

10.0 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP RULES AND REGULATIONS

10.1 PURPOSE OF US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP

The US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup (hereafter referred to as State Cup) and the US Youth Soccer Ohio South President's Cup (hereafter referred to as President's Cup) are the most important team competitions conducted by the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (OSYSA) or by any Member within OSYSA. As such, this competition requires that each member team, League and Association shall support the State Cup and President's Cup as their first priority.

The US Youth Soccer policy on Players and Playing Rules describes the requirements of Players and Playing Rules. These rules and regulations are designed to supplement the US Youth Soccer National Championship rules and establish the procedures followed by OSYSA.

Each year the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson will appoint a volunteer Association, League, Club, or teams to host the one or more age groups at their home location that year.

The State Cup will offer primary competition in the following age groups for both boys and girls; U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, and U10.

The President's Cup will offer primary competition in the following age groups for both boys and girls; U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, and U10.

As determined by the OSYSA Board of Directors, the State Cup and Presidents Cup may be run simultaneously.

The State Cup and the President's Cup in the U19, U18, U17, U16, U15, U14 and U13 age groups shall be held in the spring of the seasonal year.

Starting the fall of 2011 The State Cup and President's Cup in the U12, U11 and U10 age groups shall be held in the fall of the seasonal year.

Team competition in the President's Cup will be in a one loss and out format.

Team competition in the State Cup will be one loss and out format until there are 16, 12, 8, 4, or 2 teams remaining. Then the State Cup will be round robin format until the semi finals and finals which will be one loss and out format. (The U12, U11 and U10 age groups will be one loss and out format in the spring of 2011 and will use the round robin format as outlined above starting in the fall of 2011).

10.1.1 Prior to September 1st of each year, the OSYSA President will appoint a State Cup and a President's Cup Chairperson subject to advice and consent of the Board of Directors. The State Cup Chairperson will be the Chairperson and the President's Cup Chairperson will be the Co-chairperson of the State/President's Cup Committee.

10.1.1.2 The OSYSA Executive Director working with the OSYSA Director of Coaching, the OSYSA SYRA, the State Cup Chairperson and the Presidents Cup Chairperson shall:

- a) Recommend to the OSYSA Board of Directors for their approval, the State Cup and President's Cups team entry fees.
- b) Recommend to the OSYSA Board of Directors for their approval, of the Cup playing dates (consistent with the State Cup and President's Cup Rules and Regulations).
- c) Recommend to the OSYSA Board Directors for their approval, referee fees for the State Cup and the President's Cup.
- d) Recommend to the OSYSA Board of Directors for their approval of awards for the State and President's Cup.
- e) Submit recommendations for playing sites for the State Cup and President's Cup to the OSYSA Board for approval.

The function of the State Cup / President's Cup Committee shall be:

- a) To seed the teams.
- b) To operate the State Cup / President's Cup games.
- c) To serve as the Protest Committee as determined by the State Cup or President's Chairperson.
- d) To submit recommendations for changes/improvements via the State Cup or President's Cup Chairperson to the OSYSA Board of Directors and to perform other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

The OSYSA Office staff will be responsible for establishing the schedules based on the seeding done by the State Cup Committee using the sites selected. The OSYSA office will post the State Cup and President's Cup schedules on the OSYSA website. All semi finals and finals shall be scheduled as shown in Appendix One.

10.1.2 In the round robin format teams will be seeded into brackets of four (4) teams each. If there are 16 teams, the teams with the best record in each bracket will advance to the semi finals. If there are 12 teams, the teams with the best record in each bracket will advance to the semi finals plus one team (wildcard) from one the three brackets which has the best remaining record. If there are 8 teams, the team with the best record in each bracket and the team with the second best record in each bracket (as wildcards) will move to the semi finals. If there are 4 teams, the two teams with the best records will move to the finals. If there are 2 teams, they will compete in a single loss and out competition. The determination of teams with the best records or second best records is based on the procedures listed in 10.6.1

10.1.3 If for any reason there are other than 16 teams, 12 teams, 8 teams, 4 teams or 2 teams in an age division additional pre-play games will be scheduled and played prior to the round of 16, 12, 8, 4, or 2 play date. There will be no round robin play if there are only 2 teams in a particular age division.

