

District VI Cup Tournament and Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest
December 5th, 6th, and 9th, 11th & 12th, 2009



ATTENTION COACHES:

Attached are applications for the two 'end of the season' tournaments open **only** to recreational (Division III & IV) teams in District VI. One is for the **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest** (for U8 through U14 teams); the other is for **District VI Cup** (for U10 through U19 teams). You may **NOT** play in both District Cup and SoccerFest as they play on the same dates.

CYSA sponsors two State level 'after the season' Division III and IV tournaments: Association Cup is for Division III teams, and Founder's Cup is for Division IV teams. Both are 'open' tournaments, see your CYSA Team Manual for additional information. Founder's Cup U12/U14 play (Division IV) begins the weekend of District VI Cup Finals in December; we will have mid-week Finals for affected teams. Association Cup U12/U14 play (Division III) begins in January. U16/U19 teams (Div III and IV) entered in these tournaments play in late February and early March.

The **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest** is fairly informal and is designed to give teams an introduction to tournament play. The SoccerFest tournament groups are made up of teams from different leagues so your team will get to meet new people and play fresh faces. The groups are seeded based upon the results of play during the regular season in order to provide levels of competition for both skilled and less skilled teams. The entire tournament takes place all day on a Saturday; each team will normally play three or four shortened (half-length) games. Participant awards will be given to all members of all teams that participate. The **Hazeltine SoccerFest** is a great experience for your team, and a nice way to end the season.

Although the **District VI Cup Tournament** provides a more competitive level of play, it is also seeded in multiple levels. The Cup Challenge group is for the most skilled teams; additional groups are formed as the number of entries permit. Each group consists of six to ten teams split into two flights of three, four or five teams each. Teams play two, three, or four games in round-robin format on the first weekend. Flight winners meet in a final match for their group on the following Saturday. Members of all participating teams receive Tournament pins, and there are First and Second place awards for all players on all teams reaching the Finals. Winners of the final matches in the Cup Challenge groups are also awarded the perpetual District VI Cup for their age-group and team classification (Division III or Division IV).

<u>Tournament Comparison</u>	<u>Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest</u>	<u>District VI Cup Tournament</u>
Dates of Play:	December 5, 2009	Dec 5, 6, and 9-12, 2009
Age (Boys and Girls):	U8 thru U14	U10 thru U19
Match Format:	3-4 half length games	2-4 full length games
Team Entry Fee:	\$25.00	\$110.00**
'No Show' Fine:	Entry Fee	Entry Fee
Entry Deadlines:	=> October 26, 2009 <=	=> October 19, 2009 <=
Checks Payable to:	Your League	Your League
Mail Entries to:	Your League President (see list)	Your League President (see list)

** Note: All teams entered in District Cup will incur an additional cost of \$30.00 to \$60.00 for assigned center Referees.

You **MUST** include a **STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED, LEGAL SIZE (4"x 9.5") ENVELOPE** with your application in order to receive your tournament schedule and information packet (a single stamp is sufficient). Please note the envelope size specified above; **DO NOT** send small (3"x5") or oversized (9"x12") envelopes with your application. Failure to provide the stamped envelope could cause your League to be charged for these materials.

IMPORTANT: Valid USYSA Player and Coach Passes are **required** for Under 10 and older teams in these tournaments (but **not** for Under 8 teams). If your League is not currently using Player and/or Coach Passes and you wish to submit an entry for SoccerFest or District Cup, you should contact your League Registrar to have passes issued for yourself and/or your players. Passes need only be stamped by your League Registrar (a District stamp is not required). A goldenrod team roster and the players' birth certificates are **not** required for play, just your **valid** Player and Coach passes.

It is the District VI intent that teams participating in District VI Cup or SoccerFest consist **ONLY** of players eligible to participate in League play during the regular season. **ONLY those players registered to your team as of the Entry Deadline dates listed above and who are currently eligible for League play may participate - NO EXCEPTIONS.** Players **added** to your team **after** the Entry Deadlines listed above **MAY NOT** play in either of these tournaments. The participation of '**Guest**' players (players who are registered to another team) is specifically **PROHIBITED**.

By entering either of these Tournaments, you also agree to perform any Tournament jobs assigned to your team by the SoccerFest or District Cup committee. This may include serving as a tournament flight Convener (a Host Coach) at your designated playing field. Your team is responsible for providing at least one **REFEREE** to work in those games in which your team is **NOT** playing. Your Referee(s) may be your team's coaches and/or parents, providing that they are qualified. If you hire a Referee, your team is responsible for reimbursement. Referee certification is **not** required for the **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest**, however, it is highly recommended in the older age-groups (U12s and U14s).

