



CYSA Association Cup Directives, Rules & Regulations



These rules govern CYSA Association Cup Competitions and supersede any other CYSA rules to the extent that other CYSA rules may be inconsistent with these rules.

I. CYSA ASSOCIATION CUP COMPETITIONS

- A. The **CYSA Association Cup** is a statewide event held in winter and spring. Participating teams may be subject to travel over long distances and rescheduling of games due to adverse weather conditions. Teams that do not care to travel, or that lack the flexibility to play rescheduled games, should not apply.
- B. The purpose of the **CYSA** Association Cup is the selection of **CYSA** State Champions in each gender and age group. Separate competitions will be held in both boys and girls U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U16 and U19 divisions.

II. JURISDICTION

- A. The entire **CYSA** Association Cup competition shall be under the jurisdiction of the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee as authorized by the **CYSA** Board of Directors. The **CYSA** Board of Directors reserves the right to any final decision with regard to any and all games played in these competitions.

III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. **CYSA** Association Cup competitions are open to any Division 3 or Division 4 Under-10 through Under-19 **CYSA** registered team that is in good standing at the time of entry and remains in good standing during the competition.
- B. **No player may participate in the CYSA Association Cup if rostered on a Division 1 team in the current seasonal year. EXCEPTION:** A player who was originally rostered on a Division 1 team during the current seasonal year, who must transfer off that team due to bona fide reasons may still be eligible to participate in **CYSA** Association Cup competition. Approval may **ONLY** be granted by a request from the team's League President and written approval by the team's District Commissioner.
- C. **All teams participating in the CYSA Association Cup must have played solely in Division 3 and Division 4 competition. EXCEPTION:** **CYSA** Division 3 or Division 4 teams approved by the Board of Directors upon the recommendation of their District Commissioner to compete in a Division 1 playing league in order to have a viable playing league may still be eligible to participate in **CYSA** Association Cup.
- D. Any team that participates in an Under-8 or younger playing league may not enter the **CYSA** Association Cup.
- E. A team or player may play in only one (1) **CYSA** Cup competition within the same current seasonal year. (i.e. team or player may not play in **CYSA** Association Cup **and** in the **CYSA** State Cup, **CYSA** Presidents Cup or **CYSA** Founders' Cup)
- F. Any player on a frozen roster is considered to have participated in cup play.
- G. Players must be properly registered with a **CYSA** affiliated league and their credentials approved by the District Commissioner/Registrar for the current seasonal year, in accordance with **CYSA** and US Youth Soccer Rules.
- H. All rostering of individuals on **CYSA** Association Cup teams, including transfers, adds and releases will be processed in accordance with **CYSA** and US Youth Soccer registration requirements.
- I. For **CYSA** Association Cup the deadline for transfers, adds and drops (releases), shall be fourteen (14) days prior to the originally scheduled date for the start of the **CYSA** Association Cup Competition for each specific age/gender group. All rosters are frozen at that time. Only those players legally rostered at such time are eligible to participate in further **CYSA** and/or US Youth Soccer Regional, or National Cup Competitions.

- J. Registered team officials may be added to the team roster at anytime prior to or after the **CYSA** Association Cup Competition has begun.
- K. A team must have an adult of at least twenty-one (21) years of age in attendance as the registered team official. No team shall be allowed to play if it does not have a registered team official who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age who will be responsible for the actions/activities of the team during **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Play.