10.2 TEAM ENTRY

10.2.1 Only a registered US Youth Soccer team that is in good standing, the majority of whose players are domiciled within the boundaries of OSYSA and plays in a sanctioned league may enter either the State Cup or President's Cup, but not both. All teams that submit an application will be accepted if they are in good standing with OSYSA. Teams that are qualified as outlined above may not participate, if the OSYSA sanctioned league in which the team participated was not the last league competition (or concurrent with State / President's Cup) that they participated in prior to State Cup or President's Cup. (In the event that an ineligible team enters and participates anyway, their State Cup games will be forfeited.)

Teams must compete in a four team OSYSA League or Association and must be scheduled for and play at least a five game league schedule against teams domiciled inside the OSYSA boundaries. These games must be played by the conclusion of the league determined season. No more than 40% of the teams in their age group in the OSYSA sanctioned program can be domiciled in an out of State US Youth Soccer Association. Teams that don't compete as outlined in 10.2.1 cannot enter into the State Cup or President's Cup.

10.2.1.1 OSYSA teams that comply with these rules and play in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Region II Midwest Regional League may enter and play in the State Cup or President's Cup. OSYSA teams participating in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Region II Midwest Regional League will not have to comply with the 40% rule regarding the teams being domiciled outside of the OSYSA boundaries. The State / President's Cup Chairperson may grant an exception to the 5 game requirement for OSYSA teams participating in the US Youth Soccer National League or the Region II Midwest Regional League in the event of extenuating circumstances. At no time may the exception go below the US Youth Soccer National Championships requirement.

10.2.1.2 Teams must play State Cup or the President's Cup in their home state. This is determined by where at least 50% of their players reside and register. (Players must always first register in their home state before rostering to any another state).

10.2.2 Each team that enters the State Cup or President's Cup must submit a copy of their validated roster from their USYS sanctioned Member League or Association along with their entry form. Secondary registered players cannot play in the State Cup or President's Cup. Teams must have at least nine (9) primary registered players on their team roster to enter the State cup and seven (7) primary registered players on their roster to enter President's Cup (5 players for teams U12 and below). The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between league and National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to the rosters of both competitions. (7 players for teams U12 and below).

10.2.3 All rosters must meet the standards outlined in the State Manual. For example a new player has been added to the roster by writing the player on the roster rather than use of a Roster Change form, the validation on the roster is revoked and the team will not be permitted to participate until a new roster with roster change form is validated by the team's league and it is submitted to the State Cup Chairperson.

10.2.4 The State Cup or President's Cup roster is frozen at the moment of kick off at the team's first State Cup or President's Cup game. A player may only play for one team in State Cup or President's Cup in any seasonal year. A youth player may be on the National Championships roster of only one team at each level of the National Championships competitions during any seasonal year; provided, however, that a youth player who was rostered to a team of a club at a National Championship competition level that does not advance to the next level and who has been issued a club pass of that club in accordance with this policy may be rostered to another team of that club at the next level of the National Championship competitions. Subject to the foregoing, and subject to the provisions of Rule 221, Section 1 (5), at each level of the National Championships competitions, a team may add to its National Championship roster for that level as many registered youth players holding club passes of that club of which a team is a member as the team or its club determines so long as the roster does not exceed 22 players. A team may not change the club of which it is a member at any time after the commencement of the National Championship competitions and in any event only in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member.

10.2.5 Teams must submit their entries by the deadline established by the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson.

10.2.6 Teams may withdraw from the State Cup or President's Cup up to 30 days prior to the start of play without penalty; however the entry fee will not be returned. Teams that withdraw after that period may be fined and / or placed in bad standing.

10.2.7 If any team forfeits any game in State Cup or President's Cup play, the team may be fined and/or placed in bad standing. The team shall be prohibited from entering the following year's State Cup or President's Cup.

10.2.8 Any team that does not pay the fine(s) will be considered in bad standing and the team will not be permitted to play in any future State Cup, President's Cup, League or Association games until fines are paid.

