

## **10.0 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENTS CUP BYLAWS**

### **10.1 PURPOSE OF US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENTS CUP**

The US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup (hereafter referred to as State Cup) and the US Youth Soccer Ohio South Presidents Cup (hereafter referred to as Presidents Cup) are the most important team competitions conducted by the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (OSYSA) or by any Member within OSYSA. As such, this competition requires that each member team, League and Association shall support the State Cup and Presidents Cup as their first priority.

The US Youth Soccer policy on Players and Playing Rules describes the requirements of Players and Playing Rules. These Bylaws are designed to supplement the US Youth Soccer National Championship rules and establish the procedures followed by OSYSA.

Each year the State Cup/Presidents Cup Chairperson will appoint a volunteer Association, League, Club, or teams to host the one or more age groups at their home location that year.

The State Cup will offer primary competition in the following age groups for both boys and girls; under-19s, under-18s, under-17s, under-16s, under-15s, under-14s, under-13s, under-12s, and under-11s.

The Presidents Cup will offer primary competition in the following age groups for both boys and girls; under-18s, under-17s, under-16s, under-15s, under-14s, under-13s, under-12s, and under-11s.

As determined by the OSYSA Board of Directors, the State Cup and Presidents Cup may be run simultaneously.

The State Cup and the Presidents Cup shall be held in the spring of the seasonal year.

Team competition in the State Cup will be one loss and out format until there are 16, 12, 8, 4, or 2 teams remaining. Then the State Cup will be round robin format until the semi finals and finals which will be one loss and out format.

All teams applying to the Ohio South Presidents Cup will be accepted into the event and placed in group play. Presidents Cup will be round robin format until the semi finals and finals which will be a one loss and out format.

**10.1.1** Prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the OSYSA President will appoint a State Cup and a Presidents Cup Chairperson subject to advice and consent of the Board of Directors. The State Cup Chairperson will be the Chairperson and the Presidents Cup Chairperson will be the Co-chairperson of the State/Presidents Cup Committee.

**10.1.1.2** The OSYSA Executive Director working with the OSYSA Director of Coaching, the OSYSA SYRA, the State Cup Chairperson and the Presidents Cup Chairperson shall:

- a) Recommend to the OSYSA Board of Directors for their approval, the State Cup and Presidents Cups team entry fees.
- b) Recommend to the OSYSA Board of Directors for their approval, of the Cup playing dates (consistent with the State Cup and Presidents Cup Bylaws).

- c) Recommend to the OSYSA Board Directors for their approval, referee fees for the State Cup and the Presidents Cup.
- d) Recommend to the OSYSA Board of Directors for their approval of awards for the State and Presidents Cup.
- e) Submit recommendations for playing sites for the State Cup and Presidents Cup to the OSYSA Board for approval.

The function of the State Cup / Presidents Cup Committee shall be:

- a) To seed the teams.
- b) To operate the State Cup / Presidents Cup games.
- c) To submit recommendations for changes/improvements via the State Cup or Presidents Cup Chairperson to the OSYSA Board of Directors and to perform other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

The OSYSA Office staff will be responsible for establishing the schedules based on the seeding done by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Committee using the sites selected. The OSYSA office will post the State Cup and Presidents Cup schedules on the OSYSA website. All semi finals and finals shall be scheduled as shown in Appendix One.

**10.1.2** In both the State Cup and Presidents Cup round robin format, teams will be seeded into brackets of four (4) teams each. If there are 16 teams, the teams with the best record in each bracket will advance to the semi finals. If there are 12 teams, the teams with the best record in each bracket will advance to the semi finals plus one team (wildcard) from one of the three brackets which has the best remaining record. If there are 8 teams, the team with the best record in each bracket and the team with the second best record in each bracket (as wildcards) will move to the semi finals. If there are 4 teams, the two teams with the best records will move to the finals. If there are 2 teams, they will compete in a single loss and out competition. The determination of teams with the best records or second best records is based on the procedures listed in 10.6.3 and 10.6.4.