IV. TEAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. In order for a team to be eligible for **CYSA** Association Cup Competition, it must submit:
 - 1. The **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Entry Form filled out completely and including the signature or electronic acknowledgement of a registered team official.
 - 2. **CYSA** Association Cup Team Entry Fees:
 - a. For teams entering on or before 5 PM on October 15 2010 the Early Bird Entry Fee in the form of a check, money order or credit card payable to **CYSA** for \$500.00
 - b. For teams entering after 5 PM on October 15, 2010 and before 5 PM on November 1, 2010 in the form of a check, money order or credit card payable to **CYSA** for \$550.00
 - 3. A legible copy of the team's official roster (goldenrod) that has been authorized by the team's district registrar.
- B. Completed applications submitted by teams from a fully affiliated **CYSA** league, consisting of the three items in Section IV, item A above, must be received at the **CYSA** office (1040 Serpentine Lane, Suite 201, Pleasanton, CA 94566) no later than 5 PM, November 1, 2010.
- C. Late receipt of entry through delay by the U.S. Mail, other carriers, or delivery by person cannot and will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS! Entries on anything but a **CYSA** Association Cup Entry form will not be accepted. Non acceptance of entries for failure to meet entry deadlines is not protestable.
- D. In order to be eligible to play in **CYSA** Association Cup, a team must be registered with an affiliated **CYSA** league and have played in a recognized **CYSA** playing league with at least three (3) other teams and have played three (3) different teams at least once BEFORE it is eligible to participate in **CYSA** Association Cup. Participation in a league for "paper teams" does not fulfill the league play eligibility requirement for **CYSA** Association Cup. In a district where a team's league does not begin play until **CYSA** Association Cup Competition has already begun, or a team has not been able to play the required number of league games because of inclement weather, the team's District Commissioner shall notify the **CYSA** Association Cup Chairman in writing of the team's conflict with this rule and explain why there is a conflict AT LEAST FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ASSOCIATION CUP DRAW FOR THAT TEAM'S AGE/GENDER GROUP. If the team is accepted for play in **CYSA** Association Cup it shall be the responsibility of the team's District Commissioner to make sure that the team meets the requirements of this paragraph BEFORE the end of the seasonal playing year of that specific year's **CYSA** Association Cup Competition. The District Commissioner shall notify the **CYSA** Association Cup Chairman in writing when a team that has received a temporary exemption from this rule has met the requirements as called for in this paragraph. **Under no circumstances, and notwithstanding the foregoing, will any team be eligible to participate in CYSA Association Cup unless it participated as a CYSA team in a regular CYSA league. A team cannot establish eligibility by participating in league or other play only for the purpose of creating or establishing eligibility to participate in CYSA Association Cup.**
- E. Any team that enters **CYSA** Association Cup Competition agrees to play WHEREVER it is assigned to play within the **CYSA** geographical boundaries without complaint to **CYSA**.
- F. **CYSA** considers each team that enters **CYSA** Association Cup to be in receipt of the **CYSA** Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures, Specific Rules and PIMs through the publication and posting of the annual issue of **CYSA** Team Manual and/or as a requirement of the completion of the online **CYSA** Association Cup application process. Claims of not having read same before submitting a team entry are not admissible. Each team representative's signature or electronic acknowledgement on the **CYSA** Association Cup Entry Form is confirmation that the team has complied with the above requirements.

V. RESERVE POOL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Any team that enters **CYSA** Association Cup after the November 1, 2010 deadline and which meets all other entrance requirements will be placed into the "Reserve Pool" and is not guaranteed the opportunity to play.
- B. Teams entering the Reserve Pool for **CYSA** Association Cup are subject to all **CYSA** Association Cup eligibility requirements.
- C. Team must meet entry form and roster submission requirements as cited in the **CYSA** Association Cup Team Entrance Requirements.
- D. Any team that applies to **CYSA** Association Cup as a "Reserve Pool" team will be assessed an additional fee of \$100.00 above the regular **CYSA** Association Cup entry fee.
- E. Teams' Reserve Pool entry fees of \$600.00 must be paid by certified check, money order, bank cashiers check, or credit card.
- F. Prior to the **CYSA** Association Cup draw the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee may, by means of a blind draw, select additional teams from the "Reserve Pool" for teams in a particular age group in order to make that division divisible by four (4)
- G. The **CYSA** Association Cup Committee will only draw enough teams to get to the first number of teams divisible by four (4) above the number of teams that have entered **CYSA** Association Cup in the specific age/gender at the time of the **CYSA** Association Cup entry deadline. The **CYSA** Association Cup Committee cannot draw any more than a maximum of three (3) teams to attain a division of play that is divisible by four (4).
- H. The deadline to adjust and add teams to flights divisible by four (4) shall be 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the draw for each age/gender division of play.
- I. The **CYSA** Association Cup Committee may draw from the Pool if a team drops from **CYSA** Association Cup play in the team's proper age/gender division.
- J. After the **CYSA** Association Cup draw has taken place, whenever a team is needed to "fill" a bracket in **CYSA** Association Cup Play, a team in the "Reserve Pool" in the proper age/gender group shall be blind drawn from the "Pool".
- K. Any team not blind drawn from the "Reserve Pool" when play commences shall have \$500.00 of its entry fee returned to the team within thirty (30) days from the first day of play in the team's age/gender division. The \$100.00 that will be retained by **CYSA** is an "administrative late fee."