All teams entering the **District VI CUP Tournament** (at any level, and in any age-group) **MUST** provide a **Certified Referee** who will work in those games in which their team is **NOT** playing. Your team's coaches and/or parents may fulfill this obligation, provided that they have attended and passed the USSF Referee certification class. If you hire a Referee, he/she must be currently certified, and **your team** is responsible for any reimbursement. In **all** round-robin games played on the first weekend, your Referee will work as a neutral Linesman; District VI will assign center Referees for all games played on this weekend (the District actually delegates most Referee assignment duties to the Leagues in which the preliminary matches are played). Participating teams are responsible for reimbursement of these assigned center Referees (refer to the 'Assigned Referees' paragraph at the bottom of the following page). **Failure to provide a Certified Referee as required on the first weekend MAY result in your team being fined up to \$400.** Note that the District will assign and reimburse **all** Referees for **all** Final matches to be played on or before the second weekend.

Please be sure that **ALL** requested information has been supplied on your application. An incomplete application, or an application without a check and/or a stamped self-addressed envelope will **NOT** be included in seeding. If you miss the entry deadline, don't call to inquire about late entries, just send in your completed application and a money order or cashier's check made out to **CYSA-District VI** in the amount of the entry fee. All teams who apply by the deadline date will be scheduled to play (unless there are insufficient entries to form at least one tournament group). Late entries are accepted on a space available basis in order to fill out the tournament groups. There is no limit on the number of teams that may enter the Hazeltine SoccerFest or the District Cup tournament. Note that Division III and Division IV teams will normally **NOT** be placed in the same tournament flight without first conferring with the coaches involved.

Please **carefully** fill out the section of the application that covers your league, playing division, and win-loss-tie standings. Most teams are formed within a club that is part of a league. Your playing league (for example, Metro League for Division III teams) may be different than your league of formation (your home league, such as: CVYSL, SYSL, etc.). The larger leagues sub-divide age-groups into playing divisions ('A'/'B' or 1st/2nd, etc.) for play during the season. The tournament seeding is based on each teams' standing within their playing division; please make sure this information is **correctly and completely** entered for your team (preferably after at least five games have been played). Seeding is done in early November; the tournament schedules will be mailed to all coaches about two weeks before the first weekend of play. If you have not received any schedule information in response to your application by the weekend prior to the first weekend of play, give us a call (see the Voice Mail number below) so that we can double check your address and phone number, and then mail another tournament schedule package to you. **The entry fee will not be refunded to teams who withdraw after seeding is completed and schedules have been mailed to participants on November 18th.**

Note that these deadlines are late in the season; please make note of them so that you do not miss the opportunity to play. If you lose this application, contact either your Club Manager or League President, or visit the District VI website at 'www.d6soccer.org'. Refunds will **NOT** be made after teams have been seeded into tournament groups and flights and scheduled for play, unless the committee determines that there are extenuating circumstances. Before you enter either tournament, be sure you have the support of your players and parents, and that you will be able to **provide a Referee** as required. As both tournaments are played after the end of the regular season; this requires some dedication from you and your team parents to follow through once you have committed to play. Your team should find either tournament to be a rewarding and enjoyable learning experience. There are fourteen different leagues in District VI and all of them are normally represented in both tournaments (last year, there were almost 800 participating teams). Some traveling (usually not more than an hour) may be involved, however, most flights will play in the greater Sacramento area.

Good luck to all who choose to enter. This is an exciting way for you and your team to wrap up the soccer season. If you have any questions, please call your Club Manager or your League President, or leave us a message on the SoccerFest and District VI Cup Tournament voice mail telephone line listed below. You may also contact us via the District website.

District VI Cup Tournament and SoccerFest Voice Mail line: (916) 558-0400

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DISTRICT VI CUP TOURNAMENT

December 5, 6, and 9, 11 & 12, 2009



TEAM CLASSIFICATION & SEEDING and ASSIGNED REFEREES:

CYSA (California Youth Soccer Association) classifies teams into four divisions, Divisions I and II are competitive teams; they are **NOT** eligible to play in the District VI Cup Tournament; Divisions III and IV are recreational teams, the District VI Cup Tournament is specifically for them. Division III teams, defined as SELECT, were formed via tryouts or a similar process within a club or a geographic sub-region within a league. Division IV teams are NON-SELECT; these teams were formed in clubs based on geographic areas within a league. All U10 through U19 teams playing in District VI Metro league are considered to be Division III (Select) teams. Some teams in general league play may also be Select teams depending upon the criteria used by the league and/or clubs when these teams were formed. Please be sure to indicate the appropriate classification of your team on the Tournament entry form.