10.2.9 Teams that have forfeited two or more games in any US Youth Soccer game since the previous State Cup or President's Cup or have forfeited a game in the previous year's State Cup or President's Cup may not be eligible to enter the current year's competition. Teams that withdraw shall be considered a forfeit.

10.2.10 Players who are not in good standing are not permitted to participate in the State Cup or President's Cup.

10.2.11 For teams competing in the U-14 and U-15 age groups, each player on the team must be:

- a) Of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or
- b) Of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

For the teams competing in the U-16, U-17, U-18, and U-19 age groups, each player on the team must be:

- a) Of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or
- b) Of the age of any younger age group, through the U-14 age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year

10.3 REFEREES

10.3.1 OSYSA is responsible for assignment of referees to State Cup and President's Cup games.

10.3.2 OSYSA is responsible for payment of referee fees for all State Cup or President's Cup games beyond the preliminary level (except the first game in the round robin where each team pays half of the referee fee). Participating teams are responsible for payment of referee fees for all preliminary district games and the first round robin game

10.4 SCHEDULING

10.4.1 It shall be the intent of the State Cup / President's Cup Committee to create the basis for a schedule that presents the best opportunity for the best teams to advance through the tournament.

It is the intention of OSYSA to attempt to schedule all finals of all Age Groups except U-19 at the same location on the same day (spring for older age groups – fall for younger age group effective beginning in the fall of 2011).

10.4.2 State Cup and President's Cup games take precedence over all scheduled league and association games. All games scheduled by member Leagues and Associations are required to be re-scheduled to permit all teams to compete in State Cup or President's Cup play. No member League or Association can forfeit any game of any team for the day that the team is playing in the State Cup or President's Cup.

10.4.3 Teams shall not be scheduled to play any more than two games on any one day.

10.4.4 The State / President's Cup Committee shall determine the seeds for the State Cup with all other participating teams' opponents to be decided by a double blind draw. The State / President's Cup Committee may determine to seed the President's Cup. If seeding is utilized in the President's Cup all other participating teams' opponents shall be decided by double blind

draw. The number of pre-play games within a specific OSYSA district will be determined as a percentage of teams from that district compared to the overall number of teams that have entered from a particular age group from all districts.

10.4.5 No games will be scheduled on the last day for district play in games. The last day will be used as a rain date. Any games not played as a result of weather or field conditions on the rain date will be scheduled to play the next day and will continue to be scheduled by day until completed.

10.4.6 The draw meeting will be held as scheduled by the State Cup / President's Cup Committee. Any games that have not been played will have their position in the bracket drawn for the game winners in their age group and gender. Teams that have not finished their district play in games will not be a seeded team for the competition. The State Cup / President's Cup Committee will determine the seeded teams from the winning teams that have completed their necessary district play in game(s).

10.4.7 All State Cup and President's Cup games will be scheduled or re-scheduled as needed. Protests, weather, field conditions, or any other reason that would cause a variance in the playing schedule will require that teams must play those matches prior to the next round.

10.5 US YOUTH SOCCER STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP PROCEDURES

10.5.1 Any protest must be presented in writing to the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson or his/her representative within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in protest, except as noted in section 10.5.1.1. If the Chairperson or his/her representative is not available at the site of the game, protests must be submitted, via e-mail to the OSYSA office at OFFICE@OSYSA.COM within four (4) hours of the completion of the game that is being protested. All protests must be accompanied by a \$175.00 bond that will be returned only if the protest is upheld. If the protest is being submitted via e-mail to the OSYSA office, the protest must include a statement acknowledging that the required \$175.00 bond will be submitted to the Chairperson or the OSYSA office within 24 hours of the submission of the protest. Protests based upon the judgment of referees will not be entertained. Misapplication of Laws of the Games may be a valid basis for a protest.

10.5.1.1 A protest regarding the use of an ineligible player may be made by anyone at any time during the current year's Ohio South State Cup or President's Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship. Any protest against any team that has already been eliminated from the current year's Ohio South State Cup or President's Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship shall not be entertained. Although a protest may not be entertained by the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson due to the lateness of the filing of the protest, the Chairperson may report any misconduct by any OSYSA player, coach or team, including the use of an ineligible player, during any portion of the Ohio South State Cup or President's Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship or US Youth Soccer National Championship to the OSYSA Conduct Committee for their consideration.

