



State Cup Rule Book

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US Youth Soccer ENY State Cup Championship, and the Arch Capital Cup Rules

NOT WITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS IN THESE RULES & GUIDELINES, THE CUP CHAIRMAN AND OR CUP ADMINISTRATOR MAY TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EFFICIENT AND TIMELY COMPLETION OF THE COMPETITIONS.

THE US YOUTH SOCCER EASTERN NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE PART OF THE US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES AND ITS RULES SHALL BE APPLICABLE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST INTRASTATE GAME LEADING TO THE REGIONAL OR NATIONAL FINALS.

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

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Administrators/Commissioners shall not be telephoned before 7:30 AM or after 10 PM. If a call is received before 7:30 AM or after 10 PM, the caller will be fined \$25.00 per call.

2.0 ENTRY

2.1 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM

US Youth Soccer ENY State Championships- \$275,
 Arch Capital Cup- \$165.

After the cup draw, entry fees will not be refunded. The request for a refund must be in writing to the ENYYSA office either via email (hilda@enysoccer.com) or mail to;

ENYYSA
 53 North Park Ave., Suite 103
 Rockville Centre, NY 11570

All requests are subject to the approval of the State Cup Chairperson.

2.2 CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRY FORMS

All entries must be entered using the online registration system no later than: August 16, 2013 for Fall Cup Play U10, U11 & U12 Arch Capital Group Cup, January 5, 2014 for U12SS & U12 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and March 23, 2014 for U19 US Youth Soccer Championships. Entries will **NOT** be accepted after these dates.

2.3 CUP DRAW DATE

The Cup Draws will be held during the following months: **August** for the U10, U11 & U12 Arch Capital Group Cup, **February** for the U12SS, U12 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships, and **April** for the U19 Division.

2.3.1 At the conclusion of group play (3 games) a second draw will be conducted.

2.3.2 Teams are considered full participants of the competition at the time of the Cup Draw.

2.3.3 If any team withdraws or are disqualified after the initial cup draw but prior to the 21 day schedule rule as outlined in Rule 4.3.3, the Cup Chairman at their discretion may order a redraw of the remaining Round 1 teams to fill the vacant portion of the bracket.

2.4 ENYSSA CUP ROSTER DUE DATES

2.4.1 Completed ENYSSA Cup Rosters must be entered using the online registration system to be approved by the team's league and ENYSSA by the following dates: August 23, 2013 for U10, U11 & U12 Arch Capital Group Cup, February 9, 2014 for the U12SS, U12- U18 US Youth Soccer Championships, and April 20, 2014 for the U19 divisions.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.0.1 All teams need to play in a Qualifying league within ENY, ENY Premier League, Region I Premier League, Sub Regional Leagues (NERP and Colonial), Thruway League (by request of the League President), US Youth Soccer National League.

3.1 TEAM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Any properly registered team has the right to enter these competitions, provided they are in good standing. The team shall be comprised of properly registered youth players (as defined by the Rules of US Youth Soccer) in all age groups. With the exception of the U19 age group, the team must compete in at least a four (4) team approved league, and must have completed 6 (six) full games. **There will be no 3 game qualifications.** All qualifying games **MUST** be completed prior to the finals. US Youth Soccer Regional League or US Youth Soccer National League games must be completed in the seasonal year provided the team is in compliance with and has not violated any rules of ENYSSA and US Youth Soccer.

- 3.1.1** The US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championships are open to all teams.
- 3.1.2** With the exception of the U10 & U11, entry in the Arch Capital Cup is restricted. Divisions of play in the previous Spring Season shall determine eligibility for the U12. Additionally, eligibility requirements must be maintained throughout the cup. Divisions of play in the current Fall Season shall determine eligibility for the U13- U16. Leagues having five (5) or more divisions in the age bracket, first and second division teams are not eligible. Leagues having at least two (2) but less than five (5) divisions in the age bracket, first division teams are not eligible. Leagues having only one (1) division in the age bracket, may determine that teams finishing in the bottom half of their league play, may be eligible for the Arch Capital Cup. New teams may enter the Arch Capital Cup provided that their current or proposed division (ie: Fall or Spring) meets the above guidelines. A team is considered a new team only when less than nine (9) players were rostered to the previous year's team.
- 3.1.3** Any team disqualified for entering either Cup for which that team was ineligible shall be fined \$250 for each round they competed in. The last team, that the disqualified team played will be awarded a win by forfeit and advance to the next round of play.

