



Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup **Part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series (NCS)**

Rules and Regulations

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 per seasonal year. 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 Challenge Cup.
4. Teams applying for cup competition must compete in a minimum four (4) team approved league (a US Youth approved League with a minimum of 4 teams) 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. The team must complete their full league schedule.

5. All cup team rosters are restricted to the official team roster approved in the state online registration system as of the approved Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Roster Freeze (See www.epysa.org) date. Your League Registrar Roster Freeze date may vary. All roster changes must be executed and dated by an approved League Registrar by close of the specified Roster Freeze date. After the roster freeze date no roster may be altered for spring league play by any team competing in the State Cup (NCS) until their cup competition is completed.
6. The maximum number of players permitted on a roster at any one time is shown below:

U12 (9v9 only)	16 Players
U13-U19 (11v11)	22 Players

Teams with 22 player rosters may dress only 18 players on game day. Only these 18 players shall be identified on the team lineup and be dressed in the Team Uniform. All 22 players may sit together in the designated team bench area. The players not eligible to play may wear street clothes but they may not wear the team uniform. If an eligible player gets injured during the game, none of the 'ineligible' players may change their status and become eligible and dress for the game in progress.

7. Teams are permitted five (5) transferred players from their original league roster during the seasonal year.
8. Cup rosters can only include primary players. Secondary players, Guest Players and Club Pass Players are not permitted on any cup rosters or to participate in Cup games.
9. 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:
 - 9.1 For teams competing in the Under 12 to Under 15 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.
 - 9.2 For teams competing in the Under 16 to 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.
10. U11 teams playing in any divisions of approved leagues are not U12 Cup eligible. To be eligible and to play in the U12 Cup there must be nine (9) age-pure U12 players on the original league approved roster.
11. U12 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.

12. For Regional League teams that will participate in the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup (NCS) May and June Cup competition, the roster for the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup will freeze at the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer designated date for their respective playing dates. Once rosters are frozen, no changes may be made to the roster until they have completed their League play and Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup NCS play and are eliminated from eligibility for advancement to USYS NCS Regional 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 Regional Leagues to qualify for state cups, rosters freeze on the date designated by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer as per www.epysa.org for entrants in the Spring State Cup Competition. Roster for 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.

13. 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.

II. Competition Rules

A. Player Check-in for U12 (9v9) Age Groups

Check-in Rules for teams with 16 Player Rosters

1. All players must be registered and have current and proper Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer player pass or a US Youth Soccer player pass from their home National State association if they are not a resident of Eastern Pennsylvania. Pass numbers are not required by EPYSA.
2. Player passes should be exchanged and examined by the opposing coaches prior to the game. Proper procedure is to line up each team in a line, each player with his/her pass in hand. Opposing coach should check each player against their pass. The Referee does not check player passes. The only exception is for the Finals where the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Cup Staff or their designees will check-in the players prior to the game.
3. A line-up form must be presented to the referee prior to the game, in triplicate, properly completed, listing jersey number and player name. A player whose name does not appear on the line-up form who plays is considered an ineligible player. A player whose name appears on the line-up form is considered to have played in that game. Coaches must sign the line-up form. Line up forms can be printed from your Team Page using your Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Team ID. If you do not have your Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Team ID, please contact Sheila Molyneaux at 610-238-9966 x222 or smolyneaux@epysa.org.
4. All coaches must have a Coach Pass available and surrender the pass to the referee prior to the start of the game. A \$25.00 fine may be levied for any coach not having his/her Coaching Pass.

The referee will return the coaches passes at the end of the game. **Referees are not to keep the Coach Passes in the event of a send off (red card). No Player Passes or Coach Passes should be kept by the referee.**

B. Additional Competition Rules U12 (9v9) Age Groups

5. Players 10 years old and 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.
6. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer and the Presidents Cup follow the concussion protocol as per US Youth Soccer/US Soccer.
7. Substitutions can be made at any stoppage with the referee's permission

C. Player Check-in Rules for the U13 - U17 Age Groups

Check-in Rules for Teams with 18 – 22 Player Roster limits

1. All players must be registered and have current and proper Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer player pass or a US Youth Soccer player pass from their home National State association if they are not a resident of Eastern Pennsylvania. Player pass numbers are not required by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer.
2. A line-up form must be presented to the referee prior to the game, in triplicate, properly completed, listing jersey number and player name. A player whose name does not appear on the line-up form who plays is considered an ineligible player. A player whose name appears on the line-up form is considered to have played in that game. Coaches must sign the line up form. Line up forms can be printed from your Team Page using your Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Team ID. If you do not have your Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Team ID, please contact Sheila Molyneaux at 610-238-9966 x222 or smolyneaux@epysa.org.
 - 2.1 If a coach needs to change a player's status before the game the coach must inform the referee and the opposing coach, change all 3 line-up sheets in the presence of the referee and initial the changes.
 - 2.2 The player passes of the ineligible players must be surrendered to the referee before the start of the game.
 - 2.3 Once the game starts no changes may be made to the eligible player list.

