



**2010 Rules & Guidelines
For The
US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championships
And
ENYYSA Challenge Cup**

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.

THE ENYYSA CHALLENGE CUP IS NOT PART OF THE US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES, ALTHOUGH ITS RULES SHALL BE APPLICABLE.

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1.4 Cup 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 Eastern New York State Championships- \$200
ENYYSA Challenge Cup- \$100

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 207
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: July 17, 2009 for

Fall Cup Play (U12 and U12 Small Sided US Youth Soccer Championships and U12 ENYYSA Challenge Cup). January 1, 2010 for U13 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and U13 - U16 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. March 19, 2010 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 U12 and u12 Small Sided US Youth Soccer Championships and the U12 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. **February** for the U13 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and the U13 - U16 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. **April** for the U19 cups.

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

2.3.2 If a team or teams that receive a 1st Round Bye withdraw 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 ENYYSA CUP ROSTER DUE DATES

2.4.1 Completed ENYYSA Cup Rosters must be entered using the online registration system to be approved by the team's league and ENYYSA by the following dates: August 28, 2009 for the U12 and U12 Small Sided US Youth Soccer Championships and U12 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. March 12, 2010 for the U13 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and U13 - U16 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. April 30, 2010 for the U19 cups.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

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 during the current seasonal year in ENYYSA, US Youth Soccer Regional League or US Youth Soccer National League, and provided the team is in compliance with and has not violated any rules of ENYYSA and US Youth Soccer.

3.1.1 The US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championships are open to all teams.

3.1.2 Entry in the ENYYSA Challenge Cup is restricted. Divisions of play in the previous Spring Season shall determine eligibility. 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 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. New teams may enter the ENYYSA Challenge 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 the US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championships or the ENYYSA Challenge 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

Each competition will be divided into 2 regions, North and South; provided that there are 32 teams or more in the age division, up to the quarter finals, at which time, the North and South brackets will be combined for the remainder of the competition.

3.3.1 Age groups with less than 12 teams in a region shall be combined from the first round.

3.3.2 There must be 12 or more teams entered in any age division to create a bracket for the ENYYSA Challenge Cup. **There shall be no u12 Small Sided competition offered in the ENYYSA Challenge Cup.**

3.4 LIMITS OF TEAM / PLAYER REGISTRATION

Registration on more than one team is not permitted. All players registered in this competition on an ENYYSA Cup Roster are Cup tied to that team and age bracket. A player CANNOT play on two (2) or more teams, or in two (2) or more brackets.

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. ENYYSA 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 on their Club's Team Roster.

3.5.2 There is no limitation to the number of registered adults on a Cup Roster, but only five (5) rostered adults may be on the team bench during the game.
All rostered adults must have been certified by the ENYYSA Risk Management Committee.

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.

3.6 ROSTER MAXIMUMS AND DUE DATES

The maximum number of players on an ENYYSA Cup Roster for U12 - U15 is Eighteen (18) and U12 Small Side 8 v 8 is Fourteen (14). U12 to U15 teams that register more than (18) 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 ENYYSA Challenge Cup provided they meet all other eligibility requirements. The maximum number of players on an ENYYSA Cup Roster for the U16 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 ENYYSA Challenge Cup competition. Except for the U12 US Youth Soccer Championships and U12 ENYYSA Challenge 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 ENYYSA Challenge 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.

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:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>DOB</u>
U12	Regional	Born August 1, 1997 & later
U12 SS	Regional	Born August 1, 1997 & later
U13	Regional	Born August 1, 1996 & later
U14	National	Born August 1, 1995 & later
U15	National	Born August 1, 1994 & later
U16	National	Born August 1, 1993 & later
U17	National	Born August 1, 1992 & later
U18	National	Born August 1, 1991 & later
U19	National	Born August 1, 1990 & later

4.0 PLAYING DATES

4.1 SCHEDULING PRIORITY

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

4.2 BYES AND SEEDING

All byes if needed shall be in the first round of that division.