3.2 *TEAMS INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE*

These competitions are not open to League Select Teams.

3.3 *QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGION, BRACKET COMPETITION*

There will be one U.S. Youth Soccer / ENY Championship Cup and one Arch Capital Group Cup

- 3.3.1** At the discretion of the Cup Chair, there must be 8 or more teams entered in any age division to create a bracket for the Arch Cup. **There shall be no u12 Small Sided in the Arch Cup.**

3.4 *LIMITS OF TEAM / PLAYER REGISTRATION*

Players registered to a club may be rostered on a State Cup Roster other than what they play in league competition, this is classified as a "Club Pass". This "Club Pass" pertains to all two Cups, even though Registration on more than one team is not permitted. For the US Youth Soccer ENY State Cup Championships players registered in this competition on an ENYSA Cup Roster are Cup tied to that team and age bracket during each level of play. A player CANNOT play on two (2) or more teams, or in two (2) or more brackets at each level. A continuity of 9 player of the league roster must be maintained at all levels.

- 3.4.1** Teams and players may enter only one of the competitions.

3.5 *APPROVED ROSTERS*

The coach shall have in his/her possession a state approved copy of the Cup Roster verifying Cup registered players prior to start of the Cup game. ENYSA designates its member leagues to certify the eligibility of the competing teams and to approve Cup Rosters. Any player whose name does not appear on an approved copy of the Cup Roster is not permitted to play. If a Cup Roster is not available prior to a game, a list of players names and pass numbers must be provided to the referee and included with the game report. In addition it shall be the responsibility of the referee to inform the opposing team that a Cup Roster was not provided.

- 3.5.1 All players listed on the Cup Roster must also be registered and listed with the club prior to the State Cup Roster freeze date.
- 3.5.2 **There is no limitation to the number of registered adults on a Cup Roster, but only four (4) rostered may be on the team bench during the game. All rostered adults must have been certified by the ENYYSA Risk Management Committee. Additionally, only Trainers with an ENYYSA Trainer Pass are allowed on the team bench during games.**
- 3.5.3 There is no prohibition of a team playing in a younger age division than their league age division. Only players of the appropriate cup age are eligible to participate and to be entered on the approved cup roster and must be on their Club's Team Roster.
- 3.5.4 A team may have on its team roster only players of the following age groups for the seasonal year in which the team is participating in:
- 1) For teams competing in the Under 10 to Under 15 age groups, each player on the team must be (a) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating, 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.
 - 2) For teams competing in the Under 16 to Under 19 age groups, each player on the team must be (a) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating, or (b) of the age of any younger age group, through the Under 14 age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

3.6 ***ROSTER MAXIMUMS AND DUE DATES***

The maximum number of players on an ENYYSA Cup Roster for U10 - U12 is Eighteen (18) and U12 Small Side 8 v 8 is Fourteen (14). U10-U12 teams that register more than (18) players and U12 8 v 8 that register more than (14) players during the current seasonal year, on their league roster, will not be eligible for the US Youth Soccer National Championships. These teams may be eligible for the Arch Capital Cup provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. The maximum number of players on an ENYYSA Cup Roster for the U13 to U19 age group is twenty-two (22). Only eighteen (18) players from that roster will be eligible to compete in any one match. The eighteen (18) eligible players to compete in the match will be clearly designated on the approved cup roster for each match.

- 3.6.1 Rosters shall be frozen seven (7) days prior to the start of the U12 to U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and, U13 –U16 Arch Capital Cup competition. Except for the U10, U11 and U12 Arch Capital Cup which shall be frozen seven (7) days prior to the start of Fall play and reopen at the conclusion of Fall play. Rosters will then be frozen with all other age groups seven (7) days prior to start of the Spring Competition. Rosters shall be frozen seven (7) days prior to the start of the U19 US Youth Soccer Championships, and Arch Capital Cup competition. Teams playing in leagues that use the Cup Roster as their Official League Roster shall be frozen as of the date the league rules require, but in no instance later than the date all Cup Competition Rosters are frozen. (see 2.4.1 for actual dates)

3.7 INELIGIBLE PLAYER

Any team that fields an ineligible player, a player who is overage, and/or a player, who has signed a senior form and has not been released by ENYSASA, shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part. In addition, they may be fined and or suspended.

