

# STATE CUP

2021

## RULES

### Mayors, Governors and Presidents Divisions



#### **COVID-19 NOTICE:**

Cal South Covid-19 Return to Play guidelines and policies for State Cup will be posted on the tournament website

**CALIFORNIA STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION-SOUTH**

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## 1. Title

- 1.1. **The Cal South State Cup Championships** shall be known as State Cup and shall be governed by these rules. There shall be three divisions of State Cup as follows:
- 1.2. Mayors:
  - 1.2.1. Open to all teams 9U through 15U playing in a California State Soccer Association South (Cal South) sanctioned League per the posted Cal South Play Level Guide.
- 1.3. Governors:
  - 1.3.1. Open to all teams in the 9U through 17U age groups playing in a California State Soccer Association South (Cal South) sanctioned League per the posted Cal South Play Level Guide.
- 1.4. Presidents:
  - 1.4.1. Open to all teams in the 9U through 19U-20U age groups playing in a Cal South Sanctioned League per the posted Cal South Play Level Guide. Presidents Champions in the 13U through 18U age groups will represent Cal South in the US Youth Soccer West Region Presidents Cup Regionals. Cal South teams who win in the Regionals 13U through 18U age groups will represent Cal South and West Region in the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup. **Cal South Board reserves the right for a replacement team to represent Cal South at the US Youth Soccer Presidents Regional and National tournaments for any team that violates tournament rules.**

## 2. Administration

***Cal South will have the authority to impose at any time COVID-19 Protocols and Gaming requirements as dictated by the State/Counties and Medical Orders.***

- 2.1. The Cal South CEO shall oversee all Cal South State Cup Tournaments. The Cal South CEO will ensure a Cal South State Cup Program Coordinator (SCPC) is appointed to administer the tournament.
- 2.2. The State Cup Program Coordinator (**SCPC**) shall administer the competition format, dates, times, and sites for all games and all State Cup arrangements including referees. The State Cup Program Coordinator may convene a State Cup Competition Panel (**SCCP**) comprised of no less than three (3) Cal South Tournament staff members to adjudicate State Cup game protests, disciplinary appeals and player or team eligibility issues.
- 2.3. The **SCCP** shall have the authority to rule on any matters pertaining to the State Cup competition. The **SCCP** will address forfeits, misconducts, and/or any other incident arising out of a State Cup game. The **SCCP** may increase automatic minimum game suspensions.
- 2.4. The decisions of the **SCCP** are final, however the decisions may be appealed per **Section 14**.
- 2.5. The current FIFA/IFAB Laws of the Game will govern all games as amended by United States Youth Soccer as well as Cal South Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and these competition rules.

### 3. Team Eligibility

***A team entering the State Cup shall meet the following eligibility requirements Cal South will have the authority to impose at any time COVID-19 Protocols and Gaming requirements as dictated by the State/Counties and Medical Order:***

- 3.1. **The requirement for this Section 3.1 is suspended for the 2021 State Cup Tournament due to the COVID19 pandemic impact.** “The team must have competed in a Cal South approved Fall League playing a minimum of four (4) games prior to State Cup application deadline using Cal South approved player passes for the seasonal year”.
- 3.2. The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered players, credentialed Head Coach and Team Manager on an Activated Team within the Cal South Registration System (**CSRS**) (as defined by the rules of US Youth Soccer and Cal South). No team may register a player not residing in Cal South to its roster without prior written permission from the Cal South President or their designee and the home State or National Association of the player.
- 3.3. The team must be in good standing with Cal South, its League/Club of registration if applicable, and must be in compliance with, and has not violated, any of the rules of US Youth Soccer and Cal South.
- 3.4. **Roster Continuity: This Rule is suspended for the 2021 State Cup.**
  - 3.4.1. 13U and older teams must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the Cal South Online System Team Registration roster and State Cup Team Tournament roster by maintaining a minimum of nine (9) players common to the rosters of both. 9U and 10U teams must maintain a minimum of five (5) players and 11U and 12U teams must maintain a minimum of seven (7) players common to rosters of both. Player retention shall be based on the Cal South Online System Team registration roster as of November 15<sup>th</sup> of the current seasonal year. For the 2021 State Cup the November 15<sup>th</sup> Roster Continuity date will be suspended and a new Continuity Date will be posted on the Cal South Website no later than 30 days prior to the start of the respective age group.
- 3.5. **Transfers:** A team may not roster any player who was previously rostered during the seasonal year to another Club 's team unless a request stating the reason for this action has been processed and approved by Cal South through the Online Release and Transfer System.
  - 3.5.1. At the time, a team names its State Cup Tournament roster for the **Presidents Division Age Groups 13U** and older it may not have more than **five (5)** Transferred players activated on the State Cup Tournament Roster.
  - 3.5.2. At the time, a team names its State Cup Tournament roster for the **Presidents Division Age Groups 12U** and younger it may not have more than **six (6)** Transferred players for the Age Groups playing **(9v9)** activated on the State Cup Tournament Roster.
  - 3.5.3. At the time, a team names its State Cup Tournament roster for the **Mayors and Governor Division** it may not have more than **six (6)** Transferred players for the Age Groups playing **(9v9)** and **seven (7)** for the Age Groups playing **(11v11)** activated on the State Cup Tournament Roster.
  - 3.5.4. Players Transferred from a Cal South Online System “Drop and/or Tournament Pool” will be considered as Transfers to the receiving Team. For the US Youth Soccer West Region Presidents Cup Regionals and US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup, Cal South will comply with the Rules and Regulations as established by US Youth Soccer.

