

2019 ADULT STATE CUP RULES



**CALIFORNIA STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION-SOUTH (CAL SOUTH)
ADULT STATE CUP**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Title

- 1.1. The **California State Soccer Association-South Cal South Adult State Cup** (also known as Adult State Amateur Cup) shall be governed by these rules.

2. Administration

- 2.1. The Cal South CEO shall establish a State Cup Committee to manage the Cal South Adult State Cup and other competitions as directed. The CEO reserves the right to any final decision regarding all games played in Cal South State Tournament competitions. The Adult State Cup Committee shall be under the jurisdiction and direction of the CEO.
- 2.2. The Adult State Cup competition shall be under the jurisdiction and management of the Adult State Cup Committee. The Adult State Cup Committee shall select the dates, times and sites for all games and shall have direct control of all arrangements including referee assignments.
- 2.3. The Cal South Adult State Cup Committee shall have the authority to rule on any matter pertaining to this competition. The Adult State Cup Committee shall deal with protests, misconducts, or any other competition related incident. The Adult State Cup Committee may also increase automatic minimum game suspensions. The decisions of the Adult State Cup Committee are final.
- 2.4. The current IFAB Laws of the Game will govern all games as amended by Cal South Rules and Regulations, and these competition rules.

3. Team Eligibility

- 3.1. A team entering the Cal South Adult State Cup Championship shall meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - 3.1.1. The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered amateur players.
 - 3.1.2. The team must be in good standing with Cal South and must be in compliance with, and have not violated, any of the rules of Cal South.
 - 3.1.3. The team has not violated directives of the U.S. Soccer or is not on Cal South suspension terms.

Every Amateur Premier, Amateur 1st Division, 23 and Under team shall have a team roster and will present a current Cal South Adult State Cup game roster for every Adult State Cup Championship game. The Adult State Cup game roster shall have a maximum of twenty-two (22) players. Teams may have a team roster up to twenty-five (25) players at any given time during the State Cup tournament. Every team roster shall have a minimum of 7 players on the roster at all times.

Every Over 30, Over 40, Over 50 team shall have a team roster and will present a current Cal South Adult State Cup game roster for every Adult State Cup Championship game. The Adult State Cup game roster shall have a maximum of twenty-two (22) players. Teams may have a team roster up to thirty players (30) players at any given time during the State Cup tournament. Every team roster shall have a minimum of 7 players on the roster at all times.

3.1.4.

DIVISION	TEAM ROSTER MAX	GAME ROSTER MAX	SUBSTITUTIONS
Amateur Premier Amateur 1 st Division 23 and Under	25 Players	22 Players	7
Over 30 Over 40 Over 50	30 Players	22 Players	Unlimited

3.1.5. The team must declare its tournament team roster (Roster Freeze) for the Adult State Cup Championship competition. This Roster Freeze date will be posted on the Cal South Adult State Cup website and shall extend until the conclusion of the tournament. All changes, player additions or roster changes to the tournament team roster must be made via Internet and posted by 11:59 pm of the roster freeze deadline. The roster freeze does not apply to team coaches or administrators.

3.1.6. The team must submit its Adult State Cup Championship game photo-roster to the State Cup Committee not later than 30 minutes prior to each scheduled Adult State Cup Championship game. The State Cup game roster shall have a maximum of twenty-two (22) players.

3.1.7. Teams must enter their application for the Adult State Cup Championship via Internet entry no later than the date set by Cal South. All entries must be posted electronically by 11:59 pm on this date. Acceptance to Adult State Cup Championship competition after this deadline is at the discretion of the Adult State Cup Committee.

3.1.8. Teams wishing to withdraw (drop) from the competition after applying to the Tournament must have their head coach or team manager notify the Cal South office in writing (e-mail to adultstatecup@calsouth.com will suffice) of their desire to withdraw (drop). Teams withdrawing prior to the bracket draw date will not have their entry fee refunded. Teams withdrawing after the draw date shall forfeit their entry fee and be subject to further disciplinary action including a fine.