3.8 AGE BRACKETS, COMPETITION LEVELS USYSA / ENYYSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Brackets and ultimate level of competition for the US Youth Eastern New York State Championships shall be:

Age	Level	DOB
U12	Regional	Born August 1, 2001 & later
U12 SS	Regional	Born August 1, 2001 & later
U13	National	Born August 1, 2000 & later
U14	National	Born August 1, 1999 & later
U15	National	Born August 1, 1998 & later
U16	National	Born August 1, 1997 & later
U17	National	Born August 1, 1996 & later
U18	National	Born August 1, 1995 & later
U19	National	Born August 1, 1994 & later

4.0 PLAYING DATES

4.1 SCHEDULING PRIORITY

US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championships and Arch Capital Cup games take precedence over all games, under the ENYYSA auspices.

4.2 BYES AND SEEDING

All byes if needed shall be on the first weekend of group play in each division.

4.2.1 Whenever possible, the quarterfinalists from the immediate previous year will be seeded for Group Play.

4.3 SCHEDULING OF GAMES / GROUP PLAY

4.3.1 GROUP PLAY

- a) The first 32 team's registered are guaranteed acceptance into the Eastern New York State Cup, for "Group Play". However, additional teams registered, after 32 teams per age division, will automatically be placed on a wait list. The Eastern New York Cup Committee (ENY Cup Committee) has the discretion to add additional "Groups" based on the number of teams on the wait list. If "Groups" are not feasible for wait list teams, your registration fee is fully refunded. The U19 age group is a single elimination tournament.
- b) Each "Team" plays 3 games minimum. In the event that there are an odd number of teams, Eastern New York Cup Committee (ENY Cup Committee) will determine "Group" play utilizing crossover

games or may increase / decrease the number of teams allowed in select groups. ENY Cup Committee reserves the right to adjust the schedules based on registrations per age divisions. For example, the small sided U12 play in the US Youth Soccer / ENY Championship Cup has 7 teams registered. The ENY Cup Committee will advance the teams to the quarter finals, which is single elimination.

- c) All games are assigned points based on game outcome:
- Win = 3 Points
 - Loss = 0 Points

A forfeit is 3 points for the winner and any team that forfeits may not move onto the quarter finals.

- d) The “Group Standings” will reflect the points achieved for each team.
 e) The “Cup Draw” for “Group Play” is public, via a webinar Spring Only.

4.3.2

- (a) In the Fall Cup play (Arch Cup U10 U11 & U12), the first preliminary round must be schedule by August 28, 2013 and subsequent preliminary games must be scheduled Sept. 10, 2013.
 (b) For Spring play (Arch Cup U13- U16 and US Youth Soccer ENY State Cup U12ss, U12-U18), all games must be scheduled by February 22, 2014. All games must be played on or before the scheduled “State Cup Schedule Dates” (refer to 4.4.1 for schedule). If scheduled before “State Cup Scheduled Dates”, both teams must agree. Failure to adhere to the schedule may result in forfeiture and fine at the discretion to the Cup Committee.

4.3.3 Any team with a scheduled bye that did not play in that round maintains its Home Team advantage.

- (a) The home team determines the kick off time and whether the game will be played on Saturday or Sunday of the specified weekend. Each cancelled game must be rescheduled by 5:00pm on the first business day after the game and reported to the AGC so they can entered into the State Cup Scheduling System. Failure to comply will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine per day to the home team and or loss of home field at the discretion of the Cup Chairman or Cup Administrator. The team at the top of the bracket will remain at the top of the bracket whether they play the game home or away. (i.e. A game is considered scheduled only when its entered into the State Cup Scheduling System.
 (b) All semi final games shall be scheduled on Saturday with Sunday as the rain date, unless being played prior to the scheduled semi final round.
 (c) Any age group that finishes their quarter final round more than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled semi final round date are encouraged to play the semi final prior to the scheduled semi final round date.
 (d) Only communication from the State Cup Scheduling System shall be accepted for game details and confirmations.

4.3.4 All games are played to a decision. **At the conclusion of ‘Group Play’, the 8 “Group Play” winners, per age group, advance to the single elimination play in the quarter finals.** If the number of “Groups” exceed 8, the Group winners with the lowest point value will play an additionally round. If the divisions have less than 8 “Groups”, the Group winners will advance and additional teams are selected based on highest total points accumulated. In the event that there is a tie between teams, the winner is determined in order, as follows:

1. Winner based on head to head competition
2. Goal differential - (Maximum 4 goals/game)
 - a. Examples: 15-0 = 4-0 (+4)

- b. 8-1 = 5-1 (+4)
- c. 2-4 = 2-4 (-2)

- 3. Least goals allowed
- 4. Shut Out = 1 Point
- 5. If the teams are still tied, then a single match elimination game will be played. The home team will be decided on a coin flip.

Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals are a single elimination tournament.

- 4.3.5 Quarterfinals and Semifinals must be scheduled by 5pm the first business day after the completion of the prior round.
- 4.3.6 Once the games are scheduled, there will be no change in game time or date without the approval of the Age Group Commissioner and the Cup Administrator. All requests must be via email from both coaches.
- 4.3.7 Teams playing qualifying league play outside their registered league (league in which the players are registered) must play their cup games at a field within the league which they are registered.
- 4.3.8 Only the Finals are arranged by ENYYSA at a site to be determined by the Cup Committee. Once the game times are released for the finals they shall not be changed without the consent of both teams, the SYRA and the Cup Chairman notwithstanding circumstances beyond the control of ENYYSA (i.e.: weather).
- 4.3.9 All forms required for the Regional's shall be submitted to the State Office, by both finalists, before the close of business on the Thursday prior to the State Championships or the team will forfeit the championship.
- 4.3.10 Both finalists shall present their players and coaches to the awards ceremony immediately following the completion of the game or they shall forfeit their awards and be subject to a five hundred (\$500) fine.
- 4.3.11 Any game, except the finals, can be played before the scheduled date with the consent of both coaches and notification via email to the Age Group Commissioner.

4.4 NATIONAL OR REGIONAL PLAYER CONFLICTS

Teams that have more than one (1) National or Regional ODP player that has a National or Regional team conflict for the scheduled cup match may petition the Cup Chairman in writing to reschedule the match. Documentation must be provided verifying the conflict. The Cup Chairman has the authority to change the match date, time and location. The decision of the Cup Chairman shall be final and not subject to protest or appeal.

4.4.1 SCHEDULE

- **Fall - U 10, U11 & U12 Arch Capital Cup**
 - 1st Round - September 7 & 8
 - 2nd Round - September 21 & 22
 - 3rd Round - October 5 & 6

- Extra Round if needed- October 19 & 20
- Quarterfinals – April 5 & 6
- Semifinals – April 26 (rain date April 27)
- **Spring - U12SS,U12 - U18 US Youth Soccer ENYYSA State Championships, and U13-16 Arch Capital Group Cup (U19 TBA).**
 - 1st Round - March 15 & 16
 - 2nd Round – March 29 & 30
 - 3rd Round – April 12 & 13
 - Extra round if needed April 26 & 27
 - Quarterfinals - May 3 & 4
 - Tentative start for U19 May 17 & 18
 - Semifinals - May 18 (rain date May 19)
- US Youth Soccer ENYYSA State Championship Finals May 31 & June 1 Site TBA
- Arch Capital Group Cup Finals June 7 Site TBA
- US Youth Soccer Region 1 Championships U12 - U19, June 26- July 1, Kingston, RI
- US Youth Soccer National Championship U13 to U19, July 21-27 Germantown, MD

4.5 NATIONAL OR LEAGUE SCHEDULING CONFLICTS

Teams playing in a recognized US Youth Soccer National League, US Youth Soccer Regional League or US Youth Soccer Sub-Regional League shall be allowed to have their ENYYSA State Cup game scheduled on their “league off day” of the ENYYSA State Cup round.

- 4.5.1** Teams playing in the Region 1 Premier League and Sub Regional League that advance to the finals shall be required to have their ENYYSA State Cup game scheduled on the weekend prior to the scheduled round, but shall forfeit their home field if necessary, at the discretion of the Cup Administrator.

5.0 PLAYING TIME

5.1 KICK OFF TIME

- 5.1.1** With the exception of the Finals, all games shall start play at or after 9:00 AM or at or before 9:00 PM. The time must be set by the home team. Teams traveling in excess of 100 miles are not expected to start play before 12:00 noon or after 6 PM and teams traveling in excess of 50 miles are not expected to start play before 10:00 AM or after 8:00 PM with the exception of the finals. Teams may, upon mutual agreement, play games earlier or later than above. Any dispute regarding mileage and or start time shall be decided by the Age Group Commissioner. Their decision is final and not subject to protest or appeal.