3. Player passes should be exchanged and examined by the opposing coaches prior to the game. Proper procedure is to line up each team in a line, each player listed on the line-up sheet as eligible with his/her pass in hand. Opposing coaches should check each player against their player pass. The coaches should identify which players are ineligible for the game. Referees do not check player passes. The only exception is for the Finals where the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Cup Staff or their designees will check-in the players prior to the game.
4. All coaches must have a coach's pass available and surrender the pass to the referee prior to the start of the game. A \$25.00 fine may be levied for any coach not having his/her Coach Pass. The referee will return the coaches passes at the end of the game. **Referees are not to keep the Coach Passes in the event of a send off (red card). No Player Passes or Coach Passes should be kept by the referee.**

D. Referees

1. All games will be officiated under the three (3)-referee system: one (1) referee and two (2) assistant referees. Teams must play even if less than three referees are at the game. If the full official contingent does not appear, the game will be played with the available personnel using the following system:

2 Referees: 1 Center Referee, 1 referee as an AR, 1 Volunteer Linesperson (referee's discretion)
1 Referee: 1 Center Referee, 2 Volunteers for the lines ()

A two-whistle or three whistle system is not authorized in the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer State Cup (NCS), Presidents Cup, or Challenge Cup competition.
2. **If the referees do not show you must still play the game. Contact your Cup Assignor and determine if the referee(s) has been delayed or no referee was assigned. Teams leaving without playing their Cup game could be subject to Forfeit/Double Forfeit if they leave the field of play without confirming their referee through their assignor.**
3. Each team is responsible for paying one-half of the appropriate referee fees (in cash) for all games except the finals. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer will pay the referee fees for all final games.

Referee Fees – Three Referee System

2017-2018 Seasonal Year					
Age	Referee	AR1	AR2	Total	Per Team
U9*/U10*	\$34	\$19	\$19	\$72	\$36
U11+/U12+	\$43	\$31	\$31	\$105	\$52.50
U13/U14	\$49	\$35	\$35	\$119	\$59.50
U15/U16	\$57	\$39	\$39	\$135	\$67.50
U17-U19	\$64	\$45	\$45	\$154	\$77.00
* = 7v7	+ = 9v9				

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 the Middle Referee does not show up but both Assistant Referees show up, the teams keep one of the Assistant Referee fees. Assistant Referee #1 will be promoted to Middle Referee and Assistant Referee #2 will remain a fully vested Assistant Referee (linesman). 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 one of the Assistant Referees does not show up, the teams keep one of the Assistant Referee payments. 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

officially 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 up for the game does not pay the referee any fee. The referee will receive the fee at a later date from the team that forfeited (No Show).

E. Elimination Rules

All Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup (NCS) 11v11 games will be single elimination. A team that loses in any of the NCS age groups has completed the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup competition.

F. Scheduling

1. The Home team and game schedule is determined by the Cup Committee Chairperson and the State Office. See Cup FAQs #18 and #21 at www.epysa.org under “Cups and Competitions”.
2. Games must be scheduled (a time and field has to be put into the online system) by Tuesday at 12:00 PM Noon of the week leading up to their weekend game. If a Cup game is scheduled for a week night the game must be in the system 4 days before the scheduled date of the game. Failure to schedule the game will result in the State Office scheduling the game to ensure referee availability and will also result in a \$25 Game Change Fee – to one or both teams.
3. Game changes (time and/or location or date) after Tuesday 12:00 PM Noon of the week of the game will result in a \$25 game change fee to the responsible team(s). This fee can be waived in extenuating circumstances (as deemed by the Cup Competition Director, Cup Commissioner or the Director of Operations).
4. If after the schedule is published, and both teams wish to play the game before the scheduled date, they must submit the agreed upon date, time, and location to the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer office at least 4 days in advance for approval. The teams must submit a request for change with the all of the pertinent details as required and Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer will advise the teams of the decision. The reschedule will be contingent upon the availability of fields and

referees for the proposed change. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer always reserves the right to decline a requested schedule change.