VI. CREDENTIALS

- A. Prior to participating in any round of **CYSA** Association Cup competition, proper credentials that have been approved by the appropriate District or State Registrar for each participating team, player and registered team official shall be presented. Credentials must be properly approved beginning with the first preliminary round game.
- B. An original **CYSA** Team roster (goldenrod) must be authorized by the team's District Registrar prior to the team participating in any round/game of **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Play.
- C. Properly approved team, player, and registered team official credentials that meet **CYSA** Association Cup requirements will be required at each and every game in order to participate in **CYSA** Association Cup Competition
- D. Any improper player's or registered team official's member pass shall be retained by the **CYSA** Association Cup staff which will result in the individual being ineligible to participate until proper credentials are cleared with either their District Commissioner or District Registrar and presented to the **CYSA** Association Cup Credentials Committee for clearance.

- E. A US Youth Soccer member pass with original “wet ink” signature of the player’s parent or guardian in the Consent for Medical Treatment section must be presented for each player. Players who are 18 years or older at the time of competition MUST sign their own forms.
- F. An ineligible player, participating in a **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Game shall cause his/her team to forfeit any game that the player has participated in and may result in further disciplinary action, against the team’s coach, registered team official or player by the **CYSA** Board of Directors.

VII. TEAM FORMATION

- A. Any team entering **CYSA** Association Cup may not release a player or players in order to qualify for a lower age group division.
- B. A team is required to play in **CYSA** Association Cup at the oldest age group at which it was ever rostered during the seasonal year
- C. Player releases are allowed only in certain circumstances as specified in **CYSA** and US Youth Soccer registration rules.
- D. The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between league and **CYSA** Association Cup by maintaining a minimum of nine (9) players common to the rosters of both competitions.

VIII. BRACKETING

- A. All properly received **CYSA** Association Cup entries will be entered into preliminary rounds by a modified blind-draw, which will be open to the general public.
- B. Teams will be bracketed for the preliminary rounds by means of a blind draw conducted by the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee. During the blind draw, no two (2) teams from the same district will be placed in the same bracket unless there are more teams from a given district than there are brackets.
- C. If a team drops after the draw, no adjustment of brackets will be made if the replacement team is from the same district as another team already assigned to that bracket.
- D. The **CYSA** Association Cup Committee reserves the right to restructure/eliminate brackets due to teams dropping to try to ensure as many brackets as possible have 4 teams in them.
- E. The winners of each bracket will advance to single elimination round competition. If necessary for the formation of the next round of single elimination competition, the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee reserves the right to advance runner-up teams from brackets pre-designated by random selection prior to the draw taking place
- F. The bracket winners and runners-up will be determined by the scoring point system outlined in Section XVI of the **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Directives, Rules & Regulations.
- G. The **CYSA** Association Cup Committee reserves the right to combine brackets with less than three (3) teams in the brackets after the draw has taken place. (This would take place after a team has dropped from the competition and there are not any teams available in the “Reserve Pool” to take the place of the team/teams that have withdrawn from competition in the specific bracket or brackets). The combining of these brackets must take place no later than 6:00 PM on the Tuesday prior to the first weekend of play in the particular age/gender division that is being adjusted.
- H. If the draw has taken place and due to an administrative error a team must be added to a **CYSA** Association Cup age/gender group, that team will be placed into the competition as follows: The brackets of three (3) in the specific age/gender group will be put into a hat, one of the brackets will be drawn from the hat and the team will be inserted as the fourth (4th) team in that bracket.
- I. If in the opinion of the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee Chairman and his/her Committee, an uncorrectable error is made in the draw of a division of teams, and it is discovered after the draw has taken place, the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee Chairman and his/her Committee shall determine the best and most expeditious manner in which to redraw the particular division/divisions if they determine that a partial or complete redraw is necessary. The implementation of this shall be done as quickly as possible with the approval of the **CYSA** 3rd Vice Chairman.

IX. SCHEDULING

- A. A complete schedule of games, playing dates, and opponents will be mailed to all teams as soon as possible but no later than three weeks prior to the preliminary round games beginning.
- B. **THERE WILL BE NO RESCHEDULING OF GAMES TO ACCOMMODATE OUT-OF-STATE TOURNAMENTS, LEAGUE GAMES, SOCIAL EVENTS, SCHOOL AND/OR COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS.**
- C. It is the responsibility of each team to be aware of all potential conflicts which may affect its ability and the ability of its players to participate in **CYSA** Association Cup competition on any and all dates for which play is scheduled (both primary dates for play and alternate dates for play) for its age group.
- D. A game upon which a protest/appeal is upheld will be replayed as called for by the **CYSA** Protest and Appeals Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the **CYSA** Association Cup Chairman to reschedule the game and set a time and place for the game that will allow all **CYSA** Association Cup Competition play to continue with the least amount of delay.
- E. The team listed first on the **CYSA**-issued schedule of games shall be the HOME TEAM in all cases and will provide a game ball.

X. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- A. All games will be governed by the FIFA Laws of the Game and those rules included in the US Youth Soccer Rules, **CYSA** Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures, Specific Rules and PIMs unless the rules of this competition determine otherwise.
- B. For preliminary round games, the host district is responsible for supplying referee and game fields (and/or alternative fields).
- C. It is recommended that field marshals be available for crowd control, etc.
- D. In single elimination games, both teams' bench areas will be on the same side of the field, and coaching from the sideline will not be permitted except as in accordance with FIFA directives.
- E. Spectator areas will be established on the opposite side of the field at single elimination games. No individual is allowed on the team side of the field in these games unless they are credentialed members of one of the teams participating in the game.
- F. No more than four (4) registered team officials from each team, including coaches, shall be on the same side of the field as the teams during second round, round of 16, quarterfinal, semifinal and finals play.

XI. UNIFORMS

- A. The appearance of players is a vital extension of the game. A player's team uniform confirms the identity of the club or organization that the player represents. It should be worn with pride.
- B. Stockings/socks must be of the same color, (a player must wear stockings/socks of a matching color), should be correctly worn in the pulled-up position covering shin pads or guards.
- C. Shirts/ jerseys shall be neatly tucked into their shorts.
- D. The wearing of tracksuit trousers or long tights in a color that coordinates with the team's colors is permissible in adverse weather.
- E. Cyclists' pants, tights, etc., may be worn under a player's shorts if they are the same color as the shorts.
- F. The wearing of long sleeve shirts/ jerseys under uniform jerseys is permitted, in inclement weather, provided the garment is the same color as the team's jersey.
- G. All **CYSA** Association Cup referees will be instructed to enforce this uniform rule in all games.
- H. Home teams will change uniforms in the event of conflict in uniform color.

XII. FIELDS

- A. Fields should be properly marked and ready by game time, with corner flags and nets in good condition.
- B. The recommended minimum dimensions for game fields are: 75-90 yards long x 50-60 yards wide for U10 and U11; 100 yards long x 60 yards wide for U12 and U13; 100 yards long x 70 yards wide for U14 through U19.
- C. The **CYSA** Association Cup Chairman may place games on different sized fields if the use of such fields is necessary for the timely play of **CYSA** Association Cup games.
- D. The referee's decision, as to whether any field is playable or not, is not protestable.

XIII. GAME LENGTH

- A. Length of games, overtime periods, and ball specifications shall be as follows:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Preliminary Round</u>	<u>Single Elimination Round</u>	<u>O.T. Period</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Circumference</u>	<u>Weight</u>
U17,U18,U19	two - 40 min.	two - 45 min.	two - 15 min.	#5	27"-28"	14-16 oz's.
U15, U16	two - 35 min.	two - 40 min.	two - 15 min.	#5	27"-28"	14-16 oz's.
U13, U14	two - 30 min.	two - 35 min.	two - 10 min.	#5	27"-28"	14-16 oz's.
U11, U12	two - 25 min.	two - 30 min.	two - 10 min.	#4	25"-26"	11-13 oz's.
U10	two - 20 min.	two - 25 min.	two - 10 min.	#4	25"-26"	11-13 oz's.

- B. The length of games played in the opening round and any subsequent Round-Robin round of **CYSA** Cup Competition will be reduced by five (5) minutes per half.
- C. Single elimination games shall be regulation length.
- D. All ties in the opening round shall stand and no extra time shall be played SUBJECT TO LAW 7 OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME.
- E. In single-elimination games, the "Golden Goal" rule will be in place.
- F. If the teams remain tied at the end of overtime play, then the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty spot per FIFA.

XIV. MODIFIED RULES FOR UNDER-10 AND UNDER-11 AGE GROUPS

- A. All **CYSA** Cup games for the Under 10 and Under 11 age groups shall be played according to **CYSA** Cup rules and directives with the following modifications:

1. Field of Play

- a. The field of play will be rectangular in shape with the length of the field exceeding the width.
- b. The field will be no more that 90 yards and no less than 75 yards in length.
- c. The field will be no more than 60 yards and no less than 50 yards in width.
- d. The center circle will be marked with a 6 yard radius
- e. The goal area is defined at each end of the field as the area within 2 lines drawn at right angles to the goal line 6 yards from the inside of each goalpost and extending into the field of play for a distance of 6 yards and joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- f. The penalty area is defined at each end of the field as the area within 2 lines drawn at right angles to the goal line 14 yards from the inside of each goalpost and extending into the field of play for a distance of 14 yards and joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- g. Within each penalty area the penalty mark will be 10 yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.
- h. An arc 6 yards from the penalty mark will be drawn outside the penalty box at the intersection of the arc with the line of the penalty box

2. Goals

- a. The goals will be a minimum of 6 feet and a maximum of 7 feet high and 6-7 yards wide.