5.2 WEATHER

- 5.2.1 The home team must have a responsible, informed person available to answer the visiting team's telephone inquiry concerning weather and field conditions on the day of the match.
- 5.2.2 For teams traveling sixty (60) miles or more, and where weather conditions are threatening or inclement, and/or field conditions are uncertain, the visiting team must contact the home team by telephone again while en route no later than halfway in term of geography or time, in order to determine whether or not the match will be played.
- 5.2.3 IN THE EVENT A SCHEDULED MATCH IS CANCELED, BOTH TEAMS MUST CONTACT AND INFORM THE AGE GROUP COMMISSIONER IMMEDIATELY, WHO WILL THEN COORDINATE RESCHEDULING OF THE MATCH. A SCHEDULED MATCH IS NOT CONSIDERED CANCELLED UNLESS THE AGE GROUP COMMISSIONER HAS CONFIRMED THE CANCELLATION. REFEREE FEES SHALL BE DUE & PAYABLE SHOULD THE REFEREE ASSIGNOR NOT BE INFORMED BY THE AGE GROUP COMMISSIONER OF THE CANCELLATION WITH SUFFICIENT TIME TO NOTIFY THE ASSIGNED REFEREE**
- 5.2.4 In the event the home team is unable to provide a field for a scheduled match, the Cup Administrator or Chairman, in order to adhere to schedule of games published herein, may decide to reschedule the match on the opposing team's field or reschedule the match on the home field on an alternate, available date (including weekdays). This means, that the team at the top of the bracket will remain at the top of the bracket, whether they play the game home or away.
- 5.2.5 Under adverse weather conditions of cold (i.e. temperatures below 36 degrees), sleet, snow, hail, freezing rain, etc., players shall be permitted to wear such clothing as to ward off the elements (i.e. sweat pants, warm-ups, long pants, sweaters, thermal undergarments, mittens, gloves, ski-type caps, etc.) provided their uniforms are worn as the outermost layer visible to the Referee without regard as to whether any other, or all players on either or both teams avail themselves of the weather protection.
- 5.2.6 In governmental declared states of emergency games may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Cup Chairman or Cup Administrator.
- 5.2.7 Other than the game referee, only club officials may close a field due to weather conditions, and this must be provided in writing to the Cup Administrator.
- 5.2.8 TERMINATION OF GAMES**
- (a) Once a referee has jurisdiction of a game, the game may be terminated only by the referee as provided for in the FIFA "Laws of the Game".
- (b) If a game is terminated before the second half of the game has begun, and the termination is not due to the conduct of one of the teams, the game shall be replayed in its entirety.
- (c) If a game is terminated after play has begun in the second half of the game, but before the end of the second half and the termination is not due to the conduct of one of the teams, the game may be considered complete, and the score would stand. The reason for the termination shall be reported on fully by the referee. The Cup Chairperson shall render a decision on the termination or replay of the game within 24 hours of receiving the Referee Report.

- (d) If a game is terminated because of the conduct of one team, the offending team would be awarded a forfeit.

5.2.9 Refer to Rule 4.3.3 for rules applying to the rescheduling of the game.

5.3 GRACE PERIOD

5.3.1 Fifteen (15) minutes grace period shall be allowed for both teams. Any team not on the field ready to play by the time grace period expires, will be declared in forfeit for that match, and must be reported by the Referee to the Cup Committee Chairman and ENYYSA Office in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled game. The offending team, if found to be at fault by the Cup Committee, shall forfeit that game and be fined in accordance with the Rules set forth for this competition. Additionally, be responsible for referee fees. Referees are sometimes delayed while en-route to a game. If the referee has not contacted the teams, they are required to give the referee a minimum 30 minute grace period past the scheduled start time of the match. When a referee has contacted the teams about a delay en-route they are required to give the referee 60 minutes grace period and should, if at all possible, play the match with the assigned referee upon their arrival.

6.0 FORFEITS

- 6.1** Any team intending to forfeit must give advance notice of such intention to its Age Groups Commissioners no less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the game to be forfeited. Such notice shall include the reason(s) for the forfeit. The Cup Chairman shall review each such notice and shall have authority to take such action against the team as is deemed appropriate.
- 6.1.1** Any team that withdraws after the draw and before the First (1st) Round shall be fined for a First (1st) Round forfeit.
- 6.2** Any team failing to give notice of its intention to forfeit shall, at the discretion of the Cup Chairman, be declared ineligible to enter this competition in the following year.
- 6.3** Any team found guilty of violating any of the rules of the competition shall forfeit the game in which such violation(s) occurred.
- 6.4** If any team forfeits a game, that teams club, organization or sponsoring group shall be fined according to the following schedule:

Round	Fine (per team)
Round Robin games	\$250
Quarterfinals	\$1,250

Semi-Finals	\$1,500
Finals	\$2,000

A forfeit is 3 points for the winner and any team that forfeits may not move onto the quarter finals.