5. If one team wishes to play early and the other team does not, the request to change the schedule can be sent to the Cup Committee Chairperson 7 days in advance for consideration. The decision of the Cup Committee Chairperson on any schedule changes will be final and cannot be appealed.
6. Additionally, the Cup Committee Chairperson, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer CEO, and/or EPYSA President may exercise discretion to change a game time or date if the participating team will be missing players due to regional and/or national team commitments.
7. To accommodate the three (3) referee system and ensure availability of officials, it may be necessary to change home field advantage to Home 'AREA' advantage. The Cup Commissioner and Cup Competition Director are the authorities in determining field locations.
8. The Cup Committee may also designate a common competition site for all or part of an age group in the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer National Championship Series.
9. All games must be played by the scheduled date and time unless there is approval by the Cup Commissioner / Competition Director.
10. If the two teams request and receive approval to reschedule a game the burden for completing the game is the responsibility of the two teams. If the game is not played before the day of the next round of the competition the game will be declared a double forfeit and neither team will advance to the next round. The scheduled opponent in the next round for the two forfeiting teams will advance as a result of the double forfeit.
11. Coaches who coach multiple teams must recognize that Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer cannot accommodate requests to be able to attend all of the games for all of their teams which occur on the same date. Coaches should be prepared to have alternate carded coaches available to cover their teams in the event that the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer schedule does not allow them to attend all of their team's games.
12. The Cup Commissioner/ Cup Competition Director and the Cup Committee reserve the right to revise the schedule after it is published.
13. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer will allow some scheduling latitude for teams participating in the in Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer State Cup, Presidents Cup, and Challenge Cup if those teams are also participating in US Youth Soccer Regional or US Youth Soccer National Leagues. It is the responsibility of the teams participating in US Youth Regional or US Youth National League games that have potential Cup conflicts to reach out to the Cup Commissioner or Cup Competition Director – and their opponent - to confirm the Cup schedule and the make any necessary changes at least 10 days prior to their scheduled Cup Match.

G. Fields

1. Preparation of the field is the responsibility of the home team. If it is a home area game, the home team is still responsible for the field. Proper lining, goal nets, and corner flags are required for all fields. Protests made in regard to field conditions must be made prior to the start of the game.
2. Teams can have home and away games in the Cup competition. It is the responsibility of **BOTH** teams to contact each other to ensure that both teams have the correct game time, game location, directions and uniform color.
3. Field changes will carry a fee of \$50 if changed to the opponent's field and an additional \$50 if changed to a neutral site. Fees will be waived if the field change is due to extenuating circumstances (as deemed by the Cup Committee, Cup Commissioner or Cup Competition Director).
4. Coaches and players from both teams should be on one side of the playing field. Spectators from both teams shall remain on the opposite side of the field from the teams/players/coaches.
5. All Eastern Pennsylvania Outdoor State Cup games must be played on Outdoor fields. No indoor or domed facilities may be used for Outdoor Cup games. Any game played on an Indoor or domed field will be declared a double forfeit as both teams are responsible to ensure that all games are played on outdoor fields.

H. Game Rules

1. Duration of the game:

All games including play-in games must be played to a conclusion.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Game Duration</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
U-12	Two - 30-minute periods	Two - 10-minute periods
U-13 & U-14	Two - 35-minute periods	Two - 10-minute periods
U-15 & U-16	Two - 40-minute periods	Two - 15-minute periods
U-17 - U19	Two - 45-minute periods	Two - 15-minute periods

The overtime periods are NOT Sudden Death ('Golden Goal') so you must play both overtime periods to conclusion. If the game is still tied after the overtime periods, five (5) alternating penalty kicks will be taken. If, after the five (5) penalty kicks, the game is still tied, then single alternating kicks will be taken until the tie is broken. Each penalty kick shall be taken by a different player. No player shall repeat until all eleven (11) players of the team have taken a kick. Only those players on the field at the end of the overtime period last played will be eligible to participate in the penalty kicks. If a team has less than 11 players (or 8 for 8v8 games) on the field at the end of the game those players are the only ones eligible to shoot and no one shall repeat till each of those players has taken a kick.

2. Each competing team shall present a game ball to the referee prior to the start of the game. The U12 Age Groups shall use a #4 size ball. All other Age Groups will use a #5 size ball.

3. Substitutions rules are dependent on the age group.

3.1 For U14 and below Substitutions shall be unlimited and may be made at any stoppage with the referee's permission:

3.2 For U15 and above there is no re-entry in a half. A half is defined as one of the following three segments: 1st half, 2nd half, Overtime period (even though the overtime is divided into two periods it is considered as one half for substitution purposes). Examples of the rule are presented below:

3.2.1 When a player is substituted in the 1st half they may not re-enter the game again during the 1st half of play. They may re-enter at the start of the 2nd half or any time after the start of the 2nd half.

