



Welcome to the 2019 South Texas Directors Cup! We are looking forward to a great event as teams compete to be crowned South Texas Directors Cup Champion! PLEASE NOTE this entry letter is for Both Districts (East and West). Directors Cup teams only!

Now that your team is registered for Directors Cup, it is time to begin preparing your team for the competition. This includes:

- Familiarize yourself with information being posted on the Directors Cup webpage of the stxsoccer.org website. ALL pertinent information AND updates will be posted there. With rain-outs and other situations that come up, new or updated information may be posted daily (hopefully not!)
 - Go to www.stxsoccer.org, scroll over the “State Competitions” drop-down menu and select the “Directors Cup” option, OR
 - Go directly to http://www.stxsoccer.org/directors_cup/
- Be knowledgeable and understanding the Rules of Competition. Rules and policies specific to the South Texas Directors Cup will be posted on the above webpage.
- Finalizing any changes to your roster and communicate appropriately with your club/association registrar. This must be done BEFORE the roster freeze date listed in this document.
- Be aware of any deadlines that may be applicable to your team.
- Keep up-to-date on any email communication regarding the Directors Cup and ensure a prompt reply if a response is needed.
- Directors Cup has changed formats

The information above and on the following pages is meant to guide you as you prepare for the upcoming 2019 Directors Cup competition.

THANK YOU for your continued efforts in helping ensure a great experience for your players, parents, and coaches. We wish your team the best of luck in the 2019 South Texas Directors Cup!

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IMPORTANT DIRECTORS CUP DATES

ADMINISTRATIVE DEADLINES **Make sure your Registrar is aware of these dates******

January 4, 2019 – Directors Cup Registration Opens

March 6, 2019 - Directors Cup Registration Deadline

March 27, 2019 – Directors Cup Payment Deadline

PLAY DATES

April 13-14, 2019 – District Play Date.

April 27-28, 2019 – RAIN DATE

May 4-5, 2019 – Directors Cup State Finals Weekend, **Five Mile Dam (San Marcos, TX)**

REGISTRATION AND COST

Directors Cup is an open entry competition for any teams that are not seeded in Presidents Cup or State Cup. This could include teams in DDL White, D2L, WDDOA Challenger, or Association Leagues. In 2019, the registration fee is \$500.00 for 11U-14U; the registration fee is \$525.00 for 15U-19U. All teams must register by March 6, 2019. Payment options include CHECK, CREDIT CARD, or E-CHECK. If paying by check, please note the team the payment is for. Mail the check to: South Texas Youth Soccer, Attn: Directors Cup, 2300 Greenhill Drive, Suite 260, Round Rock, TX 78664.

ADVANCEMENT

Play groups will be formed in each District. The number of teams in each group and number of groups will be determined based on the total registration numbers for each age group. Advancement scenarios to Directors Cup State Finals Weekend will differ based on the number of teams participating in each age group/gender. Advancement determination for each age group will be posted on the South Texas website (www.stxsoccer.org) after the number of teams/groups in each age group is finalized.

The 1st and 2nd place finishers at the District Playoffs will advance to the Directors Cup State Finals Weekend.

CHECK-IN

- 1.** Roster – Teams must bring an official Association Roster to the event and have available during every game.
- 2.** Player Cards – Teams must have player cards for every player participating in event (primary and guest).
- 3.** Code of Ethics - Teams must read through, sign and bring to check-in.
- 4.** Adult Participation Pass (KidSafe): up to four (4) officials on the sideline must display at all times.
- 5.** Penalty Point Report – will be aggregated and provided by your competitions administrator.

FINALIZING YOUR DIRECTORS CUP ROSTER

Directors Cup Roster - Directors Cup Rosters will be based on the team's Official Roster. Please adhere to your Local Club/Member Association roster deadlines/freezes for transfers/adds/releases. The Directors Cup Roster will be the Official Spring Roster as created by the team's Local Member Association according to their deadlines and policies. There are no Club Passes or Guest Players allowed for Directors Cup.

Roster Changes

- A 'previously rostered player' is defined as a player who transfers on to a team from a different club. A player who changes teams within the same club is not considered a previously rostered player and does not count towards the transfer limit of 5.
- **U11 and U12 teams** may have no more than **3 previously rostered player** transfers on the Official Directors Cup Roster.
- **U13 and older teams** may have no more than **5 previously rostered player** transfers on Official Directors Cup Roster
- Any player rostered to the team in the Fall who is **not returning** is required to submit a signed Release form prior to being removed from the team.

Transfer – For the purposes of Directors Cup play, any player who was rostered to another team for the fall season must complete the STYSA Transfer/Release form in order to move to a different team; however, only those players who were previously rostered to a team in a different club will be counted toward the maximum transfer limit of 5.

The Transfer form must include the following:

- ✓ Player's name (as it appears on the roster), address, ID number, date of birth, and signature of the player/parent.
- ✓ Club Name, Team Name, and Team Number of the team the player is leaving.
- ✓ Club Name, Team Name, and Team Number of the team the player is joining.

New Player – A "new player" is one who has not played with any STYSA or US Youth Soccer league or association during the current seasonal year. The team manager or coach is responsible for the following:

- ✓ Registering the player with the local club or association in the GotSoccer registration program.
- ✓ Paying any required registration fees to the **local club or association**. (The association will pay fees for the player when submitting their entire Spring registration information to STYSA)

Release – Any player who was rostered to the team in the fall remains rostered to the team for spring. A player must request in writing (signed by the parent) a release from the team prior to being removed from the roster. Coaches or managers may not release a player involuntarily unless they meet the criteria stated in the rules. For any player to be released under the involuntary rules, documentation must be provided with the release that verifies the situation meets the requirements. **Any player for whom a form is not submitted will remain on the roster for the spring competition.** Not registering for the spring season is not a valid reason for removing a player from the roster.