- 3.6. **Club Pass:** The Club will determine when a player is placed on a State Cup Tournament Roster. The Club using the Club Pass function has the ability to move players from within their respective Club, on to and off of, a Team 's State Cup Tournament Roster. A Club Pass player will **NOT** count as one of the respective Transfer players defined in Section 3.5 within this document. For the State Cup Presidents Division 13U to 18 age groups, a maximum of five (5) Club Passed players are allowed per team. For all other Age Groups, a team may Club Pass as many players as the Roster allows considering the Maximum Roster size and the Continuity Rule.
- 3.6.1. If a Club Passed player is Released and/or Transfers from his or her Team of Registration, then the Club Pass is Null, and Void and the player may be Club Passed again from their new Team of Registration as provided in the Section 3.6 within this document.
- 3.7. Every team shall have a State Cup Team Tournament Roster and will present a State Cup Game Roster for every State Cup game. The Maximum Roster Size for the respective Team Rosters are displayed in the table below. Every Team Roster shall have a minimum of seven (7) players on the roster at all times (US Youth Soccer Policy Rule 205). (Cal South Rules and Regulations 1.4.5 and 1.4.6) For teams 10U or younger, the team must not allow more than fourteen (14) or less than five (5) players (Cal South Rules and Regulations 1.4.5 and 1.4.6) on its roster at any given time.

Age Group	Registration Roster	Tournament Roster	Game Roster	Minimum To Play
2012/9U to 2011/10U (7v7)	14	14	14	5
2010/11U to 2009/12U (9v9)	16 Governor and Mayor 18	16 Governor and Mayor 18	16 Governor and Mayor 18	6
2008/13U (11v11)	18	18	18	7
2007/14U, 2006/15U 2005/16U, 2004/17U 2003/18U, (11v11)	22	22	18	7
2002/19U to 2001/20U (11v11)	22	22	22	7

**Note:** \*19U-20U teams may dress up to 22 rostered players for a game, but only 18 players may enter the game (limit of 7 substitutions).

- 3.7.1. The team must submit its Game Roster to the tournament officials prior to their first scheduled State Cup game. The maximum number of players per Game Roster is shown in **Section 3.7** herein. Every player listed on the Team Game Roster must be included on the Team Tournament Roster to be eligible to participate with the team. The **19U - 20U** Age Group teams may dress up to 22 rostered players for a game (limit of 7 substitutions).

- 3.7.2. It is the responsibility of team administrator(s) to checkmark and sync the active players in the Cal South Online System. Unauthorized handwritten player names on the Game Roster are not eligible to play. The team administrator(s) are required to check the printed game roster for accuracy. Changes are not allowed after submitting the game roster to Tournament Officials.
- 3.8. Teams may enter the State Cup in a different age group than they were initially registered for in the current seasonal year as long as every player registered to the team is age appropriate for that competition's age group. If a team enters the competition in an older age group than originally registered, the team can Club Pass players in as long as age appropriate for that age competition. Teams may play up, to a maximum of 2 years, except 2012/9U and 2011/10U, which cannot play higher than 2011/10U.
- 3.9. Teams must enter State Cup via Internet entry no later than the date set by Cal South. All entries must be posted and paid in full on the Cal South Online System by 11:59 pm on the Date Set by Cal South. Acceptance to the Cal South State Cup after this deadline is at the discretion of Cal South.
- 3.9.1. Teams wishing to withdraw from the competition after applying to the Tournament must have their head coach or team manager notify the State Cup Program Coordinator at [StateCupinfo@calsouth.com](mailto:StateCupinfo@calsouth.com) in writing (e-mail will suffice) of their desire to withdraw. Teams withdrawing after the Draw Date shall forfeit their entire team entry and be subject to further disciplinary action including a fine up to \$500.
- 3.9.2. Tournament games cancelled by the SCPC. Every effort will be made to play State Cup games. If there is Force Majeure, or weather mandating more than a 3-week delay from the originally posted schedule in any Division Age Flight then the SCPC will establish the team options to play and/or refund policy. Teams withdrawing after publication of the game schedule for their division shall forfeit their entry fee and may be subject to a \$500 fine which shall be invoiced to the affiliate club.
- 3.10. Teams may enter only one State Cup Tournament in a seasonal year.
- 3.11. Teams on the waiting list will remain on the Wait List until the team is either accepted or removes itself from the waiting list by notifying State Cup Program Coordinator in writing (e-mail will suffice).
- 3.12. Teams agree to play, wherever and whenever they are assigned to play within the Cal South geographical area.
- 3.13. The signature of the team 's representative on the entry form and State Cup 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 entry, once the electronic entry has been posted to the Cal South Online System.