4.2.1 The champion and runner-up from the immediate previous year's competition shall be seeded if entered.

4.3 SCHEDULING OF GAMES

4.3.1 The Home Team is the top team in the Cup Draw Bracket. Exceptions are:

- In all games other than the quarterfinals where there is a North and South Division, if the top team in the Cup Draw was at home during its preceding Cup game and the bottom team in the Cup Draw Bracket was away during its preceding Cup game. In that case, the bottom team is the home team.
- When the north/south regions join at the quarterfinals. In even cup years, South A is home vs. North B, North A is home vs. South B, South C is home vs. North D and North C is home vs. South D. In odd cup years, North B is home vs. South A, South B is home vs. North A, North D is home vs. South C and South D is home vs. North C. (This exception supersedes the above exception.)

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

4.3.3 a) The home team determines the kick off time and whether the game will be played on Saturday or Sunday of the specified weekend. This must be established twenty-one (21) days prior to the first game and within twenty-four (24) hours after each succeeding or cancelled game and confirmed with the Age Group Commissioner. Failure to comply will result in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine per day to the home team and 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. They will be responsible for paying the referee fee(s). (I.e. A game is considered scheduled only when the Age Group Commissioner has been provided the date, time and location of the game.) 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 Age Group Commissioner shall be accepted for game details and confirmations.

4.3.4 Once a game is scheduled with the Age Group Commissioner there will be no change in game time or date without the approval of the Age Group Commissioner and the Cup Administrator.

4.3.5 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. In addition, they will be placed in the North or South bracket of their registered league.

4.3.6 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).

4.3.7 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.

4.3.8 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.

4.4 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

U-12 and U-12 Small Sided US Youth Soccer ENYYSA State Championships and U12 ENYYSA Challenge Cup

1 st Round	September 12 & 13
2 nd Round	October 3 & 4
3 rd Round	October 17 & 18
4 th Round	October 31 & November 1

Continued Spring TBA

U13- U18 US Youth Soccer ENYYSA State Championships and U13 - U16 ENYYSA Challenge Cup

1 st Round	March	27 & 28
2 nd Round	April	10 & 11
3 rd Round	April	24 & 25
Extra round if needed	May	1 & 2
Quarterfinals	May	8 & 9
(To be determined at the time of the draw)		
Tentative start for U19	May	15
Semifinals	May	22 (23 rain date)

US Youth Soccer ENYYSA State Championship June 5 & 6 TBA

ENYYSA Challenge Cup Finals June 12 (June 13 rain date), TBA

US Youth Soccer Region 1 Championships

Boys & Girls U12 - U19 July 1-6, Barboursville/Huntington WV

US Youth Soccer National Championships

Boys & Girls U14 -U19, July 20-25 TBA

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.

- 4.6** Teams playing in the Region 1 Premier 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** 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.
- 5.1.2** If the home team fails to contact the opposing team and make the necessary arrangements as requested herein, the home team shall be fined \$50.00 for the first offense, and in the case of a second offense, shall be fined \$100.00 plus the team shall not be eligible to participate in the following year's Cup Competition.
- 5.1.3** When the opposing teams discuss the game arrangements, they must discuss their team colors and resolve potential color conflicts at that time.

In the event of conflicting team uniform colors at game time, the home team must change their uniform color, (i.e. alternate jersey). The home team must furnish the game ball.

5.2 NOTIFICATIONS

- 5.2.1** The home team must verify with its opponent the kickoff time and the most convenient route to the proper game field no less than five (5) days prior to the scheduled game. Failure to provide accurate directions may result in the Home Team's forfeiture.
- 5.2.2** Any game can be played before the scheduled date with the consent of both coaches and notification to the Age Group Commissioner seven (7) days prior to game date.

5.3 WEATHER

- 5.3.1** 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.

5.3.2 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.

5.3.3 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

5.3.4 In the event the home team is unable to provide a field for a scheduled match, the Age Group Commissioner, 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. They will be responsible for paying the referee fee.

5.3.5 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.

5.3.6 In governmental declared states of emergency games may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Cup Chairman or Cup Administrator.

5.3.7 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.

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

5.4 GRACE PERIOD

5.4.1 Fifteen (15) minutes grace period shall be allowed for both teams. Any team not on the field ready to play by the time the 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. 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:

In addition, that teams club, organization or sponsoring group will be required to post a \$500.00 bond with the following years state cup application that will be forfeited should any team

from that club, organization or sponsoring group forfeit a game in the following year's competition.