Presidents Cup may accept an odd/uneven number of teams in an age group. Those teams may also be seeded and placed into round robin play. If an odd/uneven number of teams have been accepted into a division, not all teams may play each other and/or cross over games may need to be played. The teams with the highest points total in round robin play per 10.6.3 and 10.6.4 will be advanced to the semi finals or finals depending on the number of teams entered into that particular division.

**10.1.3** In State Cup, if for any reason there are other than 16 teams, 12 teams, 8 teams, 4 teams or 2 teams in an age division additional pre-play games will be scheduled and played prior to the round robin weekend. There will be no round robin play if there are only 2 teams in a particular age division.

## **10.2 TEAM ENTRY**

**10.2.1** Only a registered US Youth Soccer team that is in good standing, the majority of whose players are domiciled within the boundaries of OSYSA and plays in a sanctioned league may enter either the State Cup or Presidents Cup, but not both. All teams that submit an application will be accepted if they are in good standing with OSYSA. Teams that are qualified as outlined above may not participate, if the OSYSA sanctioned league in which the team participated was not the last league competition (or concurrent with

State / Presidents Cup) that they participated in prior to State Cup or Presidents Cup. (In the event that an ineligible team enters and participates anyway, their State Cup games will be forfeited.)

Teams must compete in a four team OSYSA League or Association and must be scheduled for and play at least a five game league schedule against teams domiciled inside the OSYSA boundaries. These games must be played by the conclusion of the league determined season. No more than 40% of the teams in their age group in the OSYSA sanctioned program can be domiciled in an out of State US Youth Soccer Association. Teams that don't compete as outlined in 10.2.1 cannot enter into the State Cup or Presidents Cup.

**10.2.1.1** OSYSA teams that comply with these rules and play in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Region II Midwest Regional League may enter and play in the State Cup or Presidents Cup. OSYSA teams participating in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Region II Midwest Regional League will not have to comply with the 40% rule regarding the teams being domiciled outside of the OSYSA boundaries. The State / Presidents Cup Chairperson may grant an exception to the 5 game requirement for OSYSA teams participating in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Midwest Regional League in the event of extenuating circumstances. At no time may the exception go below the US Youth Soccer National Championships requirement.

**10.2.1.2** Teams must play State Cup or the Presidents Cup in their home state. This is determined by where at least 50% of their players reside and register. (Players must always first register in their home state before rostering to any another state).

**10.2.2** Each team that enters the State Cup or Presidents Cup must submit a copy of their validated roster from their USYS sanctioned Member League or Association along with their entry form. Teams must have at least nine (9) primary registered players on their team roster to enter the State cup and seven (7) primary registered players on their roster to enter Presidents Cup (5 players for teams under-12s and below). The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between league and National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to the rosters of both competitions. (7 players for teams under-12s and below).

**10.2.3** All rosters must meet the standards outlined in the State Manual. For example a new player cannot be added to the roster by writing the player's name on the roster but instead must make use of a Roster Change form. If the validation on the roster is revoked, the team will not be permitted to participate until a new roster with roster change form is validated by the team's league and it is submitted to the State Cup Chairperson.

**10.2.4** At the time a team's National Championships competition roster for competitions at the State Association level is determined under this rule, the team may not have more than 5 rostered youth players who were previously rostered during the current seasonal year with a club other than the club of which the team is a member. The limit of five previously rostered players on a team shall not be applicable to teams that will not be participating in the State Cup Championship during the seasonal year that there are more than five previously rostered players on the team. Teams that are not participating in the State Cup Championship may have an unlimited number of previously rostered players on their team.