3.1.9. Teams agree to play wherever they are assigned to play within the Cal South geographical area.

3.1.10. The electronic signature of the team's representative on the online application form and Adult State Cup Championship Team/Game Roster form

acknowledges the team has complied with the above requirements. An electronic entry will be considered to have been signed, the same as a paper application, once the electronic entry has been posted to the Cal South web site.

4. Player Eligibility

- 4.1. Players must be of valid amateur status properly registered and on the roster of their team at the time it submits its Adult State Cup Championship Tournament Roster for that team. Teams must ensure that all former professional players must have their Amateur Status Reinstated by the US Soccer Federation by the Adult State Cup Roster Freeze Deadline to be eligible in the tournament.
- 4.2. International player clearances are required per rule 7.15. U.S. Soccer International Clearance Request Form (ITC 5-11) must be filed by player and cleared by US Soccer Federation by the Adult State Cup Roster Freeze Deadline to be eligible in the tournament.
- 4.3. A player may play for only one team per division (age group) entered in an Adult State Cup Tournament. The player must be rostered to the State Cup team by the Roster Freeze deadline.
- 4.4. A player has not violated rules of the USSF or is not on Cal South suspension.
- 4.5. A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.

5. Form of Competition

- 5.1. Adult State Cup competition shall be offered in the following divisions for men and women: Amateur Premier, Amateur 1st Division, Under 23, Over 30, Over 40, Over 50.
- 5.2. State Cup competition will have a modified tournament format, with a preliminary round of games from which teams will advance to a single-elimination playoff format, depending on the number of teams entered, to a round of 16 or quarter-finals, semi-finals, third/fourth place and a final game. Preliminary round games can end in a tie. The Adult State Committee shall make the final determination regarding the Adult State competition format.
- 5.3. Teams will be awarded points for games in the preliminary round as follows:
 - 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss
- 5.4. Ties in points in the preliminary rounds shall use the following tiebreaker rules in order:
 - 5.4.1. The winner in head-to-head competition
 - 5.4.2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against a maximum differential of 4 per game)
 - 5.4.3. Most goals scored
 - 5.4.4. Least goals allowed
 - 5.4.5. Most Shut-out

5.4.6. Coin Toss

- 5.5. The final tiebreaker shall be a coin toss conducted by the Adult State Cup Committee.
- 5.6. If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tiebreaker criteria listed shall be used in the order shown until one team advances or one team is eliminated, or both. If remaining teams are still tied at this point in the tie-breaking process, they will then be compared beginning again with Step 1 until another team either advances or eliminated or both.
- 5.7. Home teams and visiting teams in the Adult State Cup will be bracketed based on a blind draw. The State Cup Committee may implement regional territories for the blind draw.
- 5.8. If, due to the withdrawal of teams, a preliminary bracket contains three or fewer teams, the State Cup Committee may accept team from the Wait List to keep the group intact and or place the remaining teams in different brackets. In addition, the Committee may redraw any age group if withdrawals reduce the total number of teams in that age group competition to a level, which would eliminate the need for one round of competition.
- 5.9. Home teams shall provide a safe playing surface and regulation size field (minimum of 110 yards by 68 yards to host home games. Game locations may be modified by the Adult State Cup Committee to ensure participant safety and field dimensions.

6. Precedence of Games

- 6.1. Cal South State Tournament games shall take precedence over all other Cal South sanctioned and unaffiliated league or tournament games.

7. Playing Rules

- 7.1. Duration of game:

DIVISION	GAME LENGTH	OVERTIME	BALL SIZE
Amateur Premier Amateur 1 st Division 23 and Under	Two 45 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5
Over 30	Two 45 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 5
Over 40 Over 50	Two 40 Min. Halves	None – Straight to Kicks from the Mark	No. 5

- 7.2. Elimination round games tied after regulation will have two equal periods of extra time, except Over 40 and Over 50 Division. If no goals are scored during the two equal periods of extra time, the match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark which will be taken after the match has ended. Only eligible players after the periods of extra time shall remain on the field of play and participate in kicks from the penalty mark.
- 7.3. The home team shall have choice of team bench and shall supply the game balls.