Upon receipt of any protest, the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson may, at his/her sole discretion, make his/her own determination as to the protest or may alternately refer the matter to the State Cup/President's Cup Committee for a hearing in the matter. If the Chairperson determines that the State Cup/President's Cup Committee shall hold a hearing, the Cup Committee, after holding an open and fair hearing in which all parties to the protest shall be provided an opportunity to be heard, shall make a determination as to the validity of the protest. If the Cup Committee determines that an ineligible player participated in a State Cup or President's Cup game, the Cup Committee shall prohibit the team involved in using the ineligible player from participating in the balance of the current year's State Cup or President's Cup and shall refer the matter to the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Cup Committee or US Youth Soccer National Championship Competition Committee.

Any decision made by the Chairperson of the State/ President's Cup Committee as to the validity of any protest may be appealed to the OSYSA Appeals Committee as outlined in Section of 14.0 of this manual.

If the determination by the Chairperson or the Cup Committee requires the forfeit of the protested game, the winner as determined by their decision will advance in the State Cup or President's Cup. If the team that was determined to have lost the game upon which the protest was based has already participated in the next game of the competition, their opponent in the last game in the competition played by the team shall be declared the winner and shall be allowed to proceed in the competition.

10.5.2 Any team where it has been proved that they used an ineligible player in District, State or Regional and National competition is not eligible to compete further in the competition in the current seasonal year and shall not be allowed to compete in the following year's State Cup or President's Cup.

10.5.3 All teams must have their Player Passes with photographs attached and duly authorized by OSYSA. Teams without US Youth Soccer player passes cannot play in the State Cup or President's Cup. All players must be properly registered as primary players to the team prior to the start of the tournament.

10.5.4 Any roster that has had a player added to his roster by entry onto a blank line will not be permitted to participate in the State Cup or President's Cup until a properly validated roster and roster change form has been submitted.

10.5.5 Any player who is red carded in his/her last league game prior to his/her next State Cup or President's Cup game is not required to serve his/her red card penalty in the next Cup game that his/her team participates. However, he/she must sit out their next game in the league in which they received the red card.

10.5.6 If a player receives a red card in a US Youth Soccer National Championships game, he/she is required to serve the penalty in his/her next US Youth Soccer National Championships match. If the team is eliminated from US Youth Soccer National Championships competition

the penalty must be served in his/her teams' next US Youth Soccer National Championships Competition match.

10.5.7 All issues or conflicts are to be referred to the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson for review and consideration under the Rules and Regulations of OSYSA.

10.6 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP PLAYING RULES

10.6.1 All games will be played under FIFA laws of the game as modified US Youth Soccer and/or OSYSA.

10.6.1.1 Substitutions for the Under 14 and younger age groups in State Cup play and in all age groups in President's Cup play shall be unlimited.

10.6.1.2 Substitutions for U15 and older age groups in State Cup play will be allowed a maximum of 7 substitutions for each team in each game during each half of play and during overtime play. After leaving the game during a half of play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game during that same half of play. After leaving the game during overtime play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game.

10.6.1.3 Substitution(s) for either team may occur at any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee.

10.6.1.4 If a player is removed from the game and no substitute enters the game for the player (team plays short), the original player may re-enter the game. Entry shall be at a normal substitution point (with approval of the referee) or at any point during the game if the referee signals for the player's re-entry.

10.6.2 All games played as part of a round robin format may end in a tie at the end of regulation. All games played in a one loss and out format must end with a winner and if a game is tied at the end of the regulation play, overtime periods and then penalty kicks will apply as outlined in 10.6.15.

10.6.3 The standings of teams within brackets are based upon the number of points earned in qualifying games. Teams earn points as follows:

- Three (3) points for a win (including forfeits)
- One (1) point for a tie, and
- No (0) points for a loss.

