



Welcome to the 2018 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/deadline your Local Association has set.
- 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 11U and 12U now only have 1 Bracket for 2018.

The information above and on the following pages is meant to guide you as you prepare for the upcoming 2018 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 2018 South Texas Directors Cup!

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IMPORTANT DIRECTORS CUP DATES

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

March 1 - Directors Cup Entry Deadline

March 21 – Directors Cup Payment Deadline due

PLAY DATES

April 21-22 – District Play Date

April 28-29 – Rain Date

May 5-6 – Directors Cup State Finals Weekend, **Eastern District Hosting, Location:** TBD

REGISTRATION AND COST

Directors Cup is an open entry competition for any teams that are not seeded in Presidents Cup or State Cup. The competition is open to 11U through 19U boys and girls teams. **New for 2018, the 11U and 12U age group** will only have 1 Bracket for 2018 and all 11U and 12U teams not seeded into Presidents Cup or State Cup will be eligible to participate. The Directors Cup competition finishes at the State Level.

In 2018, the registration fee is \$500 for 11U-14U teams; the registration fee is \$525 for 15U-19U. All teams must register by March 1, 2018. 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, 15209 US Hwy 290 E, Manor, TX 78653.

FORMAT - CHANGE

In 2018 the competition will start in April and be formatted Event/Tournament style similar to the South Texas Cup. The District Round (round robin + district playoff) will be played over 1 weekend (dates above). STYSA will schedule the games. The State Finals weekend has NOT changed in format, and will continue to include 2 East teams, 2 West teams, and an El Paso team (if applicable). The State Finals will be scheduled for May 5 & 6, 2018.

New In 2018; all age groups, 11U – 19U, will have only one bracket. Any team not seeded and participating in State Cup or Presidents Cup will be eligible to register and participate in Directors Cup. 11U and 12U, will no longer have two brackets as Presidents Cup and State Cup have 11U and 12U brackets now for teams wishing for a higher level of competition.

11U and 12U teams will play 9v9.

18U and 19U teams will be combined to form the “19U” age group.

ADVANCEMENT

The qualification process within each District will identify the first and second place teams in each age group. The two teams from each District and one El Paso team (if entered in the competition) will advance to the Directors Cup State Finals. State Finals will be hosted in the Eastern District in 2018 at a Location TBD. Advancement Scenarios will be posted to the Directors Cup website before the start of the Competition.

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.

How to Make Changes to Your Roster:

All changes to a team's Official Local Association's roster, for a team entered in the Directors Cup competition, must be processed in the GotSoccer system prior to the final roster deadline indicated by your Registrar. Rosters generated from any other player registration system will not be allowed. It is the responsibility of the team to provide the required documentation for changes to the Association Registrar, allowing sufficient time for the registrar to process the change in

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the registration system. Teams must touch base with their Registrar directly in order to change/confirm their Official Local Association Spring Rosters.

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.
- **11U and 12U teams** may have no more than 3 previously rostered player transfers on the Official Directors Cup Roster.
- **13U 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.