may be altered for spring league play by any team competing in the Cup competitions until their cup competition is completed or the team in question is eliminated.
 - 5.1 The maximum number of players permitted on a roster at any one time is sixteen (16) for U9-U10 teams. Teams are permitted five (5) transferred players from their original league roster
 - 5.2 The maximum number of players permitted on a roster at any one time is eighteen (18) for U11-U12 teams. Teams are permitted five (5) transferred players from their original league roster.
 - 5.3 The maximum number of players permitted on a roster at any one time is twenty-two (22) for U13 - U19 teams. Teams are permitted five (5) transferred players on their original league roster.

Due to US Soccer's delay in posting maximum roster sizes for U12 teams participating in Regional events, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer and some other State Associations adopted State-approved maximum roster sizes (U12 = 18 max roster size). When US Soccer did announce the maximum roster size for U12 Presidents Cup and U12 NCS rosters, US Soccer elected to choose 16 players as their roster maximum size. For U12 teams that qualify for the Regional Presidents Cup (The Presidents Cup) and the U12 teams that qualify for the Regional Championships (National Championship Series or State Cup), Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer is awaiting a decision from US Youth Soccer as to how they will handle roster sizes of 18 when they have announced that Regional Championships will have maximum roster sizes of 16. We do not have confirmation as to whether they will deem 2 players 'ineligible' or will they allow State Associations that have maximum roster sizes of 18 to name different game day roster of 16 players throughout the Regional Event. When we know, we will make an announcement about this issue.

6. For Region 1 Premier League teams that will participate in the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup (NCS) May and June Cups competition, their roster for the EPYSA Cup play will freeze at noon the Wednesday before the first game scheduled in a team's Premier League age group or the EPYSA roster freeze date for their playing dates, whichever comes first. No changes may be made to their roster until they complete their League play and EPYSA NCS play and are eliminated from eligibility for advancement to USYS NCS Region 1 competition. Also please note that any players released from a team in the Premier League after the appropriate freeze date, are also considered 'frozen' and cannot be added to another team's USYS National Championship Series roster, Presidents Cup roster, or Challenge Cup roster in this seasonal year.

For teams that are using the 'Regional Leagues' to qualify for state cups, rosters freeze on the spring roster freeze date (See "Important Dates" on www.epysa.org) for entrants in the Spring State Cup Competition. Roster Regional League Teams playing in the June State Cup Competition will freeze on the June playing date roster freeze date and not the spring roster freeze date (See "Important Dates" on www.epysa.org).

7. Cup team rosters can ONLY include Primary Players. Secondary players, Guest Players and Club Pass Players are not permitted on cup rosters.

8. U8 Boys and Girls Teams playing in any divisions of approved leagues are not U9 Cup-eligible. To be eligible and to play in the U9 Cup, there must be nine (9) age-pure U9 players on the original league approved roster.

9. U10 Boys and Girls Teams playing in any divisions of approved leagues are not U11 Cup-eligible. To be eligible and to play in the U11 Cup, there must be nine (9) age-pure U9 players on the original league approved roster.

10. U12 Boys and Girls Teams playing in any divisions of approved leagues are not U13 cup-eligible. To be eligible and to play in the U13 Cup there must be nine (9) age-pure U13 players on the original league approved roster.

11. A team may have on its team roster only players of the following age groups for the seasonal year in which the team is participating in the National Championships:

12. For teams competing in the U9 to U15 age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

13. For the teams competing in the Under 16, Under 17, Under 18, and Under 19 age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age of any younger age group, through the Under 14 age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

14. The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between their league and the National Championship competitions by maintaining a minimum of nine (9) players common to the rosters used in both competitions.

30. How do I print lineups for my Cup games?

Subject: RE: Printing Cup Lineups From GNS

STEP ONE: Go to your team page in the database

STEP TWO: Select the PRINT TEAM LINEUP button



STEP THREE: Select the players that will be playing on that specific day. Scroll to the bottom of the page and use the  button,

RESULTS: Three lineup sheets for your game.

31. Is heading allowed in the Cups?

Players in U9-U11 Age Groups may not head the ball. Players 10 years old or younger may not head the ball. Underage heading of the ball is penalized by indirect free kick against the offending team.

Heading in U12-U19 Age Groups is allowed without restriction unless a player on a team is 10 years old or younger.