- 3.14. **Roster Freeze:** The team must complete its team's State Cup Tournament Roster for State Cup competition by the Roster Freeze date. This date depends on the State Cup Competition age group and will be no earlier than three (3) days prior to the start of the competition for the particular age group. All changes to Team Rosters, Adds, Transfers, Club Pass., including electronic posted changes to tournament entries, made via Internet, must be completed by 6:00pm PST on Wednesday, three (3) days prior to the start of competition (if the competition starts on Saturday), or 6:00pm PST on Thursday, three (3) days prior to the start of competition (if the competition starts on Sunday). All teams in an Age Flight are deemed to be Roster Frozen once games are played in that Age Flight.
- 3.15. Once a player is rostered to the Team's State Cup Tournament Roster and that team has passed the **Roster Freeze** date for that team's State Cup Division; the player is **NOT** allowed to move until the player's team is eliminated from the competition and then only for the next Regional and/or National level of the competition in Presidents or National Cup Competitions. A player who is rostered on a Cal South National Cup quarterfinal, semifinal, final game, or in a National League or Regional League team is not eligible to participate in Regional and/or National Presidents Cup per **US Youth Soccer Rule 302 Section 2**. The team administrator is responsible to ensure all rostered players fulfill all US Youth Soccer player eligibility requirements.
- 3.16. Team players and coaches competing in State Cup finals must attend the post game State Cup award ceremonies or inform the tournament officials in advance if the team is unable to attend the ceremonies.

## 4. Player Eligibility

***Cal South will have the authority to impose at any time COVID-19 Protocols and Gaming requirements as dictated by the State/Counties and Medical Order.***

- 4.1. Players must be properly registered to their team in the Cal South Online System State Cup Tournament Roster at the time the Club names its State Cup Tournament Roster for that team.
- 4.2. A player may only be rostered to one Team entered in a Cal South State Cup Tournament during the seasonal year and must use a current Cal South Fall Player Pass. A player may only be rostered to one Cal South Team entered in a US Youth Soccer Regional or National competition during the seasonal year.
- 4.3. A player may play up in age. If it is three (3) years or more beyond the player's proper birth date age division, the parent/legal guardian of the player will be required to execute an additional Cal South Waiver and Release of Liability prior to approval.
- 4.4. A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has been served.
- 4.5. Teams advancing to the US Youth Soccer Regional or National Presidents tournament must comply with the current US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Player and Team Eligibility Rules.

## 5. Form of Competition

- 5.1 State Cup competition may be offered annually per Cal South registration birth year age groups for boys and girls: 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U.
- 5.2. State Cup competition shall be a modified tournament format, with a preliminary round of games from which teams will advance to a single-elimination format. Preliminary round games can end in a tie.
- 5.3. For all games beyond the preliminary round, games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will play two equal periods of extra time per **Section 7** within this document. **Section 7.3.1** within this document will govern the determination of a winner if a game goes to overtime.
- 5.4. Teams will be awarded points for games in the preliminary round as follows:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Points</i>
<i>Points for a win</i>	<b>3</b>
<i>Point for a tie</i>	<b>1</b>
<i>Points for a loss</i>	<b>0</b>

- 5.5. Ties in points in the preliminary rounds shall use the following tiebreaker rules in order:
1. The winner in head-to-head competition
  2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum differential of 4 per game)
  3. Least goals allowed
  4. Most goals scored
  5. Shut out wins (forfeits not counting)
  6. FIFA/IFAB kicks from the penalty mark
  7. 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 is advanced 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 is either advanced or eliminated.
  8. If there is a tie between two or more teams for advancing to elimination round from bracket play or wild card placement, step 6 will be replaced by a coin toss by the State Cup Program Coordinator or designee.