- 6.5** If the Club, Organization or Sponsoring Group of any team that forfeits does not pay the subscribed fine, all teams of that Club, Organization or Sponsoring Group will be suspended from all future State, Regional and National Youth Competition, and all approvals to Host Tournaments, and/or travel to other tournaments, will be withheld until such time as the Club Organization, or Sponsoring Group is in good standing with Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association.

7.0 PLAYING GAME / TIMES/FIELDS

- 7.0.1** Two (2) Equal Halves.

7.1 SPECIFICATIONS FOR U12 - U19 (11 V 11)

Age	Ball	Game	Overtime
U17, U18 & U19	5	2 x 45 min.	2 x 15 min.
U15 & U16	5	2 x 40 min.	2 x 15 min.
U13 & U14	5	2 x 35 min.	2 x 10 min.
U12	4	2 x 30 min.	2 x 10 min

A. Field dimensions, goals and number of players on field shall conform to FIFA.

B. Roster Size

- U10, U11 & U12- 18 max. and 7 min.
- U12 small sided – 14 max. and 7 min.
- U13 to U19- 22 max. and 7 min.

7.1.1 SPECIFICATIONS FOR U10, U11 & U12 (8V8)

Age	Ball	Game	Overtime
U12SS	4	2 x 30 min.	2 x 10 min.
U10 & U11	4	2 x 25 min.	2 x 10 min.

A. FIELD DIMENTIONS

- Length 80 yds. Max. 70 yds. Min.
- Width 55 yds. Max. 45 yds. Min.
- Penalty Box 14 yds.for 12ss
- Goal Box 6 yds; minimum
- Penalty Kick Arcs 8 yds.
- Corner Arcs 1 yd.
- Center Circle 8 yds.

Note: U10, U11 & U12 Small Sided Penalty spot shall be 10 yards from the goal. U12 - U19 shall be 12 yards from the goal.

B. GOALS

- The goals must be between 6 and 8 feet high and 18 and 21 feet wide. Both goals must be equal in size.

7.1.2 POINTS FOR GAME

All preliminary games are assigned points based on game outcome:

- Win = 3 Points
- Loss = 0 Points

Note: A forfeit is 3 points for the winner and any team that forfeits may not move onto the quarter finals.

7.2 TIE BREAKERS- KICKS TAKEN FROM THE PENALTY MARK.

7.2.1 Only players on the field of play at the end of the second overtime period are allowed to participate.

7.2.2 Five (5) players from each team are selected by their Coach to take this type of kick (commonly called a penalty kick), alternating with five (5) players from each team.

1. The Referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks shall be taken.
2. The Referee shall toss a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss shall decide whether to take the first or second kick.
3. Both teams shall take five (5) kicks.
4. The kicks shall be taken alternately.
5. If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could, even if it were to complete its five (5) kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.
6. If no winner is determined, after 5 penalty kicks, each team will continue to shot penalty kicks, alternately (each must complete the round), until a winner is determined.

7.2.3 No player may take another shot until all players, including the goalkeepers, of the teams on the field of play have taken their shot at the end of the second overtime.

7.3 SUBSTITUTION

7.3.1 Substitutions shall be unlimited in number.

7.3.2 Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the Referee, at any stoppage in play.

7.3.3 A substitute is **NOT** allowed for a player ordered from the field of play by the Referee. A player shall **NOT** leave the field of play or enter onto it without the consent of the Referee.

8.0 PROTESTS

- 8.1** Any protest or subsequent appeal which may result in ruling of a replay of the entire match, or any portion thereof (i.e. over time periods), shall be immediately rescheduled as per 4.3.3
- 8.1.1** All protests concerning the ground, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game, must be made in writing to the Referee and opposing team before the start of the game. When such an objection is lodged, a protest must be made and cannot be withdrawn except by the consent of the ENYYSA Cup Chairman.
- 8.1.2** All protests relating to the qualifications of competitors, or interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest whatsoever, must be referred to the Cup Chairman and received within 24 hours after the scheduled match or the decision of the Cup Administrator from which the protest arises. The decision of the Cup Chairman shall be appealable to the ENYYSA Appeals Committee.
- 8.2** To be valid and eligible for consideration, the protest must be submitted by the listed coach, assistant coach, manager, or club president and must be filed with the Cup Chairman. The protest must be in writing; (e-mail is acceptable) including the particulars upon which the protest is based on. The protest, copies, and enclosures must be either typewritten or printed legibly so as to be clearly readable.
- 8.2.2** Protests will not be accepted, entertained or heard via phone calls or personal discussions.
- 8.2.3** Once a decision has been rendered on a protest filed with the Cup Chairman there shall be no further discussions or new evidence accepted on the protest.