- 7.4. Prior to each game, each team must present to the referee the completed Cal South Adult State Cup game roster and the team's Cal South player and Team Officials passes.
- 7.5. Team officials may review the game roster and player passes of his/her opponent only at the time the match officials check credentials.
- 7.6. A fifteen (15) minute grace period is allowed from the scheduled starting time of the game. In the event both teams are more than fifteen (15) minutes late for the game, both teams will be deemed to have forfeited the game. Seven (7) game rostered players constitute a team ready to play.
- 7.7. Each team is responsible for one-half of the match official's game fees. The correct amount for each team can be found on the Adult State Cup web page. The teams must pay the match officials on the field prior to each game. Cal South shall pay all match officials game fees for forfeited games and requested fourth officials.

7.8. Substitutions

- 7.8.1. The number of player substitutions allowed per game will be up to a maximum of seven (7) including periods of extra time in the Amateur Premier, Amateur 1st and 23 and Under Divisions. A player who has been substituted may not re-enter the game.
- 7.8.2. Unlimited player substitutions are allowed per game in the Over 30, Over 40, and Over 50 Divisions.
- 7.8.3. Substitutions may be made, with the approval of the referee, at any stoppage in play.

7.9. Cal South 2.4.2

IFAB Law 4 - Safety

"A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous.

All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not permitted."

The determination of whether a player may or may not play will be made by the referee in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game.

- 7.10. All spectators shall be positioned on the spectator area, opposite side of the team benches. It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. Team officials shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators from their respective teams. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted. All artificial noise makers such as drums, air horns, etc. are not allowed.
- 7.11. Only four (4) credentialed accredited Team Officials with Cal South passes and listed on the Game Roster will be allowed in the technical area. A maximum of four (4) Team Officials in the technical area must be listed on the Adult State Cup Game Roster. Team

Officials may be added to the team roster after the roster freeze deadline up to a maximum of four (4) per team.

- 7.12. Coaching from the touchline (giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and positioning) is permitted, in accordance with Cal South Rule 2.9 provided:
 - 7.12.1. No mechanical devices are used, cell phones included.
 - 7.12.2. The tone of voice is informative and not derogatory.
 - 7.12.3. Each team official, substitute, or substituted player must remain within 10 yards on either side of the halfway line.
 - 7.12.4. No team official, substitute, substituted player, or player shall make derogatory remarks or gestures to the match officials, other coaches, players, substitutes, substituted players, or spectators.
 - 7.12.5. No team official, substitute, substituted player, or player shall use profanity.
 - 7.12.6. No team official, substitute, substituted player, or player shall incite in any manner or demonstrate disruptive behavior.
- 7.13. Illegal drug, use alcohol, or possession of a weapon is not permitted on the fields at Cal South State Tournament events.
- 7.14. During the competition, if the Adult State Cup Committee has questions on the eligibility of any player or team, the committee has the authority to require the team/league to furnish proof of eligibility to continue the participation in the competition. Failure to furnish the requested proof within forty-eight (48) hours may result in the disqualification of a player and/or team from the competition.

7.15. INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES – (USSF Rule)

The Federation and FIFA have international clearance requirements and procedures for players coming to United States to play soccer. A player age 10 or older requiring international clearance must receive approval from the US Soccer Federation prior to being registered.