- 5.6. Entries into State Cup will be placed into Divisions based on League Level of Play and then into brackets according to the Draw described below. Teams on the waiting list or teams entering late may be added to bracket slots after the Draw Date at the discretion of the State Cup Program Coordinator.
  - 5.6.1. The 9U and 10U State Cup Presidents, Governors and Mayors Divisions will be a “Blind Draw”.
  - 5.6.2. The Mayors Division will be a “Blind Draw”.
  - 5.6.3. The President and Governors Division for 11U and above will use the following Draw pattern:
    - 5.6.3.1. In the 11U and above age brackets, the top16 teams from the previous year’s State Cup will be seeded. Remaining teams will be seeded via a “Blind Draw”. If a team has changed their Club affiliation since last year, or if a team has changed their team number or made a change to their name, the State Cup Program Coordinator must be notified in writing (an email to [statecupinof@calsouth.com](mailto:statecupinof@calsouth.com) will suffice) and note on their team entry application of these changes when the team first applies to the tournament.
    - 5.6.3.2. To the extent possible, two Round-of-16 teams from the previous year will not be placed in the same bracket unless there are fewer than 16 State Cup brackets.
    - 5.6.3.3. If there are fewer than 16 brackets, no two Quarterfinalists from the previous year can be placed in the same bracket until every bracket has a Quarterfinalist.
    - 5.6.3.4. The second Draw will be a blind Draw of the remaining State Cup teams to complete the State Cup brackets, placing each team as they are drawn into the first open position of a State Cup bracket.
- 5.7. If, due to the withdrawal of teams, a preliminary bracket contains three or fewer teams, the State Cup Program Coordinator may place remaining teams in different brackets. In addition, the State Cup Program Coordinator 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.
- 5.8. The State Cup Program Coordinator may review and amend State Cup Divisions for teams based on League level of play per the Posted Play Level Guide and/or use their discretion in the placement of teams.
- 5.9. Teams shall be notified of schedules a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to their first round of games.
- 5.10. During progression from Preliminary Bracket Round to the first Elimination Round, Wildcard adjustments are made to prevent two teams from the same Bracket from facing each again in the Elimination Round.

## 6. Precedence of Games

Cal South State Tournament games shall take precedence over all other Cal South sanctioned games and non-Cal South sanctioned competitions.

## 7. Playing Rules

**Cal South will have the authority to impose at any time COVID-19 Protocols and Gaming requirements as dictated by the State/Counties and Medical Order.**

7.1. **Anti-Discrimination:** All State Tournament participants, including all players, coaches, team administrators, referees and spectators are prohibited from all forms verbal, physical or mental harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, color (of skin), language, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status or socioeconomic status. The SCCP will impose competition sanctions and or penalties against the teams, players, referees and coaches found to be in violation of this rule. All reported incidents will be forwarded to the Cal South Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee for further review and disciplinary action.

7.2. Duration of game:

7.2.1. Elimination round games tied after regulation will have two equal periods of extra time. If the game is still tied after two equal overtime periods of extra time, the game is decided by FIFA/IFAB kicks from the penalty mark, which will immediately follow after the periods of extra time. Only players who are on the field of play at the end of the game are eligible to participate in the IBFA/FIFA kicks from the penalty mark.

AGE GROUP	GAME LENGTH	EXTRA TIME (Elimination Rounds)	BALL	HEADING RULE	BUILD OUT LINE
19U-20U	Two 45 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5	Not Applicable	NO
18U	Two 45 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5	Not Applicable	NO
17U	Two 45 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5	Not Applicable	NO
16U	Two 40 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5	Not Applicable	NO
15U	Two 40 Min. Halves	Two 15 Min. Halves	No. 5	Not Applicable	NO
14U	Two 35 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 5	Not Applicable	NO
13U	Two 35 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 5	Not Applicable	NO
12U	Two 30 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 4	Not Applicable	NO
11U	Two 30 Min. Halves	Two 10 Min. Halves	No. 4	<b>No Heading</b>	NO
10U	Two 25 Min. Halves	Two 5 Min. Halves	No. 4	<b>No Heading</b>	YES
9U	Two 25 Min. Halves	Two 5 Min. Halves	No. 4	<b>No Heading</b>	YES

