

GENERAL RULES:

- 1) A team representative must report to the administration area 30 minutes before the team's first game for each day that the team is playing.
- 2) All schedules and field assignments are subject to change.
- 3) Final changes for the Semi and Finals will be posted at Administration Tent. The game cards shall always be considered correct when there is a question related to schedules and game/field assignments. **The frozen rosters will be considered correct for all First and second round games.**
- 4) It is the goal of the PA West Soccer State Cup committee to have every game decided on the field of play by the two opponents.
- 5) Teams are expected to be ready to play at the scheduled time of the match. Games will not be delayed or changed to accommodate missing information or players. Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted ten (10) minutes grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team. Only the PA West Soccer State Cup committee may decide that a forfeit will be awarded to a team. The decision of the PA West Soccer State Cup committee in this matter is final and not subject to appeal.
- 6) All games will be played as scheduled, unless the referee deems conditions to be dangerous, at which time a team representative shall report to the administration area **(semi and final games)** or call the State Cup designee for First and Second round games for a determination of game result and/or rescheduling information.
- 7) At no time should a team leave the field unless instructed to do so by the referee.
- 8) At no time should a team leave the site unless directed by the State Cup Committee.
- 9) Players will be required to report to their field sites one half hour before each game for a pregame check-in by the Field Marshal. The player passes **(and approved roster for first and second round games)** will be presented to the Field Marshal **(referee for first and second round games)** at each game. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit by the offending team.
- 10) The 13U and older age groups may have a maximum of twenty-two players on their team roster and a maximum of eighteen (18) players on each game roster. **12U teams may roster 16 players.**

The following applies for every 13U and older team that has more than eighteen (18) players on the approved team roster.

A. For each game, it will be the responsibility of the team official to report to the tournament site Administrative Tent **(semi and finals)** no less than one hour before the scheduled game, to cross out the names of the players who will not be participating in the team's game. The team's game roster can have a maximum of eighteen (18) PLAYERS.

B. The marked roster must be presented to the Field Marshal before the start of each game.

C. Once the team's official game roster has been given to the Field Marshal, the players not participating in the game are now considered spectators and must remain on their team's spectator sideline with their uniform covered.

D. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE CAN THE PLAYER NOW CONSIDERED TO BE A SPECTATOR BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT PARTICULAR GAME.

E. The player passes of the players not on the game roster will be kept at the administration tent (semi and finals, referee will hold passes for first and seasoned rounds) in the team's age group folder until the completion of said game. Upon completion of each game the team official will report to the Administration Tent to collect the player passes.

11) Each game will use the game balls provided by the State Cup Committee.

12) The team listed first is the home team. The home team will change uniform colors in case of a conflict.

13) An unfinished game due to any cause shall be replayed providing neither team is at fault nor play has not reached halftime. If play is stopped after the completion of the first half and cannot be resumed and if neither team is at fault, the State Cup Committee shall deem the game complete. 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 Cup Committee whether the full game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.

14) The State Cup Committee reserves the right to shorten the overall time of a game should rescheduling become necessary. Two halves of equal length shall be played.

15) Should fans behave in an unsportsmanlike manner or any other such manners that the site coordinator deems will jeopardize the safe and fair playing of the games, the committee reserves the right to eject the fans (by police if necessary). The club and the team will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee for possible action, which could include suspensions, and to declare the game a forfeit, which would result in the team being removed from the tournament this includes before and after scheduled games.

17) There shall be a team-designated side of the field. Only three team officials (with proper PA West Soccer bench passes) shall be permitted on the team sideline. NOTE: Team bench passes MUST be worn and visible to the Referees and Tournament Officials at all times during a match. All fans must use the opposite touchline or the area designated by the State Cup Committee. Failure to abide by the rule will result in stoppage of the game and potential forfeit should there be a failure to comply.

18) Each team shall have half of the touchline. The coach, etc., may not leave an area of Ten yards from the centerline (coaching box).

19) All teams must wear the uniform of the club listed on the roster. All goalkeeper shirts must have a number.

20) All Finalist coaches and teams must report to an area designated by the Cup Committee immediately at conclusion of the final match for pictures and trophy presentation.

21) Property should be respected. Teams must pick up trash at the end of each game. Failure to do so could result in a fine and disciplinary action.

22) Clubs and teams are liable for any property damage that its members cause. Failure to pay damage fee will result in a team's suspension and the club facing disciplinary action.

23) At every level of the National Championships competitions, of which PA West Soccer State Cup is the entry-level, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game or associated activity 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 or associated activity.