



2018 NCS State Cup Schedule Release

Hello All,

The U12 – U17 Boys and Girls NCS State Cup schedules are now released and available at www.epysa.org under “Cups and Competitions”.

Below is some NCS-specific information to assist you, your Team Manager and your Field Coordinator.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Whenever you are contacting this office regarding the Cups, ALWAYS PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**
 - Name
 - Contact e-mail
 - Cell Number
 - Cup Competition – Turkey Hill Challenge Cup, Presidents Cup or NCS State Cup
 - Team Club
 - Team Name
 - Team Gender
 - Team Age Group
 - Game Number (if applicable)
- NCS U12 – U17 Boys and Girls State Cup Finals will be played on Sunday, May 20th at United Sports in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. No schedule requests will be accepted.

CUP SCHEDULING:

- Every Club/Team needs a Field Coordinator (FC). You may have multiple FC's. Your FC is responsible for managing, scheduling, rescheduling and Un-scheduling (Field Closures) your Cup Games. If you do not currently have a Field Coordinator, determine who your Club's FC will be and have him/her register themselves on the Sinc site IMMEDIATELY by going to the main schedule page and clicking on the "Support" tab and following the directions. You cannot schedule your Home Games without a Field Coordinator.
- The "Support" tab on Sinc contains tutorials for Field Coordinators and Team Managers/Coaches. Please use this as a resource. If you run into issues, please e-mail Info@epysa.org.
- The NCS State Cup employs a self-scheduling system so while Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer assigns a date for your Cup Match, you and your opponent determine the time and field. More below.
- All NCS games must be played prior to their next round game. Any games not played prior to the next round match may be recorded as a Double Forfeit.
- All NCS matches are to be played ON or BEFORE the weekend they are scheduled by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer. Teams participating in Regional League play must reach out to Frank Olszewski to work out conflict arrangements in advance of their scheduled Cup game. US Youth Soccer Regional League play is an acceptable conflict but must be worked out with the State Office as far in advance as possible.
- Go to the "Teams" tab on Sinc to find your opponent's contact information. You can also find your Sinc Team Page here. The Teams are organized by Age and gender.
- Reach out to your opponent to negotiate the TIME, DATE and FIELD you will play your Cup Match on. For the NCS FIRST ROUND, all teams on the top half of the bracket are HOME and teams on the bottom of the bracket are away. Subsequent NCS rounds of Home/Away Cup play are determined by the policy stated in the expanded FAQs - *Cup Frequently Asked Questions* (#21) - <https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/947/15/2018%20Eastern%20Pennsylvania%20Youth%20Soccer%20Cup%20FAQs%201-26-2018.pdf> . If A Coin Flip is needed, you will be notified of the result at least 4 days leading up to your next upcoming match in most cases.

- Consider that some teams travel more than two (2) or more hours to play an NCS match. Please take this into account when working out a mutually agreed upon kickoff time for your match. You will be the Road Team someday and you will appreciate the reciprocity.
- Be accommodating to your opponent and try to schedule the games to suit the best interest of the players. CALL your opponent as opposed to e-mailing your opponent whenever possible. When negotiating a game time and field, phone calls are ALWAYS the best way to reach an accord. The 'written word' can be misinterpreted and lead to anxiety and mistakes.
- Don't bully opposing Team Managers/Coaches. Be open and accommodating.
- Once you and your opponent have agreed on the DATE, TIME and FIELD for your match, it is the **Home Team Field Coordinator and Home Team responsibility** to ensure that the game is scheduled in the system by Tuesday at 12:00 PM Noon of the week leading up to your weekend Cup match. There is a 'Rolling Blackout' to schedule your games in advance of 4 days. Your FC will not be able to schedule Cup games for you within 4 days. So, all weekend games must be scheduled by Tuesday 12:00 PM Noon. It is imperative that you SCHEDULE YOUR GAME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - you may schedule your first-round games immediately. In the case where you are awaiting the result of a previous match, you could always reach out to both teams to see if there is a time that would suit EITHER opponent.
- If you are playing **during the week**, please consider that your Field Coordinator must schedule the Cup match in the system more than four (4) days in advance of the Cup match. It is the responsibility of BOTH TEAMS to ensure that the game is scheduled in the system PROPERLY and ON TIME. In order for a game to be scheduled properly, it must have a set DATE, set TIME and set FIELD. If any of these criteria are missing, the game is not properly scheduled and referees cannot be assigned. Failure to schedule a game on time could lead to Game Change Fees, Double Forfeit/reschedule for both teams.