3. **Ball**
 - a. The ball will be a size 4 ball
4. **Number of Players**
 - a. Teams will play a maximum of 8 players per team on the field (one of whom is a goal keeper).
 - b. Teams will play a minimum of 5 players per team on the field.
5. **Duration of Game**
 - a. Regulation length game halves will be two 25 minute halves for the Under-10 age group and two 30 minute halves for the Under-11 age group with a 5 minute half time.
 - b. Preliminary round game halves will be shortened by 5 minutes
 - c. Single Elimination round games will be regulation length game halves as noted in "a" above.
 - d. Overtime will consist of two 10 minute periods with the golden goal rule in effect
6. **Fouls and Misconduct**
 - a. All other FIFA and **CYSA** rules, Cup Directives, Rules and Regulations will be in effect for Under-10 and Under-11 teams.
7. **Restart of Game**
 - a. Opponents must be at least 6 yards from the ball when the game is restarted by a kick.
 - b. Opponents must be at least 6 yards from the corner arc on a corner kick

Please refer to the coaching section of the CYSA Team Manual to view a diagram of Under-10 and Under-11 small sided field dimensions & markings.

XV. GAME REPORT

- A. **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Game and Referee Report (game cards), supplied by **CYSA**, shall be presented to the referee and will be used for all **CYSA** Association Cup games. Such game cards, properly filled out, will be submitted by the hosting venue to the **CYSA** office at the conclusion of each weekend of play.

XVI. SCORING

- A. In the preliminary rounds, the following point system will be used to determine which teams advance.
 - 3 points for a WIN
 - 1 point for a TIE
 - 0 points for a LOSS
- B. If teams are tied in points at the conclusion of the preliminary round, the following tie-breaking procedure will be employed to determine which teams advance to the next round:
 1. Results of head-to-head competition between teams that are tied.
 2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum differential of 4 per game).
 3. Least goals allowed.
 4. Most goals scored to a maximum of 4 per game.
 5. Kicks taken from the penalty spot per FIFA
- C. In three team groups, if FIFA kicks involve a team that had completed play on a previous day and is unavailable to take the kicks, an alternative time and site for the kicks shall be scheduled by the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee Chairman.
- D. Should more than two teams be tied at the end of the preliminary round, the above list of tiebreakers will be used in sequential order until one team is determined to be the winner. The tie-breaking procedure does not revert back to previous tie-breaking criteria after one team has been eliminated.
- E. Should three or more teams be tied at the end of the preliminary round after completing the above list of tie-breakers, a Round Robin Shoot-out will then be utilized as follows: Ten (10) shots will be taken per team, five (5) each against opposing keepers. Total from two (2) shoot-outs, i.e. Team A scores 3 versus Team B keeper, then scores 2 versus Team C keeper, Team A's total is 5. Team with most goals advances. If teams remain tied after two (2) rounds, re-shoot. Coach will designate ten (10) shooters of which ANY ROSTERED PLAYER may shoot.

Round 1

Team A 5 Players (1 - 5) versus Team B Keeper
Team B 5 Players (1 - 5) versus Team C Keeper
Team C 5 Players (1 - 5) versus Team A Keeper

Round 2

Team A 5 Players (6 - 10) versus Team C Keeper
Team B 5 Players (6 - 10) versus Team A Keeper
Team C 5 Players (6 - 10) versus Team B Keeper

XVII. CANCELLATIONS

- A. In the event of inclement weather, the host district is responsible for informing the **CYSA** Office, the **CYSA** Third Vice Chair, the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee Chairman, and the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee members as soon as possible before games if fields are unplayable. Only the **CYSA** Cup Committee Chairman may reschedule a game for different dates. If inclement weather should necessitate field and/ or playing date change, it is the prerogative of the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee Chairman to schedule such changes. District **CYSA** Association Cup Coordinators may, if necessitated by inclement weather, make last minute changes to different playing sites.
- B. The **CYSA** Association Cup Committee Chairman may schedule makeup games necessitated by inclement weather or reentry games due to a Protest and Appeals decision on consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday) or between scheduled dates (weekdays). The **CYSA** Cup Committee Chairman's decisions are not protestable.

