

US Youth Soccer Regional President's Cup Rules and Procedures - Region III

Age Groups

U13-U17 Boys and Girls

Player Eligibility

1. Each club will provide a President's Cup roster with no more than eighteen (18) exceptions U17 . Twenty – two (22) players. In U17 all 22 players are eligible to play in each game.

- A. Rosters MUST be legible. Signed by each State Association.
- B. Players MUST be listed in alphabetical order. Last name first.
- C. Jersey Numbers MUST be listed on the Roster.
- D. No team shall be allowed more than 18/22 players on its roster.
- E. Team bench personnel (maximum of four (4) people) will have identification passes provided by the President's Cup Committee.

2. Player/Coach Passes – Each player/coach must have an official USYSA pass (ID card). The pass shall have a CURRENT photograph of the player/coach permanently attached, the player's/coach's signature, and signature of the State Registrar or his/her designee. Laminated player/coach passes are required.

NO PASS! NO PLAY!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Schedule - Round robin games will be played on Friday and Saturday, with Championship games to be played on Sunday. All games will be 30 minute halves except the championship game. Championship game will be full length.

Format of Competition

1. Game Balls. All games will be played using a size #5 ball. The President's Cup Committee will supply game balls. **In the event a ball is not provided, please ask the home team to provide a game ball.**

2. Grace Periods. Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted a ten (10) minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.

3. Home Team - Visiting Team - The team listed first in each pairing is the home team. The visiting team will have choice of jersey colors. If in the opinion of the referee there is a conflict, the home team shall change jerseys.

4. Technical Area - Teams and team personnel (maximum of four (4) people can represent the team personnel, i.e. coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer) will be in the technical area. Parents and spectators will be on the opposite touchline.

Team personnel will have identification passes provided by the President's Cup Committee.

5. Uniforms - Each player must wear an official uniform with a six inch minimum size number on the back of the shirt. Duplicate numbers are NOT permitted. Teams MUST bring an alternate jersey with a six-inch minimum size number on the back. **No jewelry may be worn during a match. Goalkeepers' jerseys are not required to have a number.**

6. Scoring and Tie Breakers. The standings of teams within brackets of three or more teams in their respective divisions are based upon the number of points earned in qualifying games. Teams earn points as follows:

- A. Three points for a win (including forfeits- considered a 4-0 victory)
- B. One point for a tie, and
- C. No points for a loss

Tie Breakers – In the event 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 head to head competition (this criteria not used if more than two (2) teams are tied)
- B. Winner of most games
- C. Goal differential (goals scored minus goal against) with a maximum differential of four goals per game. Example 6 – 2 match would be 4 plus
- D. Fewest goals allowed
- E. Kicks from the penalty mark

7. Length of Games. Preliminary Rounds:

All Preliminary Rounds matches will be 30 minute halves. No over time straight to PK. Semi finals will be 30 minute halves.

Championship Round

U14 – 2 x 35 minutes – OT – 2 x 10 minutes

U15 – 2 x 40 minutes – OT – 2 x 10 minutes

U16 – 2 x 40 minutes – OT 2 x 10 minutes

U17 – 2 x 45 minutes – OT 2 x 10 minutes

U18/19 – 2 x 45 minutes – OT 2 x 10 minutes

IF THE GAME IS STILL TIED AT THE END OF THE SECOND EXTRA TIME PERIOD, FIFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” will be used to determine the winner

Rules of Play

1. Except as otherwise provided herein, the rules of US Youth Soccer and the FIFA “Laws of the Game” shall apply.
2. Substitution - Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed. **Please handle substitutions in accordance with the laws of the Game.**
3. Discipline. Players receiving a red card in any game shall be suspended for the next game. **Players and team personnel that are sent off must leave the vicinity of the field before the match is restarted. Players MUST be escorted from the field by an adult member of the team management.**
4. Tournament Management - All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the President’s Cup competitions, shall be referred to the President’s Cup Committee. All decisions of the Committee are final.