- 7.3. The home team is listed first in the schedule, shall have choice of team bench. Whenever possible, the field layout will place the team bench and their team spectators on the same side. The team bench (technical area) will be placed on the Assistant Referee (AR) sideline (near the midfield/touchline intersection). Team spectators will be allowed on left side of the bench where the AR is not present. Minimum 20 feet left from their team bench to the corner flag. The opposing team will set up in the same manner on the opposite side. If ARs are placed in reverse diagonal positions, the layout format remains the same. The home team shall change jerseys if the referee decides there is a color conflict and shall supply the game balls.
- 7.4. Prior to each game, each team must present to the referee the completed Game Roster form and the team's Cal South player passes, and Administrator/Coach passes from same League/Club of registration. In an **EMERGENCY**, a current Cal South Administrator of any Cal South League/Club who holds the appropriate USSF license with a current approved Risk Management designation may coach the Team during a State Cup game. Coach or Team Administrator ejections or sending off are not considered emergencies. Tournament officials may serve as a substitute or emergency team administrator.
- 7.5. Each coach may review the Team Game Roster form and player passes of his/her opponent only at the time the game official checks 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 per Forfeit **Section 11** within this document. Seven (7) players and a properly credentialed carded coach constitute a team ready to play. For 9U and 10U, five (5) players and a carded coach constitute a team ready to play. For 11U and 12U, six (6) players and a carded coach constitute a team ready to play.
- 7.6.1. The State Cup Program Coordinator may extend the grace period or re-schedule games due to extenuating circumstances such as unanticipated freeway closures, accidents, snow, rain, earthquakes or other acts of god.
- 7.6.2. Each team is responsible for one-half of the official's game fees. The fees for each team are posted on the Cal South Tournaments web page. The teams must pay the referee on the field prior to each game; in cash. Once the game has started and it is abandoned, there is no refund of the official's game fees.
- 7.7. Substitutions**
- 7.7.1. Except as provided by US Youth Soccer or Cal South, substitutions shall be unlimited except where specified otherwise in the rules and regulations for a special competition.
- 7.7.2. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage in play. (US Youth Soccer Rule 302 Cal South Rule 2.10)
- 7.8. Cal South supports **FIFA/IFAB Law 4 – The Players Equipment**
- FIFA/IFAB Law IV states, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player (including any kind of jewelry).") The determination of whether a player may play or not will be made by the Referee in accordance with FIFA/IFAB Law IV.**
- 7.9. It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. The

- coach, manager, and team shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators from their respective teams. At no time shall offensive, insulting or abusive language be permitted.
- 7.10. Only credentialed Administrators/Coaches with Cal South passes from the current seasonal year may be on the team bench. Only four (4) coaches with a Cal South pass listed on the Game Roster form may be in the technical area during State Cup games. Teams without at least one (1) coach or administrator (during the entire game) with a valid administrator card with a current coaching license and approved Risk Management status shall forfeit the game. There will be a 10-minute grace period from the time the coach ejection/sending-off until a properly credential replacement coach is presented. In an **EMERGENCY**, a properly credentialed Cal South Administrator who holds the appropriate USSF license with a current approved Risk Management designation, may coach the Team during a State Cup game.
- 7.11. Coaching from sidelines (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position) is allowed as long as it is within the technical areas, provided:
- 7.11.1. Use of cell phones or electronic radio communication devices in the technical area are prohibited.
  - 7.11.2. The tone of the voice is informative and not derogatory.
  - 7.11.3. Each coach, substitute, or player remains within ten (10) yards on either side of the halfway line or midfield line.
  - 7.11.4. No coach, substitute, or player makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes, opposing coaches or spectators.
  - 7.11.5. No coach, substitute, or player uses profanity.
  - 7.11.6. No coach, substitute, or player incites in any manner, disruptive behavior.
  - 7.11.7. Artificial noise devises are not allowed on the sidelines.
- 7.12. The use, possession, or transportation of illegal drugs or weapons shall not be permitted at Cal South State Tournament events. Alcohol shall not be permitted at Cal South State Tournament events unless the venue where the game is being played is licensed by the State of California to serve alcohol. In such cases, alcohol may only be purchased from the venue (alcohol may not be transported to the venue), must be consumed only in permitted areas in compliance with the venue's License, and shall not be brought to the sidelines. Coaches, Players, League/Club Administrators and Cal South Program Administrators are prohibited from consuming alcohol at all Cal South State Tournaments, including alcohol sold by the venue at which the games are played. Any person in possession of drugs or alcohol (outside the permitted areas at the venue), or under the influence of drugs or alcohol on the sidelines, shall be subject to immediate removal.

### 7.13. Proof of Age (US Youth Soccer Rule 204)

- 7.13.1. Original birth documents are not required in State Cup except upon request.
- 7.13.2. Upon request, State Cup players must show an original proof of age/birth document, which are specified in Cal South Rules and Regulations 1.2.1. Proof of Age shall consist of a birth certificate, a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States, a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, a passport, an alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a current driver's license, an unexpired federal, state, or local government identification card (if documentation of date of birth is required), or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal, or religious certificates will not be accepted. Photos or electronic photos of documents on mobile phones or electronic devices will not be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 7.13.3. Any proof of age/birth document that is not in English must have an English translation attached to the original document, using the Cal South translation form. The translator must add his/her name, address, phone number, and qualifications to translate. No coach of a team or parent of a player may translate for that team or the parent's own child unless they are certified and/or accredited to teach the specific language, i.e., high school teacher, professor of languages at a university or college, a court translator, or anyone recognized as an official translator by a governing body.
- 7.13.4. All administrators of a team will be held responsible for the submission of documents as required for all check-ins. (All proof of age documents will comply with Rule 7.14.2) The State Cup Program Coordinator will not hear any pleas from parents, guardians, or representatives of players with improper documents.
- 7.13.5. During the course of the competition, if the SCPC and/or tournament officials have questions on the eligibility of any player or team, they have the authority to require the team/league to furnish proof of eligibility as described in **Section 7.14.2** to participate 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.
- 7.14. **Medical Release:** Players under the age of eighteen (18) may not participate in any State Cup game without a medical release form (Cal South Player Registration Form), with wet signature signed by a parent or guardian, being presented for the player upon request by the SCPC and/or onsite Tournament Officials.