**10.2.5** The State Cup or Presidents Cup roster is frozen at the moment of kick off at the team's first State Cup or President's Cup game. A player may only play for one team in State Cup or Presidents Cup in any seasonal year. A youth player may be on the National Championships roster of only one team at each level of the National Championships competitions during any seasonal year; provided, however, that a youth player who was rostered to a team of a club at a National Championship competition level that does not

advance to the next level and who has been issued a club pass of that club in accordance with this policy may be rostered to another team of that club at the next level of the National Championship competitions. Subject to the foregoing, and subject to the provisions of Rule 221, Section 1 (5), at each level of the National Championships competitions, a team may add to its National Championship roster for that level as many registered youth players holding club passes of that club of which a team is a member as the team or its club determines so long as the roster does not exceed 22 players. A team may not change the club of which it is a member at any time after the commencement of the National Championship competitions and in any event only in compliance with the Bylaws of the State Association of which the club is a member.

**10.2.6** Teams must submit their entries by the deadline established by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Chairperson.

**10.2.7** Teams may withdraw from the State Cup or Presidents Cup up to 30 days prior to the start of play without penalty; however the entry fee will not be returned. Teams that withdraw after that period may be fined and / or placed in bad standing as determined by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee.

**10.2.8** If any team forfeits any game in State Cup or Presidents Cup play, the team or the club that sponsored the team may be fined and/or placed in bad standing and the team may be prohibited from entering the following year's State Cup or Presidents Cup as determined by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee.

**10.2.9** Any team that does not pay the fine(s) may be considered in bad standing and the team may not be permitted to play in any future State Cup, Presidents Cup, League or Association games until fines are paid as determined by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee.

**10.2.10** Teams that have forfeited two or more games in any US Youth Soccer game since the conclusion of the previous year's Ohio South portion of the State Cup or Presidents Cup or have forfeited a game in the previous year's State Cup or Presidents Cup may not be eligible to enter the current year's competition. Teams that withdraw shall be considered a forfeit.

**10.2.11** Players and coaches who are under suspension following a hearing before the OSYSA Conduct Committee or the OSYSA State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee shall not be permitted to participate in the State Cup or Presidents Cup until such time as the suspension has been completed.

**10.2.12** For teams competing in the under-14s and under-15s age groups, each player on the team must be:

- a) 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.

For the teams competing in the under-16s, under-17s, under-18s, and under-19s age groups, each player on the team must be:

- a) 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-14s age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year

### **10.3 REFEREES**

**10.3.1** OSYSA is responsible for assignment of referees to State Cup and Presidents Cup games.

**10.3.2** OSYSA is responsible for payment of referee fees for all State Cup games beyond the preliminary level (except the first game in the round robin where each team pays half of the referee fee). Participating teams are responsible for payment of referee fees for all preliminary district games and the first round robin game. OSYSA is responsible for all referee fees for Presidents Cup.

#### **10.4 SCHEDULING**

**10.4.1** It shall be the intent of the State Cup / Presidents Cup Committee to create the basis for a schedule that presents the best opportunity for the best teams to advance through the tournament.

It is the intention of OSYSA to attempt to schedule all finals of all Age Groups except under-19s at the same location on the same day.

**10.4.2** State Cup and Presidents Cup games take precedence over all scheduled league and association games. All games scheduled by member Leagues and Associations are required to be re-scheduled to permit all teams to compete in State Cup or Presidents Cup play. No member League or Association can forfeit any game of any team for the day that the team is playing in the State Cup or Presidents Cup.

**10.4.3** Teams shall not be scheduled to play any more than two games on any one day.

**10.4.4** The State Cup Committee shall determine the seeds for the State Cup with all other participating teams' opponents to be decided by a double blind draw. The Presidents Cup Committee may determine to seed the Presidents Cup. If seeding is utilized in the Presidents Cup all other participating teams' opponents shall be decided by double blind draw. The number of pre-play games within a specific OSYSA district will be determined as a percentage of teams from that district compared to the overall number of teams that have entered from a particular age group from all districts. Presidents Cup teams will not play pre-play games.

**10.4.5** In State Cup, no games will be scheduled on the last day for district play in games. The last day will be used as a rain date. Any games not played as a result of weather or field conditions on the rain date will be scheduled to play the next day and will continue to be scheduled by day until completed.