The District VI Cup Tournament contains brackets for Div III and IV, U10 through U19, Girls and Boys teams (20 total). Due to the large number of entries, teams are seeded into groups within each bracket based on their league record and estimated strength. Within each of the team classifications (Division III or IV), **ONLY** the top six to ten teams in an age-group are seeded into the Cup Challenge round; the remaining teams are seeded into additional groups of six to ten teams for play. All participating teams (including those in the Cup Challenge groups) play round-robin within two flights of three to five teams on the first weekend; the two flight winners from each group will meet in a final game on the second weekend of play. Here is an **example** of tournament seeding, in this case, for an Under 12 Boys tournament group, consisting of 27 Division III teams and 21 Division IV teams:

U12 Boys Division III Cup Group:	Flight A (5 teams)	Flight B (5 teams)
U12 Boys Division III Group A:	Flight A (4 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)
U12 Boys Division III Group B:	Flight A (5 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)
U12 Boys Division IV Cup Group:	Flight A (4 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)
U12 Boys Division IV Group A:	Flight A (3 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)
U12 Boys Division IV Group B:	Flight A (3 teams)	Flight B (3 teams)

On the second (Finals) weekend, each 'A' flight winner meets each 'B' flight winner in a final game to play for 1st and 2nd place in their group. In the example above, there are six U12 Boys finals to be played on this 'Finals' weekend. Players on **ALL** teams reaching the Final for their group will receive either 1st or 2nd place trophies. The winner of the Cup Challenge final for each Div III and IV age-group will also be awarded the perpetual District VI CUP for their bracket.

Use the Cup Challenge Box at the bottom of the application to indicate that you wish to be seeded into the Cup Challenge round for your team's age-group and classification. If you check the Cup Challenge box, your team will be given a higher preference for selection (but **not** a guarantee of selection) into the Cup Challenge group. If you do not check the box, your team **may** still be placed in the Cup Challenge group based on their standing during the regular season of league play. **You do not have to check the box in order to play in the District VI Cup Tournament.**

If you are playing in District VI Metro League (Select teams), you should consider a Division III Cup Challenge if your team is in the 'A' division or stands in the top half of the 'B' division. If you are playing within your League as a Division IV (Non-Select) team, you should consider a Division IV Cup Challenge if your team is standing in the top half of the 1st ('A') division, or is leading in the standings in a league with a single division for your age-group. Your team does **NOT** have to be one of the top teams to play in the tournament; no matter what your team's record or playing division during the season, there **WILL** be a seeding group and division for your team. The District VI Cup Tournament is structured to accommodate **ALL** Division III and IV U10 through U19 teams playing within District VI.

Assigned Referees (District VI Cup round-robin games): In addition to the requirement that each team provide a certified Referee, District Cup round-robin games will have a District VI assigned center Referee who is to be paid a total of \$30.00 per game for his/her services. Payment is by **both** teams playing the game (the \$30.00 total is shared, \$15.00 from each team). Each District Cup team will pay \$15.00 per game played during the round-robin series, a total of \$30.00 to \$60.00 depending upon the number of games in their flight (two games in a 3 team flight, three games in a 4 team flight, and four games in a 5 team flight). The Referee is to be paid **prior** to the start of the match; any team declining to pay shall forfeit that match, and may be assessed a fine of up to \$400.00. Please be sure to bring a sufficient amount of cash (in \$10s & \$5s) to cover payment of assigned center Referees. Note that this payment is totally separate from, and in addition to, any arrangements that you make with the Certified Referee that your team is required to provide.

IMPORTANT . . . PLEASE NOTE

Both of these tournaments require the assistance and cooperation of the coaches and parents of the teams that enter. Note the requirement that participating teams provide Referees. **You MUST provide a Referee (a CERTIFIED Referee for District Cup) in order to participate in either of these tournaments; there are NO exceptions.** You, your assistant(s), and/or team parents (they must be certified for District Cup) may perform this obligation; as they will referee those games in which your team is **NOT** playing. If you are not a certified Referee, we highly recommend that you, and one or more of your team parents attend a Referee clinic. This is the best way to insure that your team will always be able to meet the requirement that each team provide a Referee. If you **'hire'** a Referee to handle your obligation, **your team** is responsible for any reimbursement. **If your team cannot meet this obligation to provide a Referee, then your team should not enter either tournament.** As much as we wish to have all teams participate, it is of the greatest importance that all teams who do participate in either of these tournaments are able to play their matches **safely** and **fairly**.

