

District VI Cup Tournament and Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest

U10, U12 & U14: Dec 2nd & 3rd, Dec 6th and 9th, 2017

U16 & U19: Nov 11th & 12th, and Nov 18th, 2017



ATTENTION COACHES:

Attached are applications for the two 'end of season' tournaments open **only** to District VI Recreational teams. One, the **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest**, is for U8 thru U14 teams; the other, **District VI Cup**, is for U10 thru U19 teams. You may **not** play in both as they play on the same date. Competitive teams may **not** participate in either of these tournaments; the Commissioner's Cup tournament was created in 2012 for District VI teams playing in CCSL.

CYSA also offers a State level 'after the season' tournament for Recreational teams: Founders' Cup. See the online CalNorth Team Manual for additional information. Founders' Cup U10 and U12 play begins on the December District Cup Finals weekend; evening mid-week Finals will be scheduled on Wednesday, Dec 6th for affected teams.

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

The **District VI Cup** tournament provides a more competitive level of play than SoccerFest, but it is also seeded into multiple levels. The Cup Challenge group is for the most skilled teams; additional groups are formed as the number of entries permit. Each seeding 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 weekend (or mid-week). Players on all participating teams receive Tournament pins, and there are 1st and 2nd place awards for all players on the teams that play in a Final. The winner of the final match in each of the Cup Challenge groups will also be awarded the perpetual District VI Cup trophy for their age-group.

<u>Tournament Comparison</u>	<u>Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest</u>	<u>District VI Cup Tournament</u>
Dates of Play:	December 2nd, 2017	U10-U14: Dec 2/3, 6, and 9 U16/19: Nov 11/12 & 18
Age (Boys and Girls):	Recreational U8 thru U14	Recreational U10 thru U19
Match Format:	3-4 half length games	2-4 full length games
Team Entry Fee:	\$35.00	\$125.00**
'No Show' Fine:	Entry Fee	Entry Fee
Mailed Entry Deadlines:	October 23, 2017	U10-U14: October 16, 2017 U16/U19: October 2, 2017
	<i>(Online entry deadline dates are one week later)</i>	
Send Mailed Entries to:	District VI (see application)	District VI (see application)
Checks Payable to:	CYSA-District VI	CYSA-District VI

**Note: Teams entered in District Cup will incur an additional cost of \$30.00 to \$80.00 for assigned center Referees.

The **preferred** way to apply to SoccerFest or District Cup is **online**. Visit the District website (www.d6soccer.org) to link to the entry website, or visit the www.teamsideline.com/SoccerFest or www.teamsideline.com/DistrictCup sites; **online** payment is by credit card. All **mailed** applications must include a check or money order made payable to CYSA District VI. Late entries may be submitted online or hand delivered with check or money order.

IMPORTANT: Player and Coach Passes are **required** for Under 10 and older teams in these tournaments (but **not** for Under 8 teams). If your League does not require Player and/or Coach Passes and you wish to submit an entry for SoccerFest or District VI Cup, contact your League Registrar to have passes issued. Both tournaments are District VI events, coach and player passes do not need to be reviewed by the District Registrar, and a 'goldenrod' team roster and players' birth certificates are **not** required to play, just currently valid Player and Coach passes.

It is the District's intent that teams participating in District Cup and SoccerFest consist **ONLY** of those players eligible to participate in Recreational league play during the regular Fall season. **ONLY players registered to your team as of the Entry Deadline dates listed above who are currently eligible for Recreational league play may participate; NO EXCEPTIONS.** Players added to your team **after** the Entry Deadline dates listed above **may not** play in either of these tournaments. The participation of '**Guest**' players (players registered to another team) is **not allowed**.

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 (Host Coach) at your designated home field. Each team is responsible for providing at least one Referee to work one or more games in which their team is **NOT** playing. Your Referee(s) may be your coach(es) or parent(s), provided that they are qualified. If you **hire** your Referee, **your team** is responsible for their reimbursement. Referee certification is not required for the **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest**, however, it is highly recommended for the older age-groups (U12s and U14s).

Each team entering the **District VI Cup** tournament (at any level, and in any age-group) **must** provide a **Certified Referee** who will work 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 a USSF Referee certification class. If you **hire** a Referee, he/she must be currently certified, and **your team** is responsible for reimbursement. In **all** round-robin games played on the first weekend, your Referee will work as an assistant Referee (neutral Linesman); District VI will assign the **center** Referees for all games played on this weekend (District may delegate Referee assignment duties to Leagues in which the preliminary matches are played). The 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.** The District will assign and reimburse **all** four of the Referees assigned to each of **all** Final matches.