XVIII. ABANDONED/TERMINATED GAMES

- A. Should a scheduled game be terminated or abandoned before its completion and the situation is not covered by **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Rules, or National Cup Rules, the status of the game shall be determined by the **CYSA** Protest & Appeals (P&A) Committee.
- B. The terms "abandon" and "terminate" are interchangeable and mean the same thing for purposes of **CYSA** Association Cup Competition play.
- C. A game can be abandoned or terminated by the referee when one of the following situations occur:
 1. The referee is unable to control the players on the field.
 2. The referee is unable to control the actions of individuals that are not playing in the game. (coaches / registered team officials / spectators, etc.)
 3. The field has become unsafe to play on for any reason (weather related, objects being thrown onto the field, or any other circumstance that makes the field "unsafe" for play.
 4. The referee has been instructed by a **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Administrator to abandon/terminate for a specific purpose related to **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Rules.
 5. The referee and his/her assistants have been threatened by a player, coach, registered team official, and/or spectator and feel that it is in the best interest of the referees/assistant referees to abandon/terminate the game and leave the site.
 6. Any reasons that are consistent with the risk of continuing to play being outweighed by the possibility of someone being seriously injured if the game continues.
 7. The team does not have present at least one registered team official of the appropriate age with the required **CYSA** credentials at any time ONCE the game has begun. If this situation occurs the game will be deemed an abandoned/terminated game.
- D. A game can be deemed abandoned/terminated ONLY after the game has begun OR just prior to the game IF the field is determined to be unsafe for play or the weather is such that in the opinion of the referee OR a **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Administrator the game cannot be played for reasons of safety or potential field damage. Any game that is abandoned / terminated prior to the game beginning shall be played at a later time UNLESS the game will not have any bearing on which team wins the bracket that the two (2) teams are in.

- E. Once a game has BEGUN and the game is abandoned/terminated the status of the game shall be determined by the **CYSA** Protest, Appeal and Disciplinary Committee regardless of at what point during the game it was abandoned/terminated. The **CYSA** Protest, Appeal and disciplinary committee shall render a decision as to the status of the game within seventy-two (72) hours of the written information reaching the **CYSA** First Vice Chairman, which shall allow the competition to continue pending a decision by the **CYSA** PAD Committee. The **CYSA** Protest, Appeal and Disciplinary Committee may determine that the game that was abandoned / terminated must be played over again in its entirety.
- F. The **CYSA** Protest, Appeal and Disciplinary Committee may also take separate action regarding team's or individual's behavior that is related to the abandonment/termination of any game as a result of information that has been brought to their attention during the review of the abandoned/terminated game or games.

XIX. FORFEITURES

- A. In the event that a team forfeits and/or withdraws during the preliminary round competition, all games involving that team shall not be considered in determining the team that advances. If a team forfeits one game, all games that team is scheduled to play are forfeit.
- B. A game is forfeit when:
 - 1. A team does not show up to play at the time and field at which they are scheduled to play as per the **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Schedule. It is the team's responsibility to know when and where they are assigned to play ANY **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Game in which they are scheduled to participate. It is the team's responsibility to be aware of any schedule changes that take place in **CYSA** Association Cup Competition play that affects their team.
 - 2. A team is not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start time of a **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Game in which the team has been scheduled to participate with AT LEAST seven (7) players who have proper credentials as specified in the **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Rules and who are dressed in uniforms that meet the **CYSA Association Cup** Competition Guidelines. The team must also have a registered team official of the appropriate age and with proper **CYSA** credentials as called for in the **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Rules at the beginning of and throughout the game.
 - 3. A team allows a player, registered team official, or coach to participate in a **CYSA** Association Cup game and it is found out before, during, or after the game that the player, coach OR registered team official was not properly credentialed, was not in good standing or was otherwise ineligible to participate in the game/games.
- C. Once a game has begun, the game cannot be a forfeit UNLESS one of the teams has at least one individual that is not eligible to participate in **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Play AND the individual participates in the game as described in Section B, Item 3 above.
- D. If due to a send off during the game there is no adult who is a registered team official available to take charge of the team, the game shall immediately be terminated and the opposing team shall be declared the winner of the game. If the score of the game exceeds 1 - 0 in favor of the opposing team at the time of the game being terminated that score shall stand as the final score of the game. If the score is 1 - 1 or the score favors the team that is causing the game to be terminated the score shall be recorded as a 1 - 0 score in favor of the opposing team.