**10.4.6** The draw meeting will be held as scheduled by the State Cup / Presidents Cup Committee. Any games that have not been played will have their position in the bracket drawn for the game winners in their age group and gender. State Cup teams that have not finished their district play in games will not be a seeded team for the competition. The State Cup Committee will determine the seeded teams from the winning teams that have completed their necessary district play in game(s).

**10.4.7** All State Cup and Presidents Cup games will be scheduled or re-scheduled as needed. Protests, weather, field conditions, or any other reason that would cause a variance in the playing schedule will require that teams must play those matches prior to the next round.

#### **10.5 US YOUTH SOCCER STATE CUP/PRESIDENTS CUP PROCEDURES**

**10.5.1** Any protest must be presented in writing to the State Cup/Presidents Cup Chairperson or his/her representative within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in protest, except as noted in section 10.5.1.1. If the Chairperson or his/her representative is not available at the site of the game, protests must

be submitted, via e-mail to the OSYSA office at OFFICE@OSYSA.COM within four (4) hours of the completion of the game that is being protested. All protests must be accompanied by a \$175.00 bond that will be returned only if the protest is upheld. If the protest is being submitted via e-mail to the OSYSA office, the protest must include a statement acknowledging that the required \$175.00 bond will be submitted to the Chairperson or the OSYSA office within 24 hours of the submission of the protest. Protests based upon the judgment of referees will not be entertained. Misapplication of Laws of the Games may be a valid basis for a protest.

**10.5.1.1** A protest regarding the use of an ineligible player may be made by anyone at any time during the current year's Ohio South State Cup or Presidents Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship. Any protest against any team that has already been eliminated from the current year's Ohio South State Cup or Presidents Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship shall not be entertained. Although a protest may not be entertained by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Chairperson due to the lateness of the filing of the protest, the Chairperson may report any misconduct by any OSYSA player, coach or team, including the use of an ineligible player, during any portion of the Ohio South State Cup or Presidents Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship to the OSYSA Conduct Committee for their consideration.

Upon receipt of any protest, the State Cup/Presidents Cup Chairperson shall refer the matter to the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee for a hearing in the matter. The State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee, after holding an open and fair hearing in which all parties to the protest shall be provided an opportunity to be heard, shall make a determination as to the validity of the protest. If the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee determines that an ineligible player participated in a State Cup or Presidents Cup game, the validity of any protest may be appealed to the OSYSA Appeals Committee as outlined in Section 14.0 of these bylaws.

If the determination by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee requires the forfeit of the protested game, the winner as determined by their decision will advance in the State Cup or Presidents Cup. If the team that was determined to have lost the game upon which the protest was based has already participated in the next game of the competition, their opponent in the last game in the competition played by the team shall be declared the winner and shall be allowed to proceed in the competition.

**10.5.2** Any team where it has been proved that they used an ineligible player in District, State or Regional and National competition is not eligible to compete further in the competition in the current seasonal year and shall not be allowed to compete in the following year's State Cup or Presidents Cup as determined by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee.

**10.5.3** All teams should have their Player and Coach Passes with photographs attached and duly authorized by OSYSA as provided elsewhere in these bylaws at all games of the OSYSA State Cup/Presidents Cup. Teams without their OSYSA/US Youth Soccer player passes at an OSYSA State Cup or Presidents Cup game should be handled in the following manner:

- If the game is a Self Schedule game at which no representative of OSYSA State Cup/Presidents Cup Committee is present, a coach from the team is authorized to take one or more photographs of the players whose passes are not at the game to verify the identity of the game's participants.
- If a representative of OSYSA State Cup/Presidents Cup Committee is present at the game, that representative is authorized to take one or more photographs of the players whose passes are not present at the game to verify the identity of the game's participants.

If either of the preceding scenarios occur, the team that did not have the coach or players passes at the game, shall have 24 hours from the scheduled start of the game where the passes were not available to

produce those passes and verify the identity of the game's participants to the satisfaction of a representative of the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee. Teams failing to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence shall be subject to dismissal from the current State Cup or Presidents Cup or fined as determined by the State Cup/Presidents Cup Conduct Committee.