7.16. ADULT GAMES (USYSA Rule)

- 7.16.1. A youth player may play an unlimited number of adult games without losing his or her youth eligibility. The youth player must notify his or her youth coach or other authorized team official of the player's intention to play adult games. The youth player shall request, in writing, (1) eligibility clearance from the Youth State Association through which the player is registered, and (2) permission from the appropriate Adult State Association. When the clearance and permission have been granted, the Adult State Association has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play adult games and will be responsible for establishing the procedures under which the youth player will be allowed to play. In the event of a conflict

between an adult game and a youth game, the youth game shall take precedence. A youth player who is required to sign an adult form, shall retain youth eligibility.

7.16.2. A youth team with the written permission and mutual consent of both the Youth and Adult State Associations may play in an adult-approved league and not lose its youth eligibility to compete in the US Youth Soccer National Championships competitions. If the youth team's players are required to sign an adult form, the team shall retain its youth eligibility.

7.16.3. The youth team will be required to play under the rules of the Youth State Association concerning registration, roster rules, transfer rules, and any additional qualifications that are required to be eligible for the US Youth Soccer National Championships competitions. Each Youth State Association shall determine whether participation in any adult league shall qualify a youth team for the US Youth Soccer National Championships competition play.

7.17. **Minor Player Release Form.** Players under the age of 18 may not participate in a Cal South Adult State Cup game without an Adult Player Registration (Minors) & Parental Release Form, with wet signature signed by a parent or guardian.

8. Check-In

8.1. Teams will check-in with Adult State Cup officials thirty (30) minutes prior to **every** game to have their official game roster form reviewed. The team shall have their game photo roster ready for each check-in.

8.2. Player Cal South passes; (Hand written cards will not be accepted) and or Players must submit proof of age and identity upon request. A valid government Identity Card, Driver's License, Passport, original birth certificate, etc. shall be presented at check-in.

8.3. Team Official Cal South passes (Hand written cards will not be accepted).

8.4. All teams shall identify up to twenty-two (22) players who will be on their Adult State Cup game photo roster for each game.

8.5. All teams shall check-in with the referee prior to every Adult State Cup game and present the player pass and their official game roster. All Team Officials must have at each game and present to the referee prior to each game their Cal South passes. Failure to present passes or official State Cup game photo roster makes the Player or Team Official ineligible for the game.

9. Player passes, Game Roster Forms, and Uniforms.

9.1. Passes/Cards

9.1.1. It is the responsibility of Team Officials to obtain Cal South passes before the first Adult State Cup game and that the passes are correctly prepared with player photo and lamination. (Hand written cards will not be accepted). A player rostered with their photo appearing on the game photo roster will be accepted in lieu of a missing player pass.

9.1.2. **Game Roster.** Prior to the game Team officials shall present to the referee an official State Cup game roster for each game to be played.

- 9.1.3. Uniforms. Each player must have a number listed on the game roster and each shall wear a shirt with the same number and sleeves. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player must wear a shirt with a different number. Goalkeepers must wear colors that are distinguishable from the other players and the match officials.
- 9.1.4. All teams shall have a light and dark colored uniform for each game. The visiting team shall change jerseys if the referee decides there is a color conflict.

10. Match Officials

- 10.1. The appointment of match officials shall be the responsibility of the State Referee Administrator (SRA), in conjunction with the authority of the Adult State Cup Committee. Match officials shall be USSF certified.
- 10.2. Complaints regarding match officials must be in writing and sent to Cal South State Cup Committee with copies to the SRA.
- 10.3. The Adult State Cup Committee shall be responsible for the match officials' fees for all State Cup finals, semi-finals and third place game.
- 10.4. The scale of charges for duly appointed match officials shall be as determined by the Adult State Cup Committee with approval by the Cal South CEO.
- 10.5. The referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the field in all matches. In other respects, the duties of the match officials are as defined in the IFAB Laws of the Game.
- 10.6. The match officials appointed to officiate in any Adult State Cup game shall be neither a past nor present member nor be related to a member (member to include players, team officials) of either of the competing teams. Match officials accepting games that violate this rule shall be reported to the referee disciplinary committee for possible disciplinary action.
- 10.7. In the event the referee appointed fails to appear and where assistant referees have been appointed, one of those assistant referees shall assume the responsibilities of the referee.
- 10.8. The referee will give to the site field marshal after the game, all game rosters from the completed game. The referees shall (a) mark the game roster appropriately, (b) complete the Cal South no-show report when one team fails to appear for a game within the required time, (c) complete the referee supplemental report for all red cards shown, and (d) turn in the forms required to the site administrator from the Adult State Cup Committee.