3.2.1.1 At halftime the referee will return the passes of all game-eligible players to the coach. To enter the field at the beginning of the 2nd half, the starters will surrender their pass to the referee.

3.2.2 When a player is substituted in the 2nd half they may not re-enter the game again during the 2nd half of play. They only may re-enter if overtime is required. They may re-enter at the start of overtime or any time after the start of overtime play.

3.2.2.1 If overtime is required, at the end of regulation, the referee will return the passes of all game eligible players to the coach. To enter the field at the beginning of the Overtime the starters will surrender their pass to the referee.

3.2.3 If a player is substituted during overtime they may not re-enter the game at any time and cannot participate in penalty kicks if they are required.

3.2.4 Substitution is defined as when a player leaves the field of play and is replaced by another player from the bench.

3.2.5 If a player leaves the field of play and is not replaced (their team plays down a player during this time) this player may re-enter the game at the discretion of the referee.

3.2.6 If a player leaves the field of play due to possible concussion and is cleared to return to play by a licensed physician, that player may re-enter the game even if he/she has been substituted for. Neither the player nor the substitute shall be penalized by the NCS re-entry rules. Both may return in that period without prejudice.

3.2.7 For a player to enter the game they must report to midfield with their player pass. The referee will take the pass when the player is allowed into the game.

3.2.8 When a substitute reports to the midfield the substitution may be made at any stoppage with the referee's permission.

4. Forfeit Rules:

Forfeit score: 4 - 0
Forfeit fee: \$150.00 per forfeited game

Forfeit Time – teams must appear with at least seven (7) players no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game otherwise the game will be declared a forfeit by the referee. The forfeit score of 4-0 will apply. In the event that neither team appears within 15 minutes with the required 7 players the game will be declared a double forfeit. The score will be reported as 0-0.

5. Abandoned Games – in the event that a Cup game is started and the game is not completed on the scheduled date of the game the following shall apply.
- 5.1 A Cup game that is started and not completed on the scheduled day due to any cause shall be replayed in its entirety if neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half of the game.
- 5.2 If the game is stopped during the second half of a Cup game due to any cause and play cannot be resumed and completed on the scheduled date and if neither team is at fault, the Cup Committee may deem the game complete.
- 5.3 If a Cup game is started and not completed on the scheduled date due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Cup Committee whether the game is to be replayed in its entirety or declared a forfeit.
6. If there are questions or matters that cannot be resolved at the field on Game Day, please contact the following individuals:

Cup Competition Director: Frank Olszewski folszewski@epysa.org, 484-241-0985

Cup Commissioner: Dave Ash epysacupchair@aol.com, 215-932-4347

Discipline Commissioner: Frank Olszewski folszewski@epysa.org, 484-241-0985

I. Cards and Misconduct

1. Misconduct is reported by the referee of the game. The coach or team manager of the cautioned/ejected player(s) or coaches DOES NOT input the misconduct.
2. Reminder: Three accumulated cautions (yellow cards) given in the same cup competition year constitute a red card and result in an automatic sit out of the very next game played. If a player receives a direct red card or two yellow cards in a game or receives their 3rd yellow of the competition, they cannot play in at least their next scheduled game. Whether you are notified by a Cup Administrator or not, any player receiving a direct red card or a 3rd accumulated yellow card

from the same competition, may not participate in their next game! Non-compliance with this policy would result in a player being deemed 'ineligible' and could vacate the results of the game.

3. Any unserved suspensions for Red cards or accumulations carry over into Regional Competition or into the following year's cup competition (regardless of Cup entered – NCS, Presidents Cup or Challenge Cup).
4. **Referees are NOT to retain Player Passes or Coach Passes for send offs/suspensions and send them to the State Office. All Player Passes and Coach Passes shall be returned to the teams after the conclusion of every Cup game** unless otherwise specified by the Cup Commissioner/Competition Director. Red cards or accumulations carry over into following year's Challenge Cup, Presidents Cup or NCS Competition.

J. Results

1. The WINNING TEAM or HOME TEAM (in the case of a tie) is required to report the score of their game by 7:00 PM on the night of the game. Scores can be updated by the Club Field Coordinator or staff designated by the Field Coordinator. Scores are updated through the appropriate Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Cup software via the www.epysa.org website.
2. PLEASE BE ADVISED – you must be logged into the system to update your scores. Scores may only be updated once. If you mistype the scores, you will have to notify the State Office to have the score corrected. Access to update your scores may be granted through your Club Field Coordinator/Administrator. Home Field Coordinators can update scores for you. If you cannot update your score, please have your Field Coordinator update your score.
 - Go to epysa.org
 - Go to "Cups" and click on the NCS link.
 - Click on "schedules" (this will take you to the Sinc site)
 - You can only report scored after the game is complete
 - See Sinc Tutorial on Reporting Scores.
3. A \$25 fine may be levied should the score is not reported by 7:00 PM (Exception: Games scheduled in the evening after 5:00 PM shall have a score reporting deadline of 11:30 PM).