**10.5.3.1** Any team participating in either the OSYSA State Cup or OSYSA Presidents Cup that does not have their coach and/or player passes at a State Cup or Presidents Cup game shall be fined by OSYSA \$100.00, payable prior to the team's next game in the State Cup or Presidents Cup or within 14 days, whichever comes first.

**10.5.4** Any roster that has had a player added to his roster by entry onto a blank line will not be permitted to participate in the State Cup or President's Cup until a properly validated roster and roster change form has been submitted.

**10.5.5** Any player who is red carded in his/her last league game prior to his/her next State Cup or Presidents Cup game is not required to serve his/her red card penalty in the next Cup game that his/her team participates. However, he/she must sit out their next game in the league in which they received the red card.

**10.5.6** If a player receives a red card in a US Youth Soccer National Championships game, he/she is required to serve the penalty in his/her next US Youth Soccer National Championships match. If the team is eliminated from US Youth Soccer National Championships competition the penalty must be served in his/her teams' next US Youth Soccer National Championships Competition match. Players sent off will remain on the bench unless asked to leave the area by the referee.

**10.5.7** All issues or conflicts are to be referred to the State Cup/Presidents Cup Chairperson for review and consideration under the Bylaws of OSYSA.

## **10.6 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENTS CUP PLAYING BYLAWS**

**10.6.1** All games will be played under FIFA laws of the game as modified US Youth Soccer and/or OSYSA.

**10.6.1.1** Substitutions for the Under 14 and younger age groups in State Cup play and in all age groups in Presidents Cup play shall be unlimited.

**10.6.1.2** Substitutions for under-15s and older age groups in State Cup play will be allowed a maximum of 7 substitutions for each team in each game during each half of play and during overtime play. After leaving the game during a half of play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game during that same half of play. After leaving the game during overtime play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game.

**10.6.1.3** Substitution(s) for either team may occur at any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee.

**10.6.1.4** If a player is removed from the game and no substitute enters the game for the player (team plays short), the original player may re-enter the game. Entry shall be at a normal substitution point (with approval of the referee) or at any point during the game if the referee signals for the player's re-entry.

**10.6.2** All games played as part of a round robin format may end in a tie at the end of regulation. All games played in a one loss and out format must end with a winner and if a game is tied at the end of the regulation play, overtime periods and then penalty kicks will apply as outlined in 10.6.15 and 10.6.16.

**10.6.3** The standings of teams within brackets are based upon the number of points earned in qualifying games. Teams earn points as follows:

- ❖ Three (3) points for a win (including forfeits)
- ❖ One (1) point for a tie, and
- ❖ No (0) points for a loss.

**10.6.4** In the Round Robin, if teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the team's placement will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria.

- a) Winner of head to head competition (this criterion is not used if more than two teams tied).
- b) Winner of most games.
- c) Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four goals per game.
- d) Fewest goals allowed.
- e) Kicks from the penalty mark (as described in Section 10.6.16)

*Note:* If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at point "b" above until the tie is broken.

**10.6.4.1** Any team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to advance out of their group to the semifinals thus forfeiting all group games. In this situation the team forfeiting will receive a "loss" for all group games and a zero to four goal differential. All other teams in the group will receive a "win" and four goals to zero goal differential against the forfeiting team including all other games that may have already been played.

**10.6.5** For brackets requiring a wildcard for semi-final play, team placement will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:

- a) Team with most points.
- b) Winner of head to head competition (this criterion is not used if more than two teams are tied)
- c) Winner of most games.
- d) Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four goals per game
- e) Fewest goals allowed.
- f) Kicks from the penalty mark (as described in Section 10.6.16)

*Note:* If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at point "c" above until the tie is broken.