11. Misconduct and Breaches of the Rules

11.1. Player Sent Off/Team Official Expelled:

- 11.1.1. If a player, substitute, or substituted player is sent off or a team official is expelled from the game, the referee shall retain their pass, prepare a supplemental referee report, and submit them to the field site administrator or an Adult State Cup Committee member. Team Officials expelled from the game shall spend the remainder of the game away from the field of play as instructed by the referee or

tournament official. The game can be suspended until the team official leaves the site. The Team official that has been expelled from the match may not be replaced by another credentialed team official on the roster or technical area.

- 11.1.2. Any player, substitute, or substitute player sent off from one (1) Adult State Cup game shall be ineligible to participate in his/her team's next Adult State Cup game/games (games forfeited to that team do not count as games played). Unserved suspensions will carry forward to the next year's Adult State Cup competition where he/she is listed on an Adult State Cup Game Roster.
- 11.1.3. In the case of a Team Official being expelled, the Team Official will be ineligible to participate in any Cal South Adult State Cup game for the next game(s) for the team from which he/she was expelled. If the team from which he/she was expelled is no longer playing in State Cup, the Team Official will sit out the next game(s) where he/she is listed on an Adult State Cup Game Roster as a Team Official of a team still competing in State Cup. Unserved suspensions will carry forward to the next year's competition or the USASA Regional Tournament, whichever is first, where he/she is listed on the Adult State Cup or the USASA tournament game roster as a Team Official.
- 11.1.4. Any player, substitute, or substitute player sent off or team official expelled from a second Adult State Cup game shall be ineligible to participate during the remaining of the current Cal South State Cup competition.
- 11.1.5. The Adult State Cup Committee has the authority to increase game suspensions or fines at its own discretion.
- 11.1.6. Adult State Cup game suspensions shall apply and carry over to subsequent Adult State Cup games or USASA Regional and National tournament games.
- 11.1.7. The sent-off of a player, substitute, or substituted player or the expelling of a team official is not subject to protest.

12. Suspension Guidelines for Players

12.1. The Adult State Cup Committee shall act on all disciplinary matters and shall have discretionary powers in determining disciplinary action applied to team officials and players. Game suspensions listed below are to be regarded as minimums for the charged offenses. Depending on the findings of the Adult State Cup Committee, penalties may be increased according to the gravity of the offense. When sent off from the field of play and shown the red card for an offense against the Laws of the Game, players, substitutes, and substituted players shall be disciplined by additional game suspensions as follows:

12.1.1. Serious Foul Play

A tackle or challenge that endangers the safety of an opponent or uses excessive force or brutality must be sanctioned as serious foul play.

Any player who lunges at an opponent in challenging for the ball from the front, from the side or from behind using one or both legs, with excessive force or endangers the safety of an opponent is guilty of serious foul play.

Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.

12.1.2. Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or Gestures

The referee should judge offensive, insulting, or abusive language according to its content, the extent to which the language can be heard by others beyond the immediate vicinity of the player, and whether the language is directed at officials, opponents, or teammates.

Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to, words uttered in frustration and, in the referee's opinion, loud enough to be heard outside the field of play; words or actions directed towards any person.

Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.

12.1.3. Second Caution Offense

Second yellow card in the same match.

Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.

12.1.4. Violent Conduct

12.1.4.1. A player uses or attempts to use excessive force or brutality against an opponent when not challenging for the ball, or against a teammate, team official, match official, spectator or any other person, regardless of whether contact is made.

Suspend for a minimum of two (2) games.