Any player showing signs or symptoms characteristic with concussion or head injury will be immediately removed from participation/competition. The Player Pass will be held, and the player will not be allowed to play or participate in any Cal South Sanctioned event until all Cal South concussion policy and procedure requirements have been fulfilled and he/she submits a written clearance from a licensed health provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion. The clearance statement must be on the licensed health provider or physician's letterhead and must include their signature and display the address of their office location. Go to Cal South website for complete concussion medical release and return to play protocol requirements.

## 7.15. INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES (USSF & FIFA)

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

## 7.16. Tournament Check-In

7.16.1. **Preliminary Games Check in:** Teams will Check-in with State Cup Tournament officials prior to the beginning of preliminary games. The team representative shall present to the officials the following documents:

1. A completed State Cup Team/Game Roster Form.
2. Cal South player passes for said team for the current seasonal year; (Spring Season or hand-written passes will not be accepted).

## 7.17. Player passes, Game Photo Roster Forms, and Uniforms.

### 7.17.1. Passes/Cards

7.18.1.1. Each player must present to the referee his or her, plastic laminated Cal South player pass for said team/Club. Each administrator/coach must present his/her Cal South pass from same League/Club bearing a recent picture of the identified individual, issued by Cal South for the current seasonal year, prior to competing in a game. It is the responsibility of administrators of a team to obtain Cal South passes before the first State Cup game and that the passes are correctly prepared with, photo, registrar's stamp or signature (on the back side), and fully laminated.

7.18.1.2. Failure to present a correct Cal South pass/card will render the player(s) or administrator(s)/coaches(s) ineligible for the game. State Cup may authorize the use of the team game photo roster in case of an emergency.

7.17.2. **Team Game Roster Forms:** Team administrators prior to each game shall present to the referee an official State Cup Game Photo Roster form for each game to be played. Each player's jersey number must appear on the State Cup Game Roster.

7.17.3. **Uniforms:** Each player, including the goalkeeper, must have a number listed on the Game Roster form and each shall wear a numbered jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player must wear a different numbered jersey. Goalkeepers must wear colors, which distinguish them from other players and game officials.

7.17.4. All home teams shall wear a light color jersey and all visiting teams shall wear a contrasting dark color jersey for each game. The home team must change jersey colors if the referee decides there is a color conflict.

## 8. Game Officials

- 8.1. The appointment of game officials shall be the responsibility of the State Referee Administrator (SRA), in conjunction with the Cal South CEO and/or State Cup Program Coordinator. Officials shall be registered with Cal South and USSF.
- 8.2. Complaints regarding game officials must be in writing and sent to the State Cup Program Coordinator at [statecupinfo@calsouth.com](mailto:statecupinfo@calsouth.com) and the SRA. -
- 8.3. Teams are responsible for the payment of referee fees except Cal South shall be responsible for all officials in the State Cup finals, and whenever the fourth official is used.
- 8.4. The scale of charges for duly appointed referees shall be as determined by the State Cup tournament officials.
- 8.5. The referee shall have the authority to determine the fitness of the field in all games. In other respects, the duties of the referee and referee assistant are as defined in the IFAB/ FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 8.6. The referees appointed to officiate in any State Cup game shall be neither a past nor present member nor be related to a member (member to include players, coaches and or administrators) of either of the competing teams. Referees accepting games that violate this rule shall be reported to the State Cup Program Coordinator, Cal South CEO and referee disciplinary committee for possible disciplinary action.
- 8.7. The referee will give to the site tournament officials at the conclusion of the game, all Game Roster forms from the completed games. The referees shall (a) mark the Game Roster forms 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 given, all medical injuries and (d) turn in the forms required by (b) and (c) to the onsite Tournament Officials.