**10.6.6** If a player or coach is sent off from a Ohio South State Cup / US Youth Soccer National Championships or Ohio South Presidents Cup / US Youth Soccer President's Cup game, that player or coach will be ineligible to participate in the team's next Ohio South State Cup / US Youth Soccer National Championships or Ohio South President's Cup / US Youth Soccer President's Cup game. No substitution will be permitted for a sent off player during the game that the player was sent off.

If all of the carded coaches of a team are sent off, the game will be suspended and the details reported to the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson. The US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup/Presidents Cup Chairperson shall record the game as a forfeit by the team whose coaches were all sent off.

**10.6.7** If a participant is sent off for fighting as described in the referees report (throwing of punches and hitting by either individual), an automatic two game suspension is to be awarded and served by the individual(s) that actually hit the other individual(s).

**10.6.8** In the event that any ejection occurs in the teams last State Cup or Presidents Cup game, the official game report for the sent off player/coach will be held and forwarded to the OSYSA office.

**10.6.9** If any player or coach is penalized additional games by the Conduct Committee of his/her member Association/league, the player or coach will not be permitted to participate in the US Youth Soccer State Cup matches until the penalty has been served.

**10.6.10** If in the opinion of the State Cup / Presidents Cup Chairperson the reason for the send off is of such a nature that the one or two (for fighting) game suspension is not a sufficient penalty, the incident is to be reported to the Chairperson of the Conduct Committee for consideration of further penalties. The player or coach should be notified that the complaint was forwarded. The player or coach's card is to be returned after the automatic penalty assigned under the Bylaws is served in State / Presidents Cup games. If the Conduct Committee awards additional penalties, the player or coach's card must be surrendered at that time. The Chairperson's report to the Conduct Committee must be forwarded within two weeks of the alleged incident.

**10.6.11** In State Cup and Presidents Cup competitions, unfinished games due to any cause shall be replayed if neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped during the second half and play cannot be resumed and if neither team is at fault, the State Cup or Presidents Cup Chairperson may deem the game complete or that it is to be replayed in its entirety. However, if play is stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the State or Presidents Cup Chairperson whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.

**10.6.12** A minimum of seven players constitute a team. A (10) minute grace period will be extended beyond the scheduled kick off time if seven players are not available. A team with seven players must start the game as soon as seven (7) players are at the field. If at the end of the 10-minute grace period the team does not have seven (7) players, the referee will not start the game and will report the failure of the team to show to the Cup Chairperson or his/her representative, in which he/she will declare a forfeit by the team short players. (For all under-12s and below teams, 5 players constitute a team and will follow all of the same procedures as stated above using the 5-player rule.)

**10.6.13** Each player must wear an official uniform with a number on the back of the player's jersey. The number is to be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Goalkeepers are not required to have a number on his/her uniform. Each number must be different. In the event of a color conflict, the home team will change to an alternate set of jerseys. All players must wear shin guards, socks covering the shin guards, appropriate footwear, shorts, and a jersey. All teams must wear uniforms that conform to acceptable standards for State Cup or Presidents Cup play. Games will be suspended by the referee, if in his/her judgment the uniforms worn by the team are not acceptable for competition. The Cup Chairperson will forfeit the game if he/she supports the referee's opinion regarding the unsuitability of the uniforms.

**10.6.13.1** At every level of the National Championships competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game of the competitions may only have on the outer wear of the player or team official a name, logo, or other identifying mark of a youth soccer organization that is US Youth Soccer, a

State Association or other member of US Youth Soccer, a member of a State Association, or an organization that is a member of an organization that is a member of a State Association. A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to remain at the game site for the game.

**10.6.14** All games played as part of a round robin format may end in a tie at the end of regulation. All games played in a one loss and out format must end with a winner and if a game is tied at the end of the regulation play, overtime periods, as shown below, will be played.

**10.6.15**

Age Group	Players on Field	Length of game	Overtime Periods	Ball Size
Under-11s/12	9 v 9	Two 30 minute halves	Two 10 minute periods	4
Under-13s/14	11 v 11	Two 35 minute halves	Two 10 minute periods	5
Under-15s/16	11 v 11	Two 40 minute halves	Two 15 minute periods	5
Under-17s-U19	11 v 11	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute periods	5

**10.6.16** If at the conclusion of the overtime periods, the game remains tied, kicks from the mark (as defined in USSF/FIFA Law book) must be used to determine a winner of the game.

