

2007
Rules & Guidelines
For The
US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championships
&
ENYYSA Challenge Cup

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.

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

1.1 CUP CHAIRMAN

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1.2 CUP ADMINISTRATOR

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1.2.2 CUP REFEREE COORDINATOR & STATE YOUTH REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR

TBA

1.3 APPEALS COMMITTEE

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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- \$85.00
ENYYSA Challenge Cup- \$75.00

2.2 CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRY FORMS

All entries must be entered using the online registration system no later than: July 21, 2006 for Fall Cup Play (U11 US Youth Soccer Championships and U11 & U12 ENYYSA Challenge Cup). January 5, 2007 for U12 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and U13 - U16 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. March 23, 2007 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 U11 US Youth Soccer Championships and the U11 & U12 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. **February** for the U12 - 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.

2.4 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: September 1, 2006 for the U11 US Youth Soccer Championships and U11 & U12 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. March 16, 2007 for the U12 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and U13 - U16 ENYYSA Challenge Cup. May 4, 2007 for the U19 cups.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 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 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 not rostered to the previous years team.

3.1.3 Any team disqualified for entering the ENYYSA Challenge Cup for which that team was ineligible shall be fined \$100 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** These competitions are not open to League Select Teams.
- 3.3** 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.
- 3.4** 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 may enter only one of the competitions.
- 3.5** The coach must have in his/her possession a state approved copy of the Cup Roster verifying Cup registered players prior to start of the first Cup game. Any player whose name does not appear on an approved copy of the Cup Roster is not permitted to play.
 - 3.5.1** All players listed on the Cup Roster must also be registered and listed on their Club Roster.
- 3.6** The maximum number of players on an ENYYSA Cup Roster for U11 - U16 is Eighteen (18). U11 to U16 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 U17 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 U11 to U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and ENYYSA Challenge Cup competition. Except for the U11 US Youth Soccer Championships and U11 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** 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 and ultimate level of competition shall be:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>DOB</u>
U11	State	Born August 1, 1995 & later
U12	Regional	Born August 1, 1994 & later
U13	Regional	Born August 1, 1993 & later
U14	National	Born August 1, 1992 & later
U15	National	Born August 1, 1991 & later
U16	National	Born August 1, 1990 & later
U17	National	Born August 1, 1989 & later
U18	National	Born August 1, 1988 & later
U19	National	Born August 1, 1987 & later

4.0 PLAYING DATES

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

4.2 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 game and confirmed with the Age Group Commissioner. Failure to comply will result in a fifty dollar (\$50) fine to the home team.

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 that 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.

- 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 league play outside their registered league must play their cup games at a field within the league which they are registered.
- 4.3.6** Only the Finals are arranged by ENYYSA at a site to be determined by the Cup Committee.
- 4.3.7** All forms required for the Regionals 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** 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-11 US Youth Soccer ENYYSA State Championships and U11 & U12 ENYYSA Challenge Cup

1 st Round	September 16 & 17
2 nd Round	September 30 & October 1 (games must start @ 1 pm or before)
3 rd Round	October 14 & 15
4 th Round	October 28 & 29
Continued	Spring TBA

U12 - U18 US Youth Soccer ENYYSA State Championships and U13 - U16 ENYYSA Challenge Cup

1 st Round	March 31 & April 1
2 nd Round	April 14 & 15
3 rd Round	April 28 & 29
Extra round if needed	May 5 & 6
Quarterfinals	May 12 & 13
Tentative start for U19	May 19
Semifinals	May 19 (20 rain date)
US Youth Soccer ENYYSA State Championship	June 2 & 3
ENYYSA Challenge Cup Finals	June 9 (Rain Date June 10)

US Youth Soccer Region 1 Championships Boys & Girls U12 - U19 June 28 to July 3
Portland, ME

US Youth Soccer National Championships Boys & Girls U14 - U19 July 24-27
Frisco, TX

5.0 PLAYING TIME

5.1 KICK OFF TIME

- 5.1.1 All games shall start at or after 9:00 AM. The time must be set by the home team. Teams traveling in excess of 100 miles are not expected to play before 12:00 noon. Teams traveling in excess of 50 miles are not expected to play before 10:00 AM with the exception of the finals. 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, 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.

5.4 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 enroute to a game. Teams 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 enroute they 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 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	\$100.00 per team
2	\$125.00 per team
3	\$150.00 per team
4 (if not quarter final)	\$175.00 per team
5 (if not semi-final)	\$200.00 per team
Quarter Finals	\$300.00 per team
Semi-Finals	\$400.00 per team
Finals	\$500.00 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.

7.1.1 SPECIFICATIONS FOR U11 (9 V 9)

<u>AGE</u>	<u>BALL</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>
11	4	2 X 30 min.	2 x 10 min.

A. FIELD DIMENSIONS:

Length 80 yds. Max. 70 yds. Min.
 Width 50 yds. Max. 40 yds. Min.
 Penalty Box- 14 yds.
 Goal Box- 6 yds.
 Penalty Kick Line- 8 yds.
 Penalty Kick Arcs- 8 yds.
 Corner Arcs- 1 yd.
 Center Circle- 8 yds

B. GOALS

Seven (7) feet high and twenty-one (21) feet wide.

C. NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON FIELD

U11 - 9 max. 7 min.
 One of whom may be a goalkeeper.

D. ROSTER SIZE

U11 -18 max. 10 min.

7.2 TIE BRAKERS- 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.
 U11 Penalty spot shall be 8 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 within 24 hours after the scheduled match 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.

8.3 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 Chairmans 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 a

copy of its current approved ENYYSA Cup Roster, which shall be retained by the Referee, who shall submit it to ENYYSA State office.

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 players passes, signed & 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	Fifty-Eight Dollars	(\$58)
15 & 16	Fifty Dollars	(\$50)
13 & 14	Thirty-eight Dollars	(\$38)
11 & 12	Twenty-nine Dollars	(\$29)
	<u>ASSISTANT REFEREES</u>	<u>EACH</u>
17, 18 & 19	Twenty-Nine Dollars	(\$29)
15 & 16	Twenty-Five Dollars	(\$25)
13 & 14	Seventeen Dollars	(\$17)
11 & 12	Fifteen Dollars	(\$15)

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.

(a) 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 fails to put in an appearance and BOTH TEAMS cannot reach an agreement on a Referee, the game shall be rescheduled by the Age Group Commissioner, who must be contacted no later than 8:00 PM that night.

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.

- 12.3 Disciplinary action for a player, who is ejected on the losing team, will be referred to the players league at the discretion of the Cup Chairman.
- 12.4 All passes of 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 Regionals.
- 13.2 Any team competing in the Regionals, that forfeits, will be fined \$1,500 in addition to any fees imposed by the Region.