12.1.4.2. Pushing in an act of aggression, kicking, spitting on, striking, or attempting to strike a match official.

Suspend from the remaining of Adult State Cup competition in the current year and the next year's Adult State Cup competition with review by the Cal South Protest, Appeals, and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee for further review and disciplinary action.

12.1.4.3. Any player, substitute, substituted player, or team official who refuses the referee's request for his/her name or gives a false name while the referee is gathering data to report about an offense of the Laws of the Game involving him/her, shall have one game added to the suspension that would normally be levied by the Adult State Cup Committee.

13. Expelled Team Officials:

13.1. During the game suspension(s), there can be NO contact of any kind or by any means between the team and the coach from thirty (30) minutes before the game until the conclusion of the game. Additionally, the coach must not be involved in unacceptable conduct (defined to include coaching his/her players or harassment of opponents/players or referees). The Adult State Cup Committee has the authority to suspend an expelled coach from more than one (1) State Cup game.

13.2. Any team found guilty of using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the Cal South Adult State Cup or State Tournaments in the current seasonal year. Any team official found guilty of knowingly using an ineligible player is not eligible

to compete further in the State Cup competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year. A player found guilty of submitting falsified birth information is prohibited from competing further in State Cup competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year.

- 13.3. An expelled coach or sent off player from any tournament game must leave the technical area and the field of play area. A game marshal or state tournament official will escort the player to a designated area.
- 13.4. Team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained in this policy, including cautions, send offs, expelling, and standard suspension. Other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, are also subject to the jurisdiction and authority of Cal South. Any team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.
- 13.5. Team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained herein, including cautions, ejections, expelling, and standard suspensions.
- 13.6. Team officials shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual(s) at any match that in the opinion of the referee is a supporter of that team.
- 13.7. Expelled team officials and sent off players who in their last Cal South Adult State Cup game did not sit out their suspension(s), shall have the suspension(s) carried forward to the subsequent year's Cal South Adult State Cup or USASA Regional or National tournaments.

14. Awards Ceremony

- 14.1. Immediately following all final and third place matches, team officials are expected to have their players and team staff report to the designated awards area for awards presentations. Awards presentations will be made to both teams and team photos will be taken. All teams are expected to remain in uniform and show respect that this State Cup tournament award ceremony deserves.

15. Protests

- 15.1. The Adult State Cup Committee shall have the authority to rule on any matter pertaining to this competition.
 - 15.1.1. The Adult State Cup Committee shall deal with protests, misconduct, or any other incident arising from a State Cup game.
 - 15.1.2. The Adult State Cup Committee has the authority to assess suspensions for more than one game.
- 15.2. Filing a protest shall not stay the Adult State Cup competition.
- 15.3. Protests based on violations of the rules and regulations are eligible to be considered by the Adult State Cup Committee. Protests based on referee judgment calls as defined by the IFAB Laws of the Game are not eligible for protest.
- 15.4. Filing a protest:

15.4.1. A written copy of the protest, citing the rule that has been violated along with supporting documentation must be delivered to any Adult State Cup Committee representative no later than two (2) hours following the conclusion of the game in which the alleged violation occurred.

15.4.2. The written protest must be accompanied by a two hundred-dollar (\$200) fee, in the form of U.S. currency, money order, or cashiers check.

15.5. The protest fee shall be non-refundable.

16. Forfeits for Failure to Compete

16.1. Teams wishing to withdraw (drop) from the competition after applying to a Tournament must have their head coach or team manager notify the State office in writing (e-mail will suffice) of their desire to withdraw (drop). Teams withdrawing prior to the bracket draw date will not have their entry fee refunded. Teams withdrawing after the draw date shall forfeit their entry fee and be subject to further disciplinary action including a fine.

16.1.1. Teams failing to appear for a scheduled game without notifying the State Cup Committee at least 24 hours prior to team registration will also be assessed a minimum \$500 fine. The Adult State Cup Committee may suspend the team from future State Tournaments, State Cup Competitions, Regional and or National tournaments.