PAYMENT OF TOURNAMENT FEES

Payment of fees for both District Cup and SoccerFest is to **Your League**. All applications **must** be mailed to your League President (see the addresses listed below). Note the entry deadlines: District Cup is **Monday, October 19, 2009**, and SoccerFest is **Monday, October 26, 2009**. If you send in a late application, it **MUST** be accompanied by either a **Money Order** or **Cashier's Check** made payable to **CYSA-District VI** for the tournament fees, and mailed to the 'late application' address near the top of the appropriate application.

LEAGUE PRESIDENTS

06:01	Marlene Vega	Sacramento YSL (SYSL) 1125 Charity Lane Dixon, CA 95620 707-678-9368	06:09	Stacy Andersen	Vacaville YSL (VYSL) 6105 Vanden Road Vacaville, CA 9568 707-330-6761
06:02	Mark Dickerson	Elk Grove YSL (EGYSL) P.O. Box 63 Elk Grove, CA 95759 916-606-1998	06:10	Nick Gasper	Yuba-Sutter YSL (YSYSL) P.O. Box 878 Yuba City, CA 95992 530-300-2795
06:03	Gerry Everts	Placer YSL (PYSL) 2540 Crosby Herold Rd Lincoln, CA 95648 916-645-7636	06:11	Sophia Meyer	Gold Country YSL (GCYSL) P.O. Box 299 Grass Valley, CA 95945 530-477-1251
06:05	Mike Bier	El Dorado YSL (EDYSL) 4341 Flying C Road Shingle Springs, CA 95682 530-677-4167	06:12	Ron Wall	Butte YSL (BYSL) 883 Bille Road Paradise, CA 95969 530-872-8276
06:06	Joe Esfandiary c/o Bill Norris	River City YSL (RCYSL) 73 Grand Rio Cir Sacramento ,CA 95826 916-600-5517 (Joe E)	06:13	Gary Powell	49'er YSL (49YSL) 4015 Bonanza Way Loomis, CA 95650 916-652-9377
06:07	Brian Nanoo	American River YSL (ARYSL) 10825 Walnutwood Way Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-852-6858	06:14	Mike Winn	Capital Valley YSL (CVYSL) 5050 Roseville Rd E27 North Highlands, CA 95660 916-335-1013
06:08	Sabrina Laviletta	Fairfield-Suisun YSL (FSYSL) 2997 Pebble Beach Circle Fairfield, CA 94534 707-580-0417	06:15	Ellen Hootman	Davis YSL (DYSL) P.O. Box 72295 Davis, CA 95617 530-304-4167

2009 DISTRICT VI CUP TOURNAMENT

Dates: Dec 5th, 6th, and 9th-12th, 2009

ENTRY DEADLINE: October 19, 2009



TEAM ENTRY FORM (Type or Print neatly):

Entries **MUST** be accompanied by a check in the amount of **\$110.00**, payable to your home League (ARYSL, CVYSL, PYSL, RCYSL, SYSL, etc.), and **MUST** include a stamped, self-addressed (4" x 9.5") legal-size envelope. Mail your entry to your League President on or before the entry deadline shown above (see the attached list of League Presidents' mailing addresses). Late entries are only accepted on a space available basis; they **MUST** include a **MONEY ORDER** or **CASHIER'S CHECK** payable to **CYSA-District VI**. All **late** entries should be mailed directly to the following address (if there is not a tournament slot available for your team, your entry fee will be refunded):

District VI Cup Tournament, 73 Grand Rio Circle, Sacramento, CA, 95826

Coach's Certification: I understand and agree with the CYSA policy that each player or coach **MUST** present a valid USYSA Player or Coach Pass (with picture affixed and League Registrar's stamp) to the Referee prior to each game, **and that NO player or coach may participate without this specified identification.** I also understand and agree with the District VI policy that **ALL** players are to participate in at least half of each game, that **ONLY** players registered to my team as of the deadline date listed above are eligible to participate in the tournament, and that 'Guest' players are **not** allowed. I agree to accept any tournament job assigned, and understand that my team may be required to travel to a game site (within District VI) to best convenience the rest of the teams in my flight. I agree to forfeit the \$110.00 entry fee if my team withdraws after schedules are mailed (Nov 18th, 2009), or is a 'no show' for scheduled games, and understand that if my team is a considered a 'no show', my team may **NOT** be allowed to participate the following year.