10.6.4 In the Round Robin, if 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 of head to head competition (this criterion is not used if more than two teams tied).
- b) Winner of most games.
- c) Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four goals per game.

- d) Fewest goals allowed.
- e) Kicks from the penalty mark (as described in Section 10.6.15)

Note: If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at point "b" above until the tie is broken.

10.6.4.1 Any team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to advance out of their group to the semifinals thus forfeiting all group games. In this situation the team forfeiting will receive a "loss" for all group games and a zero to four goal differential. All other teams in the group will receive a "win" and four goals to zero goal differential against the forfeiting team including all other games that may have already been played.

10.6.5 For brackets requiring a wildcard for semi-final play, team placement will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:

- a) Team with most points.
- b) Winner of head to head competition (this criteria is not used if more than two teams are tied)
- c) Winner of most games.
- d) Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four goals per game
- e) Fewest goals allowed.
- f) Kicks from the penalty mark (as described in Section 10.6.10)

Note: If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at point "c" above until the tie is broken.

10.6.6 If a player or coach is sent off from a Ohio South State Cup / US Youth Soccer National Championships or Ohio South President's Cup / US Youth Soccer President's Cup game, that player or coach will be ineligible to participate in the team's next Ohio South State Cup / US Youth Soccer National Championships or Ohio South President's Cup / US Youth Soccer President's Cup game. No substitution will be permitted for a sent off player during the game that the player was sent off.

If all of the carded coaches of a team are sent off, the game will be suspended and the details reported to the State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson. The US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup/President's Cup Chairperson shall record the game as a forfeit by the team whose coaches were all sent off.

10.6.7 If a participant is sent off for fighting as described in the referees report (throwing of punches and hitting by either individual), an automatic two game suspension is to be awarded and served by the individual(s) that actually hit the other individual(s).

10.6.8 In the event that any ejection occurs in the teams last State Cup or President's Cup game, the official game report for the sent off player/coach will be held and forwarded to the OSYSA office.

10.6.9 If any player or coach is penalized additional games by the Conduct Committee of his/her member Association/league, the player or coach will not be permitted to participate in the US Youth Soccer State Cup matches until the penalty has been served.

10.6.10 If in the opinion of the State Cup / President's Cup Chairperson the reason for the send off is of such a nature that the one or two (for fighting) game suspension is not a sufficient penalty, the incident is to be reported to the Chairperson of the Conduct Committee for consideration of further penalties. The player or coach should be notified that the complaint was forwarded. The player or coach's card is to be returned after the automatic penalty assigned under the rules is served in State / President's Cup games. If the Conduct Committee awards additional penalties, the player or coach's card must be surrendered at that time. The Chairperson's report to the Conduct Committee must be forwarded within two weeks of the alleged incident.

10.6.11 In State Cup and President's Cup competitions, unfinished games due to any cause shall be replayed if neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped during the second half and play cannot be resumed and if neither team is at fault, the State Cup or President's Cup Chairperson may deem the game complete or that it is to be replayed in its entirety. 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 or President's Cup Chairperson whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.

10.6.12 A minimum of seven players constitute a team. A (10) minute grace period will be extended beyond the scheduled kick off time if seven players are not available. A team with seven players must start the game as soon as seven (7) players are at the field. If at the end of the 10-minute grace period the team does not have seven (7) players, the referee will not start the game and will report the failure of the team to show to the Cup Chairperson or his/her representative, in which he/she will declare a forfeit by the team short players. (For all U12 and below teams, 5 players constitute a team and will follow all of the same procedures as stated above using the 5-player rule.)

10.6.13 Each player must wear an official uniform with a number on the back of the player's jersey. The number is to be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Goalkeepers are not required to have a number on his/her uniform. Each number must be different. In the event of a color conflict, the home team will change to an alternate set of jerseys. All players must wear shin guards, socks covering the shin guards, appropriate footwear, shorts, and a jersey. All teams must wear uniforms that conform to acceptable standards for State Cup or President's Cup play. Games will be suspended by the referee, if in his/her judgment the

uniforms worn by the team are not acceptable for competition. The Cup Chairperson will forfeit the game if he/she supports the referee's opinion regarding the unsuitability of the uniforms.

