

Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup

I. Purpose

The Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup is held each year to determine Oklahoma Soccer Association's Division 1 Champion in the U11-18/19 competitive age groups. The champion of the U13-U18/19 girls and boys divisions in the Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup will advance to the USYS Region III President's Cup Regional Tournament.

II. Eligibility

A. The Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup is open to any team, competitive or recreational, that is registered with the Oklahoma Soccer Association and in good standing, **except** for those teams that fall into one of the following categories:

1. Any team that participated in the Regional Premier League (SPL)
2. All U12-14 teams that participated in the OPL in both the fall and spring seasons.
3. The original eight (8) U11 teams that were invited to participate in the OPL spring season.
4. The top 6 teams in the top division for each age for the U15-19's.
5. Any team that plays out of the normal division for their age in the OPL.
6. Any team that participated in the Regional Premier League (PLW) with North Texas and South Texas.
7. Teams that placed in the top four on the Oklahoma State Cup the previous year with 50% of the team returning.

B. All teams wishing to play in the Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup must submit the following documents to the OSA – Tulsa office by:

1. A completed online application for the Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup
2. A tournament approved league roster. It must include jersey numbers.

3. A team check for the entry fee \$575 for U11's and \$625 for U12-19. Note: withdrawal from the tournament after application deadline but before scheduling deadline will result in forfeiture of the application fee only.
 4. A \$400.00 performance bond (separate team check). Withdrawal from the tournament after scheduling deadline will result in the forfeiture of the bond. Failure of a team to participate in all of its scheduled matches or adhere to the tournament rules will result in the forfeiture of the bond. For teams advancing to further Regional play performance bond checks will be held over. Failure of a team to participate in all mandatory activities during Regional play will result in the forfeiture of the bond.
 5. A \$100 trash bond (separate team check). Teams and parents are responsible for picking up and properly disposing of their trash or the trash bond will be forfeited.
 6. Bond checks will only be deposited in the event a team does not fulfill all of its tournament responsibilities. OSA will destroy all undeposited checks upon completion of the tournament. No checks will be returned.
- C. All teams must play in age group in which they are registered within their countries. No playing up.

III. Seeding

Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup seeding will begin with an online coaches' poll then finalized by the tournament committee. All seeding of the tournament committee are final.

IV. Scheduling

- A. OSA will prepare all schedules for the Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup.
- B. In the event there are an odd-number of teams in a division (with more than 5 teams entered), the State Tournament Committee will evaluate the bracket and determine the best format.

V. Tournament Check-in

- A. A mandatory team check-in will be held on Friday prior to tournament play.
- B. The following documents must be available for check-in:
1. Copy of original birth certificate for each eligible player.
 2. An approved league roster with jersey numbers.
 3. Stamped USYS Player Pass for each eligible player. All player information **MUST EXACTLY** match the information on the approved league roster.
- C Any team not making the check-in meeting on Friday and doing so on Saturday will pay a \$75 check-in fee at that time.

VI. Referees

The SYRA and/or his designee will assign all referees for the Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup. Referee fees for **all games** are included in the entry fee for the tournament.

VII Rules of Competition

A. Length of Match, Overtime, and ball size

<u>Age</u>	<u>Match Length</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
U11-12	30 min halves	2 – 5 min periods	4
U13-14	35 min halves	2 – 10 min periods	5
U15-16	40 min halves	2 – 10 min periods	5
U17-19	45 min halves	2 – 10 min periods	5

Preliminary matches may end in a tie; overtime will only be played for Semifinal and Final matches. If matches are still tied after the overtime periods, FIFA kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine a winner.

B. Substitutions

1. U11 and U12 (unlimited)
 - a. any stoppage of play

2. U13-19 (unlimited)
 - a. Prior to a throw-in by the team in possession
 - b. Prior to a goal kick by either team
 - c. After a goal by either team
 - d. After an injury by either team when the referee stops play
 - e. After a caution is issued for the cautioned player only
 - f. At half –time

C. Determination of Winners

1. Scoring Method in Round-Robin
 - a. In preliminary round-robin games, team standings shall be determined by accumulation of points awarded as follows:

Win (including forfeit)	3 points
Tie	1 point
Loss	0 points
 - b. There will be no overtime played during the round-robin portion of the tournament.
2. Advancement
 - a. The team earning the most points in each group will advance to the next round of the tournament. In divisions of 3 brackets or more, the team with the most points after the group winners are declared will advance as the wildcard.
 - b. If, in the first round of the championship series, the predetermined pairings result in two opponents from the same bracket, realignment of the pairings will be made.
3. Tiebreakers
 - a. In case two or more teams accumulate an equal number of points within any group, the following tiebreakers will be considered in order until the tie is broken
 - (1) Winner of head-to-head game unless a three-way tie exists; (2) is used first if this happens
 - (2) Most wins
 - (3) Team with greatest net goal difference (NGD) which is computed as ‘goals for’ minus ‘goals against’ with a maximum of 4 NGD per game
 - (4) Team with most goals for (no limit)
 - (5) Team with the least goals against (no limit)
 - b. The same tiebreakers will be used to determine wildcard teams.

- c. If two (2) teams are still tied after computing all of the listed tiebreakers, the result shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the FIFA procedure. The coach shall make player selection for such kicks from the team's eligible roster independent of any other game lineup.
 - d. If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tiebreaker criteria listed will be used in order shown, beginning at [a., (2)], until one team is eliminated. If two teams remain they will then be compared, beginning again with criteria [a., (1)] above to determine the advancing team.
 - e. If three teams are still tied after computing the listed tiebreakers and FIFA Kicks have to be taken, there will be a draw by the Tournament Committee. The first team drawn will receive the bye, the next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of FIFA Kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in FIFA Kicks to determine the winner. The bye team will be the home team.
4. Forfeiture Rule - In the event a team in round-robin competition forfeits any match, the official game scores for all of that team's games will be recorded as 4-0 losses. A forfeit will be declared if a team fails to appear within 10 minutes after the scheduled game time with at least seven players. A team that forfeits a match will be considered to have withdrawn from the tournament and will forfeit all applications fees and performance bonds.
5. Unfinished Games - An unfinished game due to any cause shall be replayed providing both team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped after completion of the first half, and cannot be resumed as determined by the Tournament Chairman, and provided neither team is at fault, the Tournament Committee may deem the game complete. Should play be stopped at any time due to one of the teams being judged at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee as to whether the game is to be replayed, stand as is, or declared a forfeit.
- D. Send Offs and Unserved Send Offs
1. Any player or coach sent off during the Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup will be ineligible to participate in the next President's Cup or President's Regional match for that team. All cautions and send offs as noted on the game form by the referee of the game will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee and further disciplinary actions may be taken. Upon being sent off during the Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup any player or coach must go to the tournament headquarters for the remainder of that match. Any other person instructed to leave the complex will not be permitted to return that day.

2. Any player or coach who is sent off in their last President's Cup/Regional/National Championship match is ineligible to participate in the first match at the President's Cup the following year. (USYS Rule 225, Section 3)

E. Game Cards

Referees will present the Referee's Game Report to both coaches following a match for their signatures. The referee or one of the assistant referees is responsible for turning in the match report to the Tournament Committee.

VIII Roster Freeze Date

The freeze date for the Mazzio's Italian Eatery President's Cup is **5:00pm, April 15th 2011.**

This means no player additions or transfers are allowed after this date to play in the tournament.

IX Team and Match Responsibilities

- A. Be at the field ready to play at the designated time.
- B. First team listed is the home team. Home team is to change jerseys and/or socks if a conflict exists and the referee requests a change. Home teams will wear light colored jerseys and socks; visiting teams will wear dark colored jerseys and socks. Special note: USSF requires if undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve should be the same main color as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt; if under shorts are worn, they should be the same main color as the shorts.
- C. Team players and coaches will sit on the designated side of the field. All spectators will sit on the opposite side of the field. Only rostered players, coaches, and a team manager will be allowed on the team side. Failure to comply with this could result in the loss of a team's performance bond.
- D. Both teams are to provide a match ball to be selected by the referee.
- E. Referee's match report will constitute the official record of the match. A team representative must sign the report following the completion of each match.
- F. All players' jerseys, including goalkeepers, must be numbered according to the roster approved at check-in.

G. Please leave your team area clean or the trash bond will be forfeited.

Any situation not covered by these rules shall be decided by the Tournament Committee and shall be final.