17. Forfeits generally

17.1. Any team found guilty of violating any of the rules of this competition or of Cal South shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include disqualification from the tournament and forfeiture of one or more games. Forfeited games in the competition shall not be replayed.

17.2. Teams forfeiting any game shall be eliminated from this seasonal year's competition. All scores for that team shall be scored a 1-0 win for the opponent.

18. Cancelled, Terminated, or Abandoned Matches

18.1. Only the Adult State Cup Committee may declare a match cancellation.

18.2. Every attempt shall be made to play the match irrespective of how long the delay. Postponements shall be considered only in extreme situations, such as those that are beyond the control of the participating teams or could endanger the safety of the participants and spectators.

18.3. If a match is cancelled because of weather or other act of God, a rescheduled date shall be determined and replayed within 7 days of the originally scheduled match date.

18.4. If a match is terminated after the end of the first half of a match, but before the end of the second half with one of the teams winning, and the termination is not due to the conduct of one of the teams, the match is considered complete and the team winning at the time of the termination shall be declared the winner.

18.5. If a match is terminated prior to the end of the first half or is otherwise tied at the time of termination, and the termination is not due to the conduct of one of the teams, the match shall be replayed in its entirety. A rescheduled date shall be determined and replayed within 7 days of the originally scheduled match date.

18.6. If a match is abandoned because of the conduct of a team in the match, the opposing team shall automatically be awarded a forfeit (1-0) win and the team engaging in the misconduct shall be awarded a loss. If a game must be abandoned due to the misconduct of both teams, the referee will file a complete report and the status of the game will be decided by the Adult State Cup Committee.

19. Suspension of Game due to weather or unforeseen events

19.1. In the event of inclement weather, the teams shall assume that the game will be played unless official notification is given.

19.2. The Adult State Cup Committee, may arrange for an alternate field site on the day of play. In the case of bad weather, teams shall be notified at the earliest opportunity, which may be the morning of play. Providing the authority that has control of the field in question has not refused permission to use the field, the referee shall have the sole authority to decide whether a game shall be played or suspended due to inclement weather.

20. Appeals

20.1. The Disciplinary decisions of the Adult State Cup Committee may be appealed to the Cal South Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee. Appeals must be submitted in writing within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of notification from the State Cup Committee. The written appeal must be accompanied by a two-hundred dollar (\$200) fee, in the form of U.S. currency, money order, or cashier check made payable to Cal South. The appeal fee is non-refundable.

20.2. The Non-Disciplinary decisions of the Adult State Cup Committee may be appealed to the Cal South State Cup Appeals Committee (SCAC). Appeals must be submitted in writing within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of notification from the Adult State Cup Committee. The written protest/appeal must be accompanied by a two-hundred dollar (\$200) fee, in the form of U.S. currency, money order, or cashier check made payable to Cal South. The appeal fee is non-refundable.

20.3. Filing an appeal shall not stay the Adult State Cup competition.

20.4. All decisions of the Cal South PAD and SCAC are final and as such no further appeals will be heard.

21. Appendix: Definitions

Except as otherwise provided, the following definitions apply to this policy:

Add - the addition of a player to a team's roster.

Board of Directors - the Board of Directors of Cal South.

Cal South - California State Soccer Association-South

Eligibility to Play – player registered and not under suspension.

Federation – the United States Soccer Federation, Inc.

Game Roster – means the list of players who will participate in a game.

Referee Committee - the Cal South Referee Committee.

Registration – submitted Cal South registration form with intent to play, coach or act as a team official with Cal South.

Rostering - assignment of a registered player to a team.

Suspension –the temporary withdrawal of rights and privilege, such as the right to play, coach, or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in soccer, and the suspension is for the entire term of the suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.

Team - a group of soccer players playing on the same side in soccer games.

Team Roster – means a list of registered players eligible to play for a team.