Please be sure that **ALL** requested information has been supplied in your application. An incomplete application, or a mailed application without check or money order will **NOT** be included in seeding. All 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. If you mail an application with a check or money order (rather than online entry by credit card), it should be made payable to **CYSA-District VI** in the amount of the entry fee. **Late** applications may be submitted online or hand delivered; they will be accepted if space is available. There is no limit on the number of teams who enter the Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest or District VI Cup tournament.

Please **carefully** fill out the application section that requests your playing league/division and win-loss-tie standings. Most teams are formed within a club that is part of a League. Your playing league (for example, CPL for U16 and U19 teams) may be different than your League of registration (your home league, such as: ARYSL, CVYSL, PYSL, SYSL, etc.). Larger leagues and CPL sub-divide age-groups into playing divisions ('A'/'B' or 1st/2nd, etc.) for play during the season. Tournament seeding is based on a team's standing in 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 will be completed by late October for U16s/U19s, and by early November for U8-U14 teams; the District Cup schedules are mailed to coaches, and SoccerFest schedules posted online about two weeks before the first weekend of play. Notify us (see website addresses below) if you have not received or been able to view your schedule information by the Thanksgiving holiday (for U8s thru U14s), or by the last CPL play date (for U16s and U19s) so we can double check your entry, and your address/phone number, and correct the SoccerFest posting or mail or email another District Cup tournament schedule package to you.

Deadlines are late in the season; please make note of them so that your team does not miss an opportunity to play. We recommend applying online at: www.teamsideline.com/SoccerFest or at: www.teamsideline.com/DistrictCup. Before you enter either tournament, be sure you have the support of your parents for play after the end of the normal season, and that you will be able to **provide a Referee** as required. **No** refunds will be made after teams have been seeded into tournament groups and scheduled for play (**after November 9th, 2017 for U8 through U14 teams, and after October 26th, 2017 for U16 and U19 teams**) unless the committee determines that there are extenuating circumstances.

As both of these tournaments play after the end of the regular season; participation requires some dedication from you and your team to follow through once you have committed to play. Your team should find either tournament to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. There are seventeen Leagues in District VI; most are usually represented in one or both tournaments (last year, there were over 300 participating Recreational 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 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 email the SoccerFest or District VI Cup staff from the website addresses listed below (click on 'Contact Us'). You may also contact us via the District website.

SoccerFest: www.teamsideline.com/SoccerFest

District Cup: www.teamsideline.com/DistrictCup

District VI Cup Tournament

U10-U14: Dec 2/3, 6 and 9, 2017

U16/19: Nov 11/12 and 18, 2017



DISTRICT CUP SEEDING and ASSIGNED REFEREES:

Cal North, the current labeling for CYSA (California Youth Soccer Association) classifies teams into two categories: Competitive and Recreational. Competitive teams are **NOT** eligible to play in the District VI Cup tournament; District Cup is only for District VI Recreational teams who have participated in the Fall season of Recreational play. There is a separate end of the season tournament (Commissioner's Cup) for Competitive teams (those playing in CCSL).

District VI Cup contains brackets for U10 through U19 Girls and Boys teams (a total of ten age group brackets). Due to the large number of entries, teams are normally seeded into multiple groups within each bracket based on their league record and estimated strength. Within each age-group, **only the top** six to ten teams will be seeded into the Cup Challenge group; the remaining teams will be seeded into additional groups of six to ten teams for play. Each seeding group is then split into two flights of approximately equal strength. All participating teams (including those in the Cup Challenge groups) will play round-robin within their flight of three to five teams on the first weekend; the two flight winners from each seeding group will meet in a final game on the second weekend of play. Here is an example of the tournament seeding for an Under 12 Boys tournament group consisting of 27 teams:

U12 Boys Cup Group:	Flight A (4 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)
U12 Boys 'A' Group:	Flight A (5 teams)	Flight B (5 teams)
U12 Boys 'B' Group:	Flight A (5 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)

On the second (Finals) weekend (or the mid-week evening Finals date), each 'A' flight winner will meet each 'B' flight winner in a final match to play for first or second place in their seeding group. In the example above, there are three U12 Boys Finals to be played on the 'Finals' weekend or mid-week evening. All players on all teams reaching the Final for their Group will receive either first or second place trophies. The winner of the Cup Challenge final in each age group will also be awarded (and retain for one year) the perpetual District VI Cup trophy for their age group.