## 9. Misconducts and Breaches of the Rules

*Cal South will have the authority to impose at any time COVID-19 Protocols and Gaming requirements as dictated by the State/Counties and Medical Order*

### 9.1. Player and Coach Ejection/Sending-Off:

- 9.1.1. If a player, coach, or team administrator is ejected/sending-off from a game, the referee shall give the pass and a supplemental referee report to the field site administrator or a State Cup tournament official. Coaches ejected/sending-off from the game shall spend the remainder of the game a minimum of 100 yards away from the field of play or at the discretion of the referee, if the parking lot is too close to the field in which case the coach must also leave the parking lot or be out of sight. The game may be suspended until the coach/team administrator leaves the Venue as directed by the referee or Tournament Official. Players ejected from the game shall spend the remainder of the game on their own team's bench or under supervision of a Tournament Official. The State Cup Program Coordinator has authority to enforce the provisions of the rules.
- 9.1.2. The referee may show a Yellow Card (Cautions) and/or RED card (Sending-Off/Ejections) to a coach/administrator or team official for Irresponsible Behavior or other offences. When an offence is committed and the offender cannot be identified, the senior team coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.
- 9.1.3. Any player ejected/sending-off from one (1) or more State Cup game shall be ineligible to participate in his/her team's next played Cal South State Cup game/games (games forfeited to that team do not count as games played). If a player is advancing to Regional Competition his/her suspension will be served at the Regional Competition. Un-served suspensions will carry forward to the next year's competition where he/she is listed on a State Cup or National Cup Game Roster.
- 9.1.4. Coach/Administrator ejected/sending-off for offenses committed, specified in the IFAB Laws of the game (Law 12 Section 3 Disciplinary Action: Team officials - Caution and Sending-off). In the case of an administrator/coach ejection/sending-off, the administrator/coach will be ineligible to participate in any State Cup game for a minimum of one (1) game for the team from which he/she was ejected/sending-off. Suspension Guidelines are listed in section 9.2.
  - 9.1.4.1. If the team is eliminated prior to the game suspension being fully served the balance of the administrator/coaches' un-served penalty is fulfilled by a fine of \$100.00 per game.
  - 9.1.4.2. If the Coach or Administrator does not pay within sixty (60) days, then the League/Club is billed, and the offending Coach and Administrator is referred to the Cal South **PAD** committee.
- 9.1.5. Any player or administrator ejected/sending-off from a second State Cup game shall be ineligible to participate during the balance of the current Cal South State Cup Competition. (Once suspension(s) have been served, they may participate at the Regional level)
- 9.1.6. An ejection/sending-off is not subject to protest.



9.1.7. The State Cup Program Coordinator may increase automatic game suspension(s).

## 9.2. Suspension Guidelines for Players and Team Officials

9.2.1. The State Cup Program Coordinator and/or **SCCP** 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 State Cup tournament officials, penalties may be increased according to the severity of the offences.** When ejected/sending-off from the field of play and shown the red card for infringement of the Laws of the Game, players and substitutes shall be disciplined by additional game suspensions as follows:

### 9.2.1.1. Serious Foul Play

9.2.1.1.1. A tackle or challenge for the ball that endangers the safety of an opponent or uses excessive force or brutality; is punishable by a sending-off (red card). **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.**

### 9.2.1.2. Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language

9.2.1.2.1. Verbal or physical behavior, which is rude, hurtful disrespectful; punishable by a sending-off (red card).

9.2.1.2.2. 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. **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.**

### 9.2.1.3. Receiving a Second Caution in the Same Game

9.2.1.3.1. Second yellow card after a previous yellow card in the same game. **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.**

### 9.2.1.4. Biting or Spitting at Someone

9.2.1.4.1. Biting, spitting or blatant coughing with visual intention to harm another person or game equipment is punishable by a sending off offense (red card). **All age groups: Suspension for a minimum of one (1) game.**

9.2.1.4.2.

### 9.2.1.5. Violent Conduct

9.2.1.5.1. An action which uses or attempts to use excessive force or brutality against an opponent when not challenging for the ball, or against a team-mate, team official, game official, spectator or another person, regardless of whether contact is made.

9.2.1.5.2. Examples include, but are not limited to: An unseemly act, on another person; striking or attempting to strike another person. **All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of two (2) games.**

9.2.1.5.3. Pushing is an act of aggression, striking, or attempting to strike a referee, assistant referee, fourth official or tournament personnel. All age groups: suspended from the balance of Cal South State Cup competition in the current year and the next year's Cal South Cup competition with review by the Cal South Protest, Appeals, and Disciplinary Committee or CSBOD regarding further disciplinary action.

- 9.2.1.6. Any player, substitute, or team official who refuses the referee's or tournament officials request for his/her name, date of birth or gives a false name or information while gathering data to report on an infringement of the tournament rules or Laws of the Game involving him/her, shall have one (1) game added to the suspension that would normally be levied by the State Cup Competition Panel.