32. Are goalkeeper punts or drop kicks allowed in the Cups?

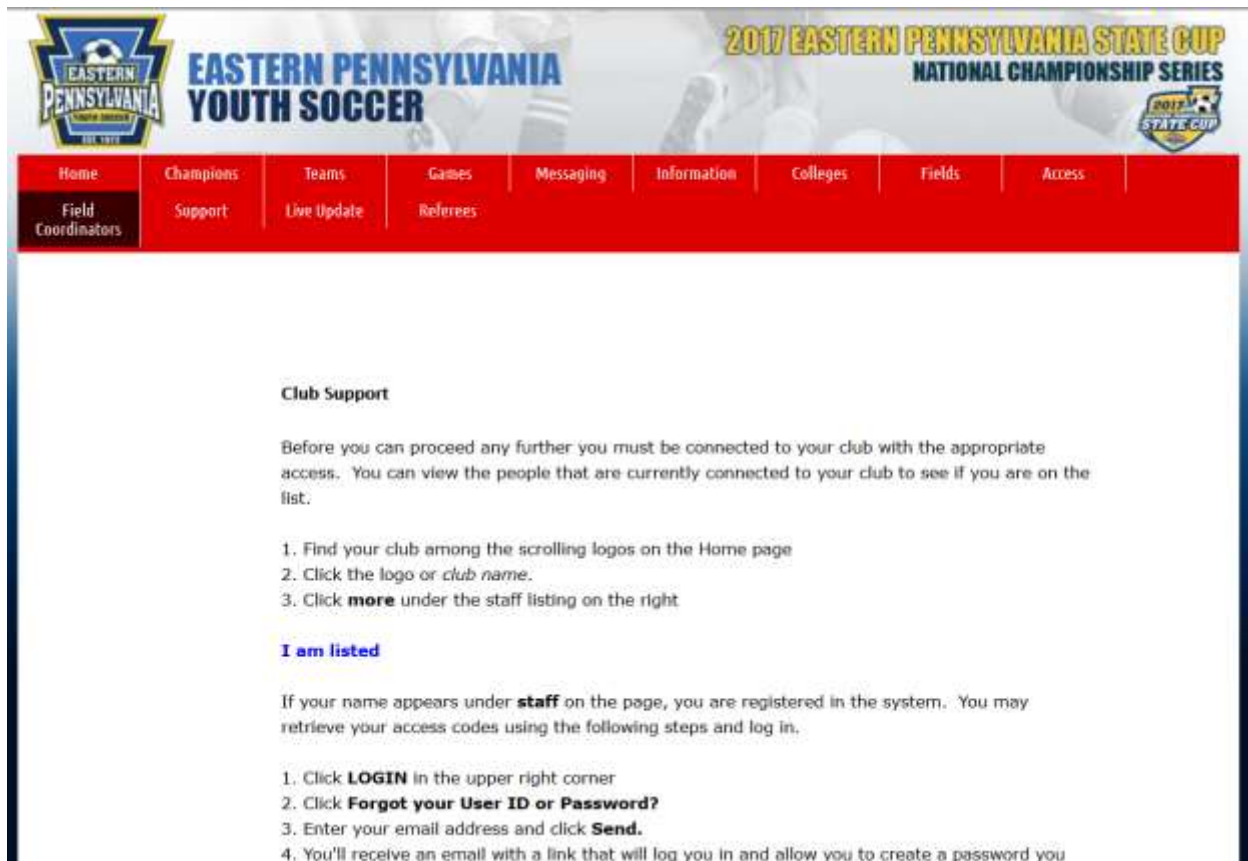
Players (Goalkeepers) in U9 and U10 Age Groups may not distribute the ball by punt or drop kick. 'Drop Kick' is defined by the referee at the field.

33. Are U9 and U10 Age Groups using the 'Build Out Line'?

Yes. Age groups U9 and U10 will use the Build Out Line. If a Build Out Line is not painted on the ground or sewn into the turf, teams may use common plastic cones. Cup games must use the Build Out Line.

34. Our Club Field Assignor changed. What do I do?

All Home Cup games are scheduled through the respective Club Field Coordinator. Reach out to your Field Assignor and have Him/Her go to the schedule pages at Sinc and then to go to the “Field Coordinators” tab. There is a tutorial for Field Coordinators to get access to Sinc.



The screenshot shows the website for Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer. At the top, there is a banner with the logo on the left and the text "2017 EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA STATE CUP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES" on the right. Below the banner is a red navigation bar with the following tabs: Home, Champions, Teams, Games, Messaging, Information, Colleges, Fields, Access, Field Coordinators, Support, Live Update, and Referees. The "Field Coordinators" tab is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the page content includes a section titled "Club Support" with the following text: "Before you can proceed any further you must be connected to your club with the appropriate access. You can view the people that are currently connected to your club to see if you are on the list." This is followed by a numbered list: 1. Find your club among the scrolling logos on the Home page; 2. Click the logo or club name.; 3. Click **more** under the staff listing on the right. Below this is a section titled "I am listed" with the text: "If your name appears under **staff** on the page, you are registered in the system. You may retrieve your access codes using the following steps and log in." This is followed by another numbered list: 1. Click **LOGIN** in the upper right corner; 2. Click **Forgot your User ID or Password?**; 3. Enter your email address and click **Send.**; 4. You'll receive an email with a link that will log you in and allow you to create a password you