<u>Round</u>	<u>Fine</u>
1	\$250.00 per team
2	\$500.00 per team
3	\$750.00 per team
4 (if not quarter final)	\$1000.00 per team
5 (if not semi-final)	\$1250.00 per team
Quarter Finals	\$1500.00 per team
Semi-Finals	\$1750.00 per team
Finals	\$2000.00 per team

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)

<u>AGE</u>	<u>BALL</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>
17,18 & 19	5	2 x 45 min.	2 x 15 min.
15 & 16	5	2 x 40 min.	2 x 15 min.
13 & 14	5	2 x 35 min	2 x 10 min.
12	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

U12 to U15- 18max.

U16 to U19- 22 max.

7.1.1 SPECIFICATIONS FOR U12 Small Sided (8 V 8)

<u>AGE</u>	<u>BALL</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>
12	4	2 X 30 min.	2 x 10 min.

A. FIELD DIMENSIONS

Length 80 yds. Max. 70 yds. Min.

Width 55 yds. Max 45 yds. Min.

Penalty Box 14 yds.

Goal Box 6 yds

Penalty Kick Line 10 yds.

Penalty Kick Arcs 8 yds.

Corner Arcs 1 yd.

Center Circle 8 yds.

B. GOALS

Six (6) feet high & eighteen (18) feet wide.

C. NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON FIELD

U12 Small Sided- 8 max. 7 min.

One of whom may be a goalkeeper.

D. ROSTER SIZE

U12 Small Sided- 14max. 7 min.

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.** **(a)** Subject to the terms of the following paragraph (c) and (d) both teams shall take five (5) kicks.**(b)** The kicks shall be taken alternately.**(c)** 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. **(d)** If, after both teams have taken five (5) kicks, and both have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue on a one to one alternating basis (not necessarily five (5) more kicks each) until such time that one team has scored one goal more than the other team after both teams have taken an equal number of kicks. No player is to take a second kick until all players, including the goalkeepers, of the teams on the field of play at the end of the second overtime.
U12 Small Sided Penalty spot shall be 10 yds from the goal. U12 - U19 shall be 12 yds from the goal.

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** 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.
- 8.2** 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.

- 8.2.1** 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 207, 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. 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.
- 9.2** 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** The Home Team shall be responsible for the Referee fees as stated herein in item 9.4, including Assistant Referee fees, prior to start of the soccer game.

9.4 CUP REFEREE'S FEES

<u>AGE</u>	<u>REFEREE</u>	
17, 18 & 19	Seventy Five Dollars	(\$75)
15 & 16	Sixty Five Dollars	(\$65)
13 & 14	Fifty Two Dollars	(\$52)
12 & 12SS	Forty Two Dollars	(\$42)
<u>ASSISTANT REFEREES</u>		<u>EACH</u>
17, 18 & 19	Thirty Eight Dollars	(\$38)
15 & 16	Thirty Three Dollars	(\$33)
13 & 14	Twenty Six Dollars	(\$26)
12 & 12SS	Twenty One Dollars	(\$21)

- 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** Each Team shall supply one club linesman, when needed, except for Final games for all age groups at which ENYYSA will assign, provide and pay the officials fees.

9.6.1 Unless unavailable, a three man certified referee system shall be used for the U-15 to U-19 age groups in all US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championship games.

9.7 ENYYSA 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 Age Group Commissioner.

9.10 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** All results must be reported by the winning team to its Age Group Commissioner 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 USSF/USYS. Decisions will be based on only these three (3) sources, and no other sources will be used to support a protest, dispute, appeal or decision.

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!
(c) providing information to the visiting team, including clear, concise travel directions to playing field by telephone, with confirmation in writing if time permits.
- 11.3.5** All State Cup Games take precedence over all games, under the ENYYSA auspices.
- 11.3.6** All teams participating in the State Finals, Regional or National competitions shall wear uniforms that identify the club that the team is registered with.
Teams that do not comply shall be subjected to a \$500.00 fine.

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 accumulates three (3) cautions in Cup Competition will be referred to the Cup Chairman for proper disciplinary action.
- 12.2** 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.
- 12.3** 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.
- 12.4** A list of names and pass #'s of all ejected players **MUST** be sent to the State Office accompanied by a Referee's Report within forty- eight (48) hours.
- 12.5** 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.