XX. AWARDS

- A. A commemorative team trophy will be presented to the winning team's coach.
- B. Participation pins will be given to all rostered players and coaches up to a maximum of twenty (20) per team.
- C. Individual game medals will be presented to each team participating in a semi-final or final game up to a maximum of (20) per team.

XXI. ADVANCEMENT

- A. The age group champions from **CYSA** Association Cup do not advance to US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup competition.

XXII. SEND OFFS / EXPULSIONS / SUSPENSIONS

- A. Any team accumulating three (3) send offs and/or expulsions throughout this competition shall be immediately placed on probationary status. Upon receipt of a fourth (4th) player or registered team official send off or expulsion for any team, the team shall immediately be eliminated from the competition for the remainder of the current **CYSA** Association Cup Competition. The game shall be terminated by the referee upon the issuance of the fourth send off or expulsion. The preliminary round games involving that team shall not be considered in determining the team that advances. In single elimination games, the opposing team automatically advances.
- B. Each District hosting games shall have, on site, a Protest, Appeals, Disciplinary (PAD) Committee to determine penalties for red card sendoffs and expulsions. PAD Committee decisions shall be communicated to applicable players, coaches or team officials.
- C. Any player or registered team official who is sent off or expelled from the field before, during or after a **CYSA** Cup Competition game shall automatically receive the recommended minimum penalty prescribed by **CYSA** for the applicable age group and offense per **CYSA** Specific Rule 4:05 Disciplinary Rulings including the mandatory two additional game suspension required for any registered team official. Additional games may be added by the Disciplinary Committee if the circumstances of the offense warrant it.
- D. Sendoffs shall be administered in accordance with **CYSA** PIM 10-4. If a player or registered team official is sent off or expelled and has not served his/her suspension, the governing authority for that competition shall mail the member pass, game report and Send-Off Report to the individual's District Commissioner, with the exception of send offs for referee assault which will be sent to the Board of Directors of this Association.
- E. The suspended individual shall be ineligible for further **CYSA** Cup Competition Play until the player pass is returned, upon completion of suspension. All **CYSA** Cup Competition suspensions must be served during **CYSA** Cup Competition and Regional Cup/National Cup competition if applicable. If the individual does not complete their suspension in the current season of **CYSA** Association Cup Competition the suspension shall carry over to the following season's **CYSA** Cup Competition/ Regional Cup/ US Youth Soccer National Cup Competition until the suspension is completely served.
- F. A coach or registered team official serving a suspension from a previous season shall serve the suspension with the team he or she earned it with as long as the coach or registered team official is still associated with that team.
- G. If the coach or registered team official is no longer with the team from the previous season with which he or she earned the suspension, the coach or registered team official will serve the suspension with his or her current team.
- H. Coaches or registered team officials who are listed on multiple rosters and who are suspended during **CYSA** Cup competition and/or US Youth Soccer National Championship Series games will serve their suspension during the next scheduled **CYSA** Cup and/or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup competition games involving the team with which they were participating as a registered team official at the time of their suspension. If that team is no longer participating in the **CYSA** Cup competition and/or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup competition that registered team official will serve his/her suspension with the next team to which they are registered and which participates in the **CYSA** Cup competition and/or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup competition
- I. Any individual who is sent-off or expelled during a **CYSA** Association Cup Competition game and the suspension exceeds the minimum suspension for the conduct that caused the send-off or expulsion shall have recorded in the **CYSA** Referee's Send Off Report the reason for the additional suspended games, or an attachment to the **CYSA** Referees Send Off Report that indicates the reason for the

additional suspension. The lack of such backup may be grounds for reduction of suspension. The minimum suspensions are located in Section 4:05 of CYSA Specific Rules.

- J. Coaches or registered team officials affiliated with two or more teams may not participate with any team while serving a suspension.
- K. Suspension penalties that cannot be served in the current season will carry over to the next seasonal year.
- L. All instances of Referee Assault shall be reported within 48 hours to the **CYSA** First Vice Chairman. Individuals, accused of Referee Assault, shall be immediately suspended pending a review by the **CYSA** Protest, Appeals & Discipline (PAD) Committee. Reports of Referee Assault should be sent to the **CYSA** State Office in Pleasanton.