**10.7 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENTS CUP TROPHIES**

**10.7.1** The players of first and second place teams in the State Cup and President’s Cup shall receive individual awards and the team coach or manager will receive a team award for first and second place.

**10.8 US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ROSTERS**

**10.8.1** All OSYSA State Cup Champions and wild card teams advancing to the Midwest Regional Championships must have their Blue Roster validated by the OSYSA Executive Director and all US Youth Soccer player passes must be laminated.

**10.8.2** US Youth Soccer Player Passes and League Rosters are required at all US Youth Soccer Regional Championship games.

**10.8.3** The Midwest Region provides a US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships manual. All State Championship teams and other teams attending the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships are to receive a copy of this manual. All teams are to study and understand all of their requirements at the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships.

**10.9 US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**10.9.1** OSYSA State Cup Champions (under-19s, under-18s, under-17s, under-16s, under-15s, under-14s and under-13s) will be scheduled to play in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships. These games are scheduled each year in a different member US Youth Soccer State Association belonging to the Midwest Region. This competition features the State Cup Champion from each of the 14 Midwest State Associations that make up the membership of the US Youth Soccer Midwest Region.

**10.9.2** All US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup champions are required to play in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships. If a State Cup Champion (or wild card team(s)) does not participate, the team will be placed in bad standing and will be fined. Teams that refuse to participate in Regional

Competition may not enter the State Cup the following year. Teams that cannot participate in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships should not enter the State Cup.

**10.9.3** Each year each member State Association may be placed in a blind drawing to have the right to enter a wild card team(s) into an age group that has an odd number of entries. The second teams may be dropped from the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships if more than 60 days prior to the start of the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships any other State Association team withdraws making the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships an even number of teams (not counting the extra team entered from the State Association).

**10.9.4** If OSYSA is the host State for the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships and if less than 30 days from the start of the competition a State Association withdraws a team from any Age Group making that Age Group an uneven number (counting any second team from any State Association), the OSYSA will have the right to enter a second team in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships to make the tournament even numbers.

## **10.10 US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST PRESIDENTS CUP COMPETITION**

**10.10.1** Presidents Cup Champions (under-17s, under-16s, under-15s, under-14s) will be scheduled to play at the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup. These games are scheduled each year in a different member US Youth Soccer State Association belonging to The Midwest Region. This competition features the Presidents Cup Champions from each of the 14 Midwest State Associations that make up the membership of the US Youth Soccer Midwest Region.

**10.10.2** All Presidents Cup Champions in the age groups offered by the Midwest Region are required to enter and play in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup. If an OSYSA Presidents Cup Champion does not participate, the team will be placed in bad standing and will be fined. Teams that refuse to participate in Regional Competition may not enter the OSYSA State Cup or Presidents Cup the following year. Teams that cannot participate in the Regional Competition should not enter the Presidents Cup competition.

**10.10.3** Each year each member State Association may be placed in a blind draw to have the right to enter a wild card team(s) into an age group that has an odd number of entries. The second teams may be dropped from the Presidents Cup competition if more than 60 days prior to the start of the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup any other State Association team withdraws making the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup an even number of teams (not counting the extra team entered from the State Association).

**10.10.4** If OSYSA is the Host State for the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup and if less than 30 days from the start of the competition a State Association withdraws a team from any Age Group making that Age Group an uneven number (counting any second team from any State Association), then OSYSA will have the right to enter a second team in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup competition to make the tournament even numbers.

## **10.11 FIELD STATUS**

**10.11.1** Determination of field status as to its playing condition first rests with the organization providing the fields. Prior to any decision to close the field, they should consult with the OSYSA representative. Their decision is final. If the host organization approves the fields for play, the field may be canceled at a later time if the host organization deems the conditions to have changed. The referee may suspend games when he/she considers the field unsafe or unplayable.