8.3 PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL

- 8.3.1** To be valid and eligible for consideration, the appeal must be submitted by the listed coach, assistant coach, manager, or club president and must be filed with the ENYYSA Appeals Committee accompanied by:
- (a)** Appeal fee in the amount of \$250.00
 - (b)** Eight (8) copies of the appeal including full particulars of grounds upon which the protest is based on.
 - (c)** Appeals, copies and enclosures must be either typewritten or printed legibly so as to be clearly readable.
 - (d)** Eight (8) copies of any information presented by witness (es).
- 8.3.2** All appeals and enclosures must be delivered to ENYYSA, 53 North Park Avenue, Suite 103, Rockville Centre, NY 11570; Attention: Chairman Of the Appeals Committee, and received no later than two (2) business days following the date and time of the Cup Chairman's decision from which the appeal arises.
- 8.3.3** The Chairman of the ENYYSA Appeals Committee with which the appeal is lodged, shall immediately upon receipt of each appeal, notify the Cup Chairman and the team against which the

appeal is being made. He shall send them both a copy of that appeal and its particulars, and that team will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses.

- 8.3.4 A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of this competition is not sufficient grounds for appeals or protests. Violators can expect appropriate action by this Association.
- 8.3.5 If these conditions are not met in full, an appeal will not be considered and the appeal fee will be forfeited.
- 8.3.6 Appeals will not be accepted, entertained or heard via phone calls or personal discussions.
- 8.3.7 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on both teams.

9.0 PRE-GAME PROCEDURE

- 9.1 Before the start of the game, each team must present to the Referee its laminated player passes and two copies of its current approved ENYYSA Cup Roster. The Referee shall retain one copy of the roster for inclusion with his game report to be submitted to the ENYYSA State Office and provide the other copy of the roster to the opponent. (See Rule 3.5 if a copy of the approved ENYYSA Cup Roster is not available)
 - 9.1.1 Players without league or State Association certified players passes are ineligible to play.
 - 9.1.2 Players not properly listed and certified on a current approved ENYYSA Cup Roster are ineligible to play.
 - 9.1.3 Teams without League or State certified player's passes that are laminated may not play the game; the game will be declared a forfeit and the team(s) involved will be subject to the appropriate fine.
 - 9.1.4 Only coaches, players & personnel with approved League/State passes may be on the team's side of the field. **Additionally, only Trainers with an ENYYSA Trainer Pass are allowed on the team bench during games.** All other personnel and fans must remain with spectators on the sideline opposite the teams. Both Home and Away teams will share opposite halves of the same side of the field.
 - 9.1.5 At every level of the National Championship competitions, including US Youth Soccer / ENY Championship Cup games, 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 an affiliate of US Youth Soccer. 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. Teams that do not comply shall be subjected to a \$500.00 fine.
- 9.2 The Referee shall check player passes, ENYYSA Cup Rosters, cleats, game appurtenances, field conditions, field measurements, etc., prior to the start of the game.

9.3 **REFEREES**

- 9.3.1 **Referees and Assistant Referees will be paid on the field before the game.** Each team will be responsible for bringing their half of the referee game fee to the field. A team that fails to pay their half of the referee fees will be fined \$250. If the fees for the game officials are erroneously or deliberately not paid on the field, the team will be assessed a \$250.00 fine in addition to being responsible for the referee fees. Referees are Sub Contractors, as such; **records of payment to game officials and any IRS reporting associated with these payments are the responsibility of the payee.**

9.4 **CUP REFEREE FEES**

Age	Referee	Asst. Ref (Each)
U17, U18 & U19	\$79	\$40
U15 & U16	\$69	\$35
U13 & U14	\$55	\$28
U11, U12 & U12SS	\$45	\$23
U10	\$40	\$20

Fees at the finals will be paid by ENY.

- 9.5 Any team which fails to appear at the scheduled game date, time and/or place, shall pay the Referee Fee in full.
- 9.6 Unless unavailable, a three man certified referee system shall be used for all age groups in all US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Cup games.
- 9.6.1 Each Team shall supply one club linesman, when needed.
- 9.7 ENYSSA shall provide fields for the Final game only.