I also understand that on the first weekend of play my team is REQUIRED to provide (at our cost if hired) a Certified Referee in suitable uniform to work as an assistant Referee in those games in which my team is **NOT** playing (either a coach or a parent is acceptable, if certified). I understand that all teams share a responsibility for payment of the District VI assigned preliminary round center Referees (at a cost of \$30.00 to \$60.00 per team, based on the number of games). **I agree to be fined up to \$400 if I do not comply with my responsibility to provide a suitable Referee or if I decline to pay the District assigned Referee.** I have read, understand, and agree to abide by these tournament rules.

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

My Referee is: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - _____

League Approval: _____ Date: _____

AgeGroup: _____ Boys Girls Mixed (circle one) CYSA Division: **Select** (DivIII) ___ **Non-Select** (DivIV) ___

Home League: _____ Club: _____ Team Name: _____

Number of players registered to the team (as of the deadline date): _____ Jersey Color (primary): _____

Coach Name: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - _____

Address: _____ 2nd Ph: (____) ____ - _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Seeding Information (print neatly): League games: Won ___ Lost ___ Tied ___ Goals For ___ Against ___

We played in: Division ___ of ___ divisions in _____ (your playing league: ARYSL, SYSL, Metro, CPL, etc.)

Within our age-group, my players are: 75% or more younger ___ 75% or more older ___ Mixed young & old ___

U19 Teams Only: There are players on my team who must take SAT exams Saturday, Dec 5th: **Yes No** (circle one)

U12 and U14 Division IV Teams Only: My team has entered Founder's Cup (plays Dec 12th): **Yes No** (circle one)

Our Home field is: _____ in _____ (city)

All Teams: Check the Cup Challenge box **ONLY** if you wish to be considered for the Cup Challenge round for your age-group/Division (III or IV). If your Cup Challenge is accepted your team will play in the most skilled group for your team's age-group and CYSA Division. Highly seeded teams may be placed in the Cup Challenge even if they did not check the box. (You do **NOT** have to check the Cup Challenge Box in order to play in the tournament.)

CUP CHALLENGE BOX

2009 ERNIE HAZELTINE SOCCERFEST

Date: Saturday, December 5th, 2009

Entry Deadline: October 26, 2009



TEAM ENTRY FORM (Type or Print neatly):

Entries must be accompanied by a \$25.00 check made payable to **your** League (such as: SYSL, CVYSL, PYSL, etc. -- refer to the list of League Presidents), and a stamped self-addressed legal sized (4" x 9.5") envelope. Mail your completed application to your League President on or before the entry deadline noted above. **Late** entries must include a **Money Order** or **Cashier's Check** made payable to **CYSA-District VI** (**not** to your league), and are only accepted on a space available basis. All late entries should be mailed directly to the following address (If there is no slot available for your team, your entry fee will be refunded.):

Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest, 9643 Foremast Court, Elk Grove, CA, 95758

Coach's Certification: I agree that my team will travel; I will accept any SoccerFest task, including that of hosting one of the SoccerFest tournament groups; and that I will forfeit the \$25.00 entry fee if my team is assessed a no-show penalty. I also understand that each team **MUST PROVIDE** a reasonably qualified person to act as **REFEREE** in at least two, and up to four half length games, and I agree to do so.

I understand that if my team does not show for their scheduled games, my team may **NOT** be allowed to participate the following year. I subscribe to the concept of the SoccerFest, and will do all in my power to create and maintain a friendly relaxed atmosphere for the SoccerFest.

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team Standings: Our Home field is: _____, located in (city / suburb): _____.

My team's standings in our playing division (or age-group) are: Division ____ of ____ divs (for example 'Division 2 of 5 divs') in _____ (playing league, such as SYSL or ARYSL). League Games: Played ____ Won ____ Lost ____ Tied ____ Goals For ____ Against ____

There are ____ players registered to this team as of the above entry deadline. Generally, my players are in the younger half ____, older half ____, older and younger mixed ____ within their age-group (check one).

U10 through U14 only: CYSA Division (check one): **Select** ____ (Div III) **Non-Select** (Rec) ____ (Div IV).

U08 teams will play 7 vs 7 ... U10 teams will play 9 vs 9 ... U12/U14 teams will play 11 vs 11

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NO REFUNDS will be made for RAINOUTS

Please PRINT clearly and legibly

League: _____ Club _____ Team Name _____

Age- group: _____ Boys Girls Mixed (circle one) E-mail addr: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Jersey Color (primary): _____

Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ 2nd Ph: (_____) _____ - _____

Do not write below this line ... for Soccerfest scheduling

SoccerFest Convener is the Coach of the team listed ABOVE

SoccerFest #: _____ at Field: _____

In location (city): _____