MATCH DAY:

- Weather-related information will be provided to you in an upcoming communication. It is the responsibility of the HOME TEAM to make sure that if the game is cancelled/postponed or the field is deemed unplayable that the game is UNSCHEDULED in the system in as much advance as possible. Failure to UNSCHEDULE your Home Game in a timely manner could result in the Home Team paying referee fees and/or forfeit fees.
- If your field is closed prior to the game (weather), after your Field Coordinator UNSCHEDULES the game in the system, contact your referee assignor (see Cup Referee Assignor list at www.epysa.org) as a follow up. If you wish to reschedule the match THAT WEEKEND, it is VERY DIFFICULT and it will probably not be possible. PLEASE CALL YOUR CUP ASSIGNOR TO DETERMINE IF YOU CAN RESCHEDULE YOUR GAME THAT WEEKEND. "NO" MEANS "NO". If your Cup assignor approves your request, e-mail Frank Olszewski the following information:
 - Game Number
 - Home Team, Age Group, Gender
 - Visiting Team, Age Group, Gender
 - Game Date, Game Time, Field Name/Location
- Please print off and bring a copy of the NCS Cup rules with you to every match.
- Both teams will participate in a PRE-GAME handshake in the interest of Respect and Fair Play.
- Referee fees are split by the teams. Please do not expect the referees to make change. The referee fees are located in the Cup rules and www.epysa.org.
- All referee and forfeit scenarios are included in the rules.
- Referees are not to keep Player passes or Coach passes even in the case of send off / red cards.
- If there is a Cup match anomaly at the field that you cannot solve, you may contact Frank Olszewski (folszewski@epysa.org or 484-241-0985) or Dave Ash (epysacupchair@aol.com or 215-932-4347) for counsel.

POST MATCH:

- The winning team is responsible to update the score of the game immediately – by 7:00 PM on the day the game is played – or 11:00 PM if the game is a night game. Failure to report the score on the day of the game could result in a team fine.

RESOURCES:

The Following resources have been developed and are available to you 24/7 on www.epysa.org. Please use these resources as an immediate guide to assist you.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

CUP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

<https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/947/15/2018%20Eastern%20Pennsylvania%20Youth%20Soccer%20Cup%20FAQs%201-26-2018.pdf>

NCS STATE CUP RULES:

<https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/947/15/2018%20NCS%20Rules%203-8-2018.pdf>

APPLIED TEAMS:

<https://www.youthleaguesusa.com/epys/17-18/OutdoorTeamsList.html>

SUPPORT:

- Field Closure / Game Cancellation

CONTACT

**Home Field Coordinator (Unschedule Game in System)
and
Home Field Cup Referee Assignor (Contact List @ www.epysa.org)**

- Roster Issues / Roster Questions
- Accessing your Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Team Page
- Looking up your Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Team ID
- Printing lineups
- Lifting the roster freeze from your team after your team has been eliminated or won the competition

CONTACT

**Sheila Molyneaux
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- Sinc Access Issues
- Updating Scores
- Field Coordinator Access
- Team Access Issues
- Adding Staff to your Sinc Page
- Reporting Scores / Score Correction
- Locating Opponent's Contact Information

CONTACT

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- Game Day Issues
 - Sinc Game Scheduling
 - Red Cards / Misconduct

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- Protests
- Game Day Issues

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