Use the Cup Challenge Box at the bottom of the application to indicate that you request seeding into the Cup Challenge Group for your team's age-group. If you check the Cup Challenge box, your team will be given 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 based on their Fall regular season standing, or if there is a need to fill out a single seeding group. **You do NOT have to check the box in order to play in the District VI Cup Tournament.**

You should consider a Cup Challenge if your team is standing in the top half of the 1st ('A') division in your League, or is leading in the standings in a League with only a single playing division for your age-group. Your team does **NOT** have to be one of the top teams to play in the District Cup tournament; no matter what your team's record or playing division during the fall season, there **WILL** be a seeding group for your team. The District VI Cup Tournament is structured to accommodate **ALL** Recreational U10 through U19 teams playing within District VI.

We try to seed into groups of eight teams (resulting in two four team flights) whenever possible, and try to avoid five team flights for U16 and U19 teams. Five team flights are acceptable for the U10 through U14 age-groups. We also try to avoid three team flights and will solicit late entries to create an eight team group from a six or seven team group. If you request to host a flight, we will try to satisfy your request subject to field availability and seeding. You may not be selected to host even if you checked the box, and you may be selected to host even if you did not check the box.

Assigned Referees (District VI Cup round-robin games): In **addition** to the requirement that each team provide a certified Referee who will work as an Assistant Referee (neutral Linesman), each District Cup round-robin game will have a District VI assigned center Referee who is to be paid a total of \$30 (U10-U12) or \$40 (U14-U19) per game for his/her services. Payment is to be shared by **both** teams playing the game. Each District Cup team will pay \$15 or \$20 per game that they play during the round-robin series, resulting in a total of \$30 to \$80 depending upon the age of the team and number of games in their flight (two in a 3 team flight, three in a 4 team flight, and four in a 5 team flight).

The District assigned center Referee is to be paid **before** the start of the match; any team declining to pay the assigned Referee shall forfeit that match and may be denied entry in future District Cup play. Please be sure to bring sufficient cash to cover payment of the center Referee assigned to your games. Note that this payment is totally separate from, and in addition to, any arrangements that you make with the Assistant Referee your team is **required** to provide.

IMPORTANT . . . PLEASE NOTE

Both tournaments require the assistance and cooperation of the coaches and parents of the teams that enter. Note the requirement that participating teams provide a Referee. **Each team MUST provide a Referee in order to participate in either of these tournaments; there are NO exceptions.** USSF certification is **not** required for SoccerFest; certification **is** required for District Cup. You, your assistant, or your team parents may perform this obligation as they will work one or more of the games in which your team is **not** playing.

In District Cup matches, each team's Referee will perform the duties of an Assistant Referee; District VI will assign the center Referee. If you are not a certified Referee and wish to enter District Cup, we recommend you and/or one or more of your team parents attend a Referee clinic. This is the best way to ensure that your team will be able to meet the requirement that each team in District Cup provide a USSF certified Referee.

If you **hire** a Referee to meet your team's SoccerFest or District Cup obligation, **your team** is responsible for any and all reimbursement of your hired Referee. **If you cannot meet your obligation to provide a Referee (USSF certified for District Cup), then your team should not enter either tournament.** As much as we would like to have all teams participate, it is of the greatest importance that the teams who do participate in either of these tournaments are able to play their matches **safely** and **fairly**.

PAYMENT OF TOURNAMENT FEES

The payment of fees for both District Cup and SoccerFest is to **District VI**. The **preferred** entry method is **online** (payment made by **credit card**). Payment by check or money order is available, but requires a **mailed** application. Link to the online application submittal process from the District website (www.d6soccer.org), or by visiting: www.teamsideline.com/SoccerFest or: www.teamsideline.com/DistrictCup.

The SoccerFest **mailed** entry deadline is **Monday, October 23**. The District Cup **mailed** entry deadlines are **Monday, October 2, 2017** for U16s/U19s, and **Monday, October 16, 2017** for U10s-U14s. Online entry deadlines are one week later (SoccerFest: Oct 30; District Cup: Oct 9 and Oct 23). Late entries are accepted on a space available basis, but some age groups may fill and close immediately after the deadline date.

If you **mail** your entry, it should be sent to the address shown below, and must be accompanied by a check or money order for the appropriate tournament fee (\$35.00 for SoccerFest, and \$125.00 for District Cup). Your check should be made payable to **CYSA-District VI**. All **late** entries to District Cup **must** be submitted **online** with payment by credit card, or **hand delivered** with payment by check or money order.

SoccerFest entry: \$35.00

Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest,
7752 Goes Parkway,
Sacramento, CA, 95823

District Cup entry: \$125.00

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

Please do **NOT** mail your SoccerFest or District Cup application to your League President as was done in prior years. League Presidents will be advised of all online and mailed entries received from teams in their League in order to review and approve the entry of the teams registered to their League.