### 9.3. Ejected/Sending-Off Coaches/Administrators:

- 9.3.1. During the game suspension(s), the Coach/Administrator shall have NO contact of any kind or by any means with the team, substitute Coach/Administrator from thirty (30) minutes before the game until the referees have left the field area at the conclusion of the game.
- 9.3.2. The Coach/Administrator must remain off the Venue (parking lot not included, unless in the discretion of the referee the parking lot is too close to the field in which case the coach must also leave the parking lot) during the game. Additionally, the coach must not be involved in unacceptable conduct (defined to include coaching his/her players or harassment of opponents/players/game officials). **The SCCP has the authority to suspend an ejected/sending-off coach for more than one (1) State Cup game.**
- 9.4. Any team found guilty of using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in a State Tournament and US Youth Soccer West Region Presidents Cup Regionals and US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup National competitions in the current seasonal year. Any coach, manager, or team official found guilty of knowingly using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in a Cal South State Cup or National Cup Tournament and US Youth West Region Presidents Cup Regionals and US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup National competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year. Ineligible player incidents will be reported to the Cal South Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee for review and/or disciplinary action.
- 9.5. A player (through their parent/guardian) found guilty of submitting falsified birth information is prohibited from competing further in State Tournament Cup and US Youth Soccer West Region Presidents Cup Regionals and US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup National in the current and subsequent seasonal year. Falsified birth information or document incidents will be reported to the Cal South Protest, Appeals (PAD) Committee for further review and/or disciplinary action.
- 9.6. The head coach and or assistant coach shall be held fully responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the Referee, is a supporter of that team. Team spectator misconduct disciplinary actions or game suspensions will also be applied to the team and coaches.
- 9.7. Coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained herein, including cautions, ejections/sending-off, and standard suspensions.
- 9.8. Other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, shall also be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the State Cup Program Coordinator and tournament officials.

## 10. Protests

- 10.1. The State Cup Program Coordinator shall have the authority to rule on any matter pertaining to this competition.
  - 10.1.1. The State Cup Program Coordinator shall deal with forfeits, protests, misconduct, or any other incident arising from a State Cup game.
  - 10.1.2. The State Cup Program Coordinator has the authority to assess suspensions for more than one game.
  - 10.1.3. Protests filed due to field markings, field conditions or field equipment deemed unacceptable by a coach may not be accepted by the SCPC if teams play their game(s) under these conditions.
- 10.2. The decisions of the State Cup Program Coordinator and tournament officials are final.
- 10.3. Filing a protest shall not stay the State Cup competitions.
- 10.4. Protests based on violations of the rules and regulations are eligible to be considered by the **SCCP**. Protests based on referee judgment calls as defined by the FIFA/IFAB Laws of the Game are not eligible for protest.
- 10.5. Filing a protest:
  - 10.5.1. A documented protest (via email to [statecupinfo@calsouth.com](mailto:statecupinfo@calsouth.com)), citing the actual rule that has been violated, must be delivered to the State Cup Program Coordinator (**SCPC**) or designee no later than two (2) hours following the conclusion of the game in which the violation occurred.
  - 10.5.2. The written protest must be accompanied by a one hundred-dollar (**\$100**) fee, in the form of U.S. currency, money order, or cashier check made payable to Cal South. The protest filing fee is non-refundable.
  - 10.5.3. The **SCPC** will submit the Protest to the **SCCP** for adjudication.
  - 10.5.4. Disciplinary decisions of the **SCCP** 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 Competitions Panel. The written protest must be accompanied by a one hundred-dollar (\$100) fee, in the form of U.S. currency, money order, or cashier check made out to Cal South, otherwise the affiliate club will be invoiced for the amount due. The appeal fee is non-refundable. See **Section 14.1**.
  - 10.5.5. Non-disciplinary decisions of the **SCCP** may be appealed to the State Cup Appeals Committee (**SCAC**). Appeals must be submitted in writing within twenty-four (24) hours from receipt of notification from the **SCCP**. The written appeal protest must be accompanied by a one hundred-dollar (\$100) fee, in the form of U.S. currency, money order, or cashier check made out to Cal South, otherwise the affiliate club will be invoiced for the amount due. The appeal fee is non-refundable. See **Section 14.2**.
  - 10.5.6. Protests and appeals will not stay the competition.

## 11. Forfeits and Failure to Compete

- 11.1. **Team Withdrawals:** Teams wishing to withdraw from the competition after applying to State Cup must have their head coach or team manager notify the State Cup Program Coordinator in writing (e-mail will suffice) of their desire to withdraw.
- 11.1.1. Teams withdrawing prior to the Draw Date, but after the registration deadline, will be assessed \$125.00 administrative fee which will be retained from any refund of the application Fee.
- 11.1.2. Teams withdrawing after the Draw Date shall forfeit their entry fee and be subject to further disciplinary action including a fine up to \$500.00.
- 11.1.3. Teams withdrawing after the publication of the game schedule will be subject to a minimum \$500.00 fine and shall be invoiced to the affiliate club.
- 11.1.4. Teams withdrawing after the start of the competition are subject to the application of the **Forfeit One Forfeit All (FOFA)** Rule and may be subject to additional