9.8 **UNPLAYABLE FIELDS**

- 9.8.1 If a Referee determines that the playing field is unplayable (except because of weather conditions) and there is no alternate field immediately available the home team pays the Referee's fee in full and forfeits the game.
- 9.8.2 If a referee determines a field is unplayable because of weather conditions, the home team shall pay the referee a \$10.00 travel expense fee.

9.9 **NO SHOW OF REFEREE**

- 9.9.1 In the event the Cup Assigned Referee fails to put in an appearance, and another certified referee is not available in a reasonable time frame, for the U14 and younger, the opposing team's coaches, or in their absence the team manager, should agree to one mutual acceptable Referee for the game. The game can then be played but no protests will be allowed concerning that referee, his/her judgment calls made during that game. For U-15 and older when there is no certified referee, the

game must be rescheduled. In the event the game has started without the assigned Referee, the mutually agreed upon Referee must complete the entire match.

9.9.2 In the event the Cup Assigned Referee or another certified Referee fails to put in an appearance and BOTH TEAMS cannot reach an agreement on a Referee, the game shall be rescheduled. The home team shall contact the Age Group Commissioner no later than 8:00 PM of the day of the scheduled game with the details of the rescheduled game. If not, the game will be rescheduled at the discretion of the Cup Chairman.

9.9.2.1 The Referee shall have the power from the time he/she enters the field of play and until he/she departs from it to deal with any person(s) guilty of violent conduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, or using threatening or abusive language. The Referee shall forward the name(s) of any offender(s) within two (2) day thereafter to the Cup Chairman for action.

10.0 REPORTING OF RESULTS

10.1 The winning team is responsible to enter the game score into the scheduling system via your State Cup account or the internet, by entering your division and game ID. All scores must be entered no later than 8:00 PM on the evening of the game. Teams failing to report game results will be fined \$25.00.

11.0 GENERAL RULES

11.1 Except as otherwise provide herein FIFA “Laws of the Game” shall apply.

11.2 This Cup Competition will be played using FIFA “Laws of the Game”, these rules and guidelines, and the Rules and Guidelines of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the policy of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series.

11.3 CLUB OFFICIALS GUIDE

11.3.1 Many clubs enter teams in competitions. In so doing, they agree to play by the governing rules and guidelines of that competition, in addition to the FIFA “Laws of the Game”

11.3.2 Each club official should understand what is expected of him/her to preserve the name of their club, the competition, and of the game. **In order to avoid any misunderstandings, a copy of these Rules & Guidelines MUST be in the possession of the coach and club official at all Cup Competition games.**

11.3.3 Every Club is responsible for the conduct of its coaches, officials and spectators.

11.3.4 Every Club hosting a home game is responsible for:

- a) Providing a properly marked field within FIFA “Laws of the Game”.
- b) Providing goal nets for regulation size goals, and corner flags; both are mandatory!

11.3.5 All State Cup Games take precedence over all games, under the ENYYSA auspices.

11.4 PLAYERS GUIDE

11.4.1 Soccer, to be universally enjoyed, must be played to a standard of conduct.

11.4.2 Decisions of match officials are to be accepted without questions, on all points of fact, since they are final and not subject to dispute and/or discussion.

11.4.3 Respect should be shown at all times for all opponents and officials.

11.4.4 Fair Play without danger to your opponents, teammates or self.

11.4.5 Discipline should be exercised to keep your temper under control in all circumstances.

11.4.6 Disputes should be avoided; support the Referee immediately.

11.4.7 Wherever possible, both teams will be stationed on one side of the field- spectators on the other.

12.0 VIOLATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

12.1 A player who is ejected on the winning team will be suspended from at least the next State, Regional or National Cup Game and any additional games determined by the Cup Chairman. Suspensions beyond one game are appealable and must follow the procedures as outlined in Rule 8.3; however an appeal will not interrupt the continuance of the cup schedule.

12.2 Disciplinary action for a player, who is ejected on the losing team, will be referred to the player's league at the discretion of the Cup Chairman.

12.3 A list of names and pass #'s of all ejected players/coaches MUST be sent to the State Office accompanied by a Referee's Report within forty- eight (48) hours.

12.4 Coaches who are ejected will be disciplined by the Chairman.

13.0 REGIONAL COMPETITION

13.1 It is the responsibility of the coach to notify their club of his/her team's advancement (winner/wildcard) to the Regional's.

13.2 Any team competing in the Regional's that forfeits will be fined \$1,500 in addition to any fees imposed by the Region.