REQUEST TO HOST

There is a 'Host Request' box in the online entry process and in the paper application for both SoccerFest and District Cup. If you wish to host a tournament flight, check the 'Host Request' box and we will attempt to satisfy your request. Hosting is subject to field availability and team seeding; you may not be selected to host even though you checked the box, and you might be selected to host even if you did not check the box.

2017 DISTRICT VI CUP TOURNAMENT

U10-U14 Deadlines: Oct 16 (Mailed), Oct 23 (Online)

U16 / U19 Deadlines: Oct 2 (Mailed), Oct 9 (Online)

U10, U12 & U14 play: Dec 2/3, Dec 6 and 9, 2017

U16 & U19 play: Nov 11/12 and Nov 18, 2017



TEAM ENTRY FORM (Please Type or Print neatly):

Mailed applications must be accompanied by a \$125.00 check or money order payable to **CYSA-District VI** and sent to the address below. **Late** entries may be submitted online, or hand delivered with check or money order to:

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

Online entry and credit card payment is **preferred**. To apply and pay the entry fee online, go to the District VI website (www.d6soccer.org) to link to the District Cup website, or go directly to: www.teamsideline.com/DistrictCup.

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) 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 “Mailed” deadline date listed above are eligible to participate in the tournament; and that the participation of ‘Guest’ players is **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 \$125.00 entry fee if my team withdraws after schedules have been created (Nov 9, 2017 for U10s-U14s, and Oct 26, 2017 for U16s and U19s), or is a ‘no show’ for scheduled games; and I further understand that if my team is considered as a ‘no show’, my team may **NOT** be allowed to participate in the District Cup tournament in 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 be an Assistant Referee in games in which my team is **not** playing (a coach or parent is acceptable, if certified). I understand that all teams share responsibility for payment of the District VI assigned center Referee on the first weekend (total of \$30.00 to \$80.00 per team, based on age of team and 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 center Referee.** I have read, understand, and agree to abide by these tournament rules.

Coach’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

My Referee is: _____ (Name of your Referee or of your club’s Referee Assignor)

AgeGroup: _____ Boys Girls Mixed Home League: _____ Club: _____

Team Name: _____ Number of players: _____ Jersey Color: _____

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

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

City: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Alternate 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, PYSL, SYSL, CPL, etc.)

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

U10 and U12 Teams: My team is entered into the Founder’s Cup (plays Dec 9th and 10th): **Yes** **No**

Our Home field is: _____ in _____ (city)

Host Request Box: Check this box if you wish to host a flight (you may be selected to host even if **not** checked)

All Teams: Check the Cup Challenge box **ONLY** if you wish to be considered for the Cup Challenge bracket for your age-group (highest seeding). If your Cup Challenge is accepted, your team will play in the most skilled bracket for your team’s age-group. Note that highly seeded teams may be seeded in the Cup Challenge group even if they did not check the box.

CUP CHALLENGE BOX

(You do **NOT** have to check the Cup Challenge Box in order to play in the tournament.)

2017 ERNIE HAZELTINE SOCCERFEST

Mailed Entry - Deadline: October 23, 2017

Online Entry - Deadline: October 30, 2017

Date of Play: Saturday, December 2, 2017



TEAM ENTRY FORM (Type or Print neatly):

Mailed applications must be accompanied by a \$35.00 check payable to **CYSA-District VI**. **Late** entries that are mailed must include a **money order** or **cashier's check** payable to **CYSA-District VI**. Mailed applications and checks are to be sent to the following address:

Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest, 7752 Goes Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823

Online application and payment by credit card is the **preferred** way to enter the SoccerFest. To apply and pay the entry fee online, go to the District VI website (www.d6soccer.org) to link to the SoccerFest entry website (or visit: www.teamsideline.com/SoccerFest/).

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 \$35.00 entry fee if my team is assessed a no-show penalty. I also understand that my team **must provide** a reasonably qualified person (usually the coach) to act as **Referee** for one or two shortened 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 Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest.

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team Information, CYSA Recreational teams only: Age-group: _____ Boys Girls Mixed

League: _____ Club: _____ Team Name: _____

Number of players registered to team (as of entry deadline): _____ Jersey Color: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

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

City: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Alternate E-mail: _____

Our standing in League games is: Won ___ Lost ___ Tied ___ Goals For ___ Goals Against ___

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

Within our age-group my team is: 75% or more younger 75% or more older Mixed young/old

Our Home field is: _____ in _____ (city)

Host Request Box: Check this box if you wish to host (you may be selected to host even if not checked)

U8 teams play 4 v 4 ... U10 teams play 7 v 7 ... U12 teams play 9 v 9 ... U14 teams play 11 v 11

REFUNDS will NOT be made for RAINOUTS