10.6.13.1 At every level of the National Championships competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game 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.

10.6.14 All games played as part of a round robin format may end in a tie at the end of regulation. All games played in a one loss and out format must end with a winner and if a game is tied at the end of the regulation play, overtime periods, as shown below, will be played.

10.6.15

Age Group	Players on Field	Length of game	Overtime Periods	Ball Size
U10	6 v 6	Two 25 minute halves	Two 10 minute periods	4
U11/12	8 v 8	Two 30 minute halves	Two 10 minute periods	4
U13/14	11 v 11	Two 35 minute halves	Two 10 minute periods	5
U15/16	11 v 11	Two 40 minute halves	Two 15 minute periods	5
U17-U19	11 v 11	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute periods	5

10.6.16 If at the conclusion of the overtime periods, the game remains tied, kicks from the mark (as defined in USSF/FIFA Law book) must be used to determine a winner of the game.

The following format will be as follows:

- a) Each team will select five (5) players to kick - only players on the field at the conclusion of the 2nd overtime period are eligible to kick. If the penalty kicks are being used to determine a bracket or wildcard winner, the coach of each team shall declare the 11 players from their roster that they will use to take their kicks. If a player has been disqualified for the team's next match as a result of a red card that player may not participate in the penalty kicks*.

Note: If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than it opponents, it must reduce its numbers to equate with that of their opponent and the team captain must inform the referee of the number of each player excluded. Any players excluded may not participate in kicks from the penalty mark. Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark, the referee must ensure that an equal number of players from each team remain within the center circle and they shall take the kicks.

- b) Teams will alternate kicks - first team to kick will be determined by a referee's coin toss, with the captain of the team that wins the coin toss deciding whether their team kicks first or second.

- c) If, before both teams each have taken five kicks, one team has scored more goals than the other team could, if the team were to complete all of their kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.
- d) If the score remains tied after five (5) kicks, teams will alternate players to take one kick at a time until a winner is determined.
- e) All eligible players must kick before any eligible player can repeat.
- f) Goalkeepers may be changed after any kick.

*If FIFA Penalty Kicks are to be taken by three (3) teams, there will be a draw by the State Cup Chairperson. The 1st team drawn will receive the bye; the next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of penalty kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in penalty kicks to determine the winner. The bye team in the second contest of penalty kicks will be the home team. This process is only used when three (3) teams remain tied after going through the Tie Breakers.

*If FIFA Penalty Kicks are to be taken by four (4) teams there will be a draw by the State Cup Chairperson. The 1st team drawn will compete against the 2nd team drawn in the first contest of penalty kicks. The 1st team drawn will be the home team in this contest of penalty kicks. The 3rd team drawn will compete against the 4th team drawn in the second contest of penalty kicks. The 3rd team drawn will be the home team in this contest of penalty kicks. The winners of each of these two (2) contests will then compete to determine the winner. The winner of the 1st/2nd drawn teams will be the home team in this final contest. This process is only used when four (4) teams remain tied after going through the tiebreakers.

10.7 US YOUTH SOCCER OHIO SOUTH STATE CUP/PRESIDENT'S CUP TROPHIES

10.7.1 The players of first and second place teams in the State Cup and President's Cup shall receive individual awards and the team coach or manager will receive a team award for first and second place.

10.8 US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ROSTERS

10.8.1 All OSYSA State Cup Champions and wild card teams advancing to the Midwest Regional Championships must have their Blue Roster validated by the OSYSA Executive Director and all US Youth Soccer player passes must be laminated.

10.8.2 US Youth Soccer Player Passes and League Rosters are required at all US Youth Soccer Regional Championship games.

10.8.3 Region II provides a US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships manual. All State Championship teams and other teams attending the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional

Championships are to receive a copy of this manual. All teams are to study and understand all of their requirements at the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships.

10.9 US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.9.1 OSYSA State Cup Champions (U-19, U-18, U-17, U-16, U-15, U-14 and U-13) will be scheduled to play in the Region II US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships. These games are scheduled each year in a different member US Youth Soccer State Association belonging to Region II (the Midwest area). This competition features the State Cup Champion from each of the 14 Midwest State Associations that make up the membership of the US Youth Soccer Region II.