XXIII. PROTEST, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE

- A. The **CYSA** Cup Suspension Status Report form will be used to record all decisions regarding send-offs and expulsions. Directives regarding send-offs and expulsions are located in section 4:05 of the **CYSA** Specific Rules.
- B. With cause, the Board of Directors may remove from **CYSA** Association Cup competition any team, which violates section 3:01:03 of the General Procedures of the **CYSA** Constitution.
- C. Send offs and/or expulsions are not subject to Protest or Appeal.
- D. Referees will retain member passes, for those individuals who have been sent off or expelled, and along with the **CYSA** Referee Send Off Report and the game report will turn them in to the on-site Protest, Appeals and Discipline (PAD) Committee for disciplinary action. The member passes along with a copy of the Game and Referee Report card and a copy of the **CYSA** Referee's Send Off Report will be sent within forty eight (48) hours to the sent off or expelled individual's District Commissioner for further action if necessary.
- E. Referees' judgment calls and send-offs may not be protested or appealed. Only protests or appeals of a misapplication of the Laws of the Game will be considered.
- F. Disciplinary action that exceeds **CYSA**'s recommended minimum penalty for an offense for an age group may be appealed.
- G. In order for a protest of a competition to be valid, the referee must be notified that the game is under protest prior to leaving the field of play. The referee should record protests on game cards, inform the opposing coach and notify the **CYSA** Association Cup PAD Committee.
- H. The protest must be in writing and received by **CYSA** headquarters within 72 hours after the game being protested. A \$200.00 fee must accompany the protest or appeal. **CYSA** headquarters: 1040 Serpentine Lane, Suite 201, Pleasanton, CA. 94566.
- I. The decision of the **CYSA** Protest & Appeals Committee shall be forwarded to the coach within 48 hours of the P & A Committee's decision.
- J. Game results and **CYSA** Protest & Appeals Committee decisions will stand, and scheduled **CYSA** Cup Competition games will continue.
- K. There will be no make-up games against teams that have lost during the time of any protest or appeal procedure not filed by or against them.
- L. All appeals and protests shall be heard by the **CYSA** Protest & Appeals Committee within five (5) days after the game has been played that is being appealed or protested. No further protest or appeal shall be allowed beyond the hearing of the **CYSA** Protest & Appeals Committee.

- M. Any appeal or protest filed that pertains to any **CYSA** Cup Competition activity including but not limited to team entry status, player eligibility, team eligibility, or any other area pertaining to **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Play except a specific game/games shall be heard by the **CYSA** Protest & Appeals Committee within seven (7) days of filing of the protest and appeal.
- N. The **CYSA** Protest & Appeals Committee also reserves the right to make decisions regarding appeals and protests by conference phone call or other electronic communications amongst the members of the Committee relying solely on the written testimony that is submitted by the parties to the appeal or protest.
- O. **BY ENTERING A CYSA ASSOCIATION CUP COMPETITION TOURNAMENT A TEAM AGREES TO WAIVE ANY APPEAL RIGHTS OTHER THAN TO THE CYSA PROTEST & APPEALS COMMITTEE.**

XXIV. WITHDRAWALS

- A. **In order to withdraw from CYSA Association Cup play, a team must submit a notice in writing to the CYSA office during business hours (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday) and must receive written confirmation from the CYSA office that the notice has been received.**
- B. Any team that withdraws from the CYSA Association Cup AFTER their application has been received by CYSA, but prior to the draw, will forfeit their entry fee.

XXV. FINES

- A. Any team that withdraws from **CYSA** Association Cup play AFTER the draw, but at least one week prior to the start of scheduled play, will forfeit their entry fee and be fined \$300.00.
- B. Any team that withdraws from **CYSA** Association Cup less than one week prior to the start of scheduled play, but before 5:00 p.m. the Friday before scheduled play will forfeit their entry fee and be fined \$500.00.
- C. Any team that does not withdraw prior to 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the start of play, forfeits a game after the start of the preliminary round, or is eliminated from the competition per Section XIX, Item of the **CYSA** Association Cup Competition Directives, Rules & Regulations will forfeit their entry fee and be fined \$750.00.
- D. For teams that play only one game in the preliminary round due to forfeit/forfeits these penalty fees may be used to defray their expenses.
- E. It is the responsibility of each League to ensure that all **CYSA** Association Cup fees and fines are paid to **CYSA**. Leagues with outstanding fees and fines will be ineligible for **CYSA** Cup play until they pay their fees and fines.

XXVI. AUTHORITY

- A. The **CYSA** Board of Directors reserves the right to change any rule prior to the competition, and such changes will take effect five (5) days after written notification has been made to all teams entered/remaining in that competition.
- B. During the competition, questions regarding interpretation of these rules and matters not addressed herein shall be resolved by the **CYSA** Association Cup Coordinator on site or the **CYSA** Association Cup Committee Chairman.