



2018 Presidents Cup Schedule Release



Hello All,

The U12 – U18 Boys and Girls Presidents Cup schedules are now released and available at www.epysa.org under “Cups and Competitions”.

Below is some Presidents Cup-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)

- The 2018 U12 – U18 Boys and Girls Presidents Cup Finals will be played on Saturday, May 19th 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 Unscheduling (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 Presidents Cup adopts a 'World Cup' format. There is a Group Stage (round robin games within your Group) and a Knock Out Stage (Group winners qualify for playoffs and then compete in a single-elimination tournament ultimately leading to the May 19th Finals).
- The Presidents Cup employs a self-scheduling system. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer assigns a date for your Cup Match, however, you and your opponent may mutually agree to play your Group Game on that date or not (based on both team's availability). Between you and your opponent, determine the best suitable Date, Time and Field for your match and have the Home Field Coordinator schedule the game in the Sinc system as soon as possible. More below.
- 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. Group Games may be played in any order or date as long as that date is prior to your Group's age group playoff. In the Knock Out Stage (single-elimination playoff rounds), all teams on the top half of the bracket are HOME and teams on the bottom of the bracket are away. The Competition Director reserves the right to switch Home and Away games if Home opponents cannot be determined in a timely manner to schedule a match.

- When considering a game time with an opponent, consider that some teams travel more than two (2) or more hours to play a Presidents Cup 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. All teams will host at least one Home Game in the Group Stage and all teams will play at least one Away Game in the Group Stage. Teams traveling in excess of 2 hours should be scheduled in the late morning or afternoon, for example, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 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 at least the 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 ALL OF YOUR GROUP STAGE CUP GAMES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- PLEASE SCHEDULE ALL OF YOUR GROUP GAMES IMMEDIATELY THROUGH YOUR HOME FIELD COORDINATOR. You may schedule your games immediately - you do not have to wait to play on March 24th or 25th. As with all Cup games, it is HIGHLY SUGGESTED that you take advantage of good weather and play the games as soon as possible, Spring is notoriously tricky and you do not want to create a situation where you have to squeeze three Cup games in one weekend.
- 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.
- 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.

- Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer assigns a date for all of your Group Games, however, you may mutually agree with your opponent to play your game on a subsequent weekend (perhaps your Home Field is not open or six of your players have Confirmation that day etc.) as long as that date is prior to your Knock Out Stage age group playoffs.
- Work with all of your opponents now that the schedule is released and **SCHEDULE ALL OF YOUR GROUP GAMES IMMEDIATELY THROUGH YOUR FIELD COORDINATOR. DO NOT SCHEDULE YOUR GAMES WEEK-TO-WEEK.**
- All Presidents Cup Group Games **MUST BE PLAYED PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF YOUR GROUP'S (Group A, Group B, Group C ...etc.) AGE GROUP PLAYOFF DATE.** Any Group Games not played prior to your Group's Age Group playoff round will result in that game being recorded as a Double Forfeit (Zero points for both teams). Group Games may end in ties.
- Group Games tied at the end of regulation time will stand and that there will be no penalty kicks or overtime in the Group Stage or preliminary rounds.
- In the event that two teams are tied in total game points at the end of the Group Stage games (preliminary rounds) and all tiebreakers have been exhausted, the tie will be broken by a playoff match between the two tied teams. This game will be a single "Winner Take All" match and must have a winner - overtime and PKs will apply. If the initial Group match was played at Team A's Home Field, the single-elimination playoff game will be played at Team B's Home Field and will be set up to determine the bracket winner.
- In the case where going into the final Group Game, a tie would force a one game playoff, the final Group Game will be played as a one game 'Winner Take All' match (overtime and penalty kicks would apply). Contact Frank Olszewski (folszewski@epysa.org) in advance of your final Group Game if this scenario develops. See Presidents Cup Rules for complete information.

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
- ALWAYS print off and bring a copy of the Presidents 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>

PRESIDENTS CUP RULES:

<https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/947/15/2018%20Presidents%20Cup%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

Info@epysa.org

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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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