10.9.2 All US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup champions are required to play in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships. If a State Cup Champion (or wild card team(s)) does not participate, the team will be placed in bad standing and will be fined. Teams that refuse to participate in Regional Competition may not enter the State Cup the following year. Teams that cannot participate in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships should not enter the State Cup.

10.9.3 Each year each member State Association may be placed in a blind drawing to have the right to enter a wild card team(s) into an age group that has an odd number of entries. The second teams may be dropped from the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships if more than 60 days prior to the start of the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships any other State Association team withdraws making the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships an even number of teams (not counting the extra team entered from the State Association).

10.9.4 If OSYSA is the host State for the Region II US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships and if less than 30 days from the start of the competition a State Association withdraws a team from any Age Group making that Age Group an uneven number (counting any second team from any State Association), the OSYSA will have the right to enter a second team in the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships to make the tournament even numbers.

10.10 US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CUP COMPETITION

10.10.1 President's Cup Champions (U-17, U-16, U-15, U-14) will be scheduled to play the Region II US Youth Soccer President's Cup. These games are scheduled each year in a different member US Youth Soccer State Association belonging to Region II (the Midwest area). This competition features the US Youth Soccer National President's State Cup Champions from each of the 14 Midwest State Associations that make up the membership of the US Youth Soccer Region II.

10.10.2 All President's Cup Champions in the age groups offered by the Region are required to enter and play in the US Youth Soccer Regional President's Cup. If an OSYSA President's Cup Champion does not participate, the team will be placed in bad standing and will be fined. Teams

that refuse to participate in Regional Competition may not enter the OSYSA State Cup or President's Cup the following year. Teams that cannot participate in the Regional Competition should not enter the President's Cup competition.

10.10.3 Each year each member State Association may be placed in a blind drawing to have the right to enter a wild card team(s) into an age group that has an odd number of entries. The second teams may be dropped from the President's Cup competition if more than 60 days prior to the start of the US Youth Soccer Regional Cup any other State Association team withdraws making the US Youth Soccer President's Cup an even number of teams (not counting the extra team entered from the State Association).

10.10.4 If OSYSA is the host State for the Region II US Youth Soccer National President's Cup and if less than 30 days from the start of the competition a State Association withdraws a team from any Age Group making that Age Group an uneven number (counting any second team from any State Association), then OSYSA will have the right to enter a second team in the US Youth Soccer National President's Cup competition to make the tournament even numbers.

10.11 FIELD STATUS

10.11.1 Determination of field status as to its playing condition first rests with the organization providing the fields. Prior to any decision to close the field, they should consult with the OSYSA representative. Their decision is final. If the host organization approves the fields for play, the field may be canceled at a later time if the host organization deems the conditions to have changed. The referee may suspend games when he/she considers the field unsafe or unplayable.

10.12.1 In the event of inclement weather, everything possible will be done to provide games to teams that travel. However, games cannot be guaranteed. Teams that travel to US Youth Soccer Ohio South State Cup or President's Cup locations do so at their own risk of games being canceled due to weather or other circumstances.

APPENDIX ONE

Four Team Division

Championship

Winner of Bracket "A" versus Second Place of Bracket "A"

Eight Team Division

Semi Finals:

Winner Bracket "A" versus Runner Up Bracket "B"

Winner Bracket "B" versus Runner Up Bracket "A"

Championship

Winners of each Game above

Twelve Team Division

Semi Finals:

Winner Bracket "A" versus Winner Bracket "B"

Winner Bracket "C" versus Wildcard Winner

If wildcard comes from Group C, then

Winner Bracket "A" versus Winner Bracket "C"

Winner Bracket "B" versus Wildcard Winner

Championship

Winners of each game above

Sixteen Team Division

Semi Finals:

Winner Bracket "A" versus Winner Bracket "C"

Winner Bracket "B" versus Winner Bracket "D"

Championship

Winners of the two games above.