K. Protests

1. There are no protests on referee decisions. The only protests allowed regard player eligibility.
2. In the event that a team wishes to file a protest they must submit the protest within 48 hours of the game. In the event that the next game is scheduled in less than 48 hours after the game being protested, the protesting team must notify the Cup Chairperson ASAP and no later than 2 hours before the next scheduled game. Protests received that do not comply with these rules will not be evaluated and will be considered void.

3. Protests must be presented in writing directly to Cup Chairperson, Dave Ash (epysacupchair@aol.com). Email submission is considered acceptable; however, the Cup Chairperson should also be notified by phone of the pending protest – 215-393-0272.
4. The protest must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$200 which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
5. For protests in the playoff rounds - In the event that a game was played and a protest is filed against the winner of the game by either the losing team of the game or another Cup participant and the game winner is disqualified from the competition, the cup record will show the winner of the game as Vacant. The losing team on the field will NOT advance. No one from that game will advance to the next round. The opponent in the next round will be awarded a forfeit win.
6. In the event that the winner of the Eastern Pennsylvania State Championship game is disqualified after the game is played the Runner-up will be declared the State Champion. If this disqualification occurs before the start of the Region 1 competition, the Runner-up (now called the State Champion) will represent EPYSA in the Region 1 Competition. If the Region 1 competition has begun the Region 1 committee will determine which if any team shall fill that slot in the competition.
7. The Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Cup Committee will evaluate properly submitted protests and render a decision via e-mail.
8. If the team wishes to appeal the decision of the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Cup Committee, they may do so by submitting an appeal to the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Arbitration Board following the submission guidelines of that Board.
9. Decisions of the Arbitration Board are final and no further appeal is possible as described by the USYS NCS Rules.

L. Semi-Finals and Finals

1. Semi-finals are scheduled by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer. Semi Finals will be played either at the home field of one of the teams or a designated field by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer.
2. The Finals are scheduled by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer at their sole discretion. In the event of inclement weather prior to the Finals Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer unfortunately may have to require back-to-back play on some weekends.
3. The Finals for U12 – U17 Boys/Girls will be scheduled at a site and date to be determined by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth soccer.
4. Individual and team awards will be presented to both the Champion and Finalist. A presentation will be made immediately following the championship game. Teams are required to participate in the Award Presentation and are directed to go to the awards area immediately following the completion of the final.

M. Regional Competition

1. Winners of the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup will represent Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer at the US Youth Regional Championships.
2. The winners of the US Youth Soccer Regional Championships would qualify for and participate in the US Youth Soccer National Championships.
3. Entry into the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup competition acknowledges the above and also represents an agreement as a State Champion (or Wild Card) to participate in the Regional Championships and the US Youth Soccer National Championship competition. Should the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup champion (or Wild Card) renege on this obligation, the championship may be forfeit and the team will be subject to a fine from US Youth Soccer. In addition, the team will be responsible for any fines or fees assessed to Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer as a result of their non-performance at the Regional Championships or the National Championship Competition. If the fine and fees are not paid, the sponsoring organization, including all of its teams, players, etc., may be determined by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer to be in "bad standing" until the fine is paid.

Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup Coaches Check List

Before Competition Begins

- Did you get your schedule and did you check it to make sure that it is correct.

The Week of the Game

- The Home Coach or Team Manager should contact the opposing Coach or Team Manager and review all game details - Directions, uniform colors, etc.
- If you are playing at a common site, do you know how to get there?
- If you are the Home team did you make sure that the field is properly prepared (the goals are securely anchored, lines, nets, corner flags)?

Pre-game Preparation

- Bring your player passes
- Bring your Coach Pass
- Bring line-up form (in triplicate) to present to referee prior to game
- Bring the referee and assistant referee fee(s) in cash
- Bring a copy of the Cup Rules
- Bring age-appropriate sized and properly-inflated soccer balls

After the Game

- Were you or any of your team members issued any cards?
- Are you responsible for reporting the score (winning team, home team in the case of a tie)?

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U13 - U19 Game Line-up Card

Line-up of: _____

Date: _____

Home Team: _____

Age Group: U _____

Visiting Team: _____

Referee: _____

Last Name	First Name	Jersey #	Playing	Not Playing	Coach Initial
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