**10.11.2** In the event of inclement weather, everything possible will be done to provide games to teams that travel. However, games cannot be guaranteed. Teams that travel to US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup or Presidents Cup locations do so at their own risk of games being canceled due to weather or other circumstances.

## **10.12 MATCH MANIPULATION**

**10.12** Match Manipulation at the National Championships Series competitions at all levels. Teams failing to compete in the spirit of the competition or are involved in the manipulation of a game result are subject to forfeiture and disqualification from all levels of the competition including the OSYSA State Cup.

(1) If failing to compete is observed and confirmed, the competition authority representative will give notice to the offending team or teams.

(2) If corrective action is not taken, the team or teams will be subject to disqualification.

## **10.13 STATE CUP / PRESIDENTS CUP CONDUCT COMMITTEE**

**10.13.1** For the purposes of adjudicating protests, determining player eligibility, matters of misconduct and other similar matters during the operation of the OSYSA State Cup and / or the OSYSA Presidents Cup an OSYSA State Cup / Presidents Cup Conduct Committee shall be formed. The members of this committee shall be:

- The Chairperson of the OSYSA State Cup
- The Chairperson of the OSYSA Presidents Cup
- The Co-chairpersons / Assistant Chairpersons of the State Cup or Presidents Cup, if those positions are approved by the OSYSA Board of Directors
- The OSYSA Executive Director
- The OSYSA Director of Coaching
- A member of the OSYSA Board of Directors as appointed by the OSYSA President

**10.13.2** If any person holding any of the above positions is unable to serve on the OSYSA State Cup / Presidents Cup Committee, then that person shall be authorized to appoint an alternate to serve in their place for the duration of their absence from the committee.

**10.13.3** Any person holding any of the positions listed in bylaw 10.13.1 or any alternate as authorized by bylaw 10.13.2 shall recuse themselves from any decision that involves a team or club that they associated with, either as the protesting party or as the party that is the focus of the matter under consideration.

**10.13.4** For any matter involving the State Cup, the State Cup Chairperson or his designated alternate shall act as Chairperson of the committee and as such shall not have a vote in making any decision regarding the matter under consideration.

For any matter involving the Presidents Cup, the Presidents Cup Chairperson or his designated alternate shall act as Chairperson of the committee and as such shall not have a vote in making any decision regarding the matter under consideration.

**10.13.5** For any matter under consideration by the State Cup / Presidents Cup Conduct Committee at least 3 or more persons holding the positions listed in 10.13.1 or their designated alternate, not including the chairperson or his designated alternate, shall participate in the making of any decision regarding the matter under consideration.

**10.13.6** In matters under consideration by the State Cup / Presidents Cup Conduct Committee regarding player eligibility, the committee may take in to consideration whether the violation was intentional or just a minor clerical error and whether or not the violation had a material impact on a game.

## **APPENDIX ONE**

### Four Team Division

#### Championship

Winner of Bracket "A" versus Second Place of Bracket "A"

### Eight Team Division

#### Semi Finals:

Winner Bracket "A" versus Runner Up Bracket "B"

Winner Bracket "B" versus Runner Up Bracket "A"

#### Championship

Winners of each Game above

### Twelve Team Division

#### Semi Finals:

Winner Bracket "A" versus Wildcard Winner

Winner Bracket "B" versus Winner Bracket "C"

If wildcard comes from Group A, then

Winner Bracket "A" versus Winner Bracket "C"

Winner Bracket "B" versus Wildcard Winner

#### Championship

Winners of each game above

### Sixteen Team Division

#### Semi Finals:

Winner Bracket "A" versus Winner Bracket "D"

Winner Bracket "B" versus Winner Bracket "C"

#### Championship

Winners of the two games above

- ❖ In the case of an odd number of teams in Presidents Cup, the formulas above will not be used and instead participants will advance to the Semi-Finals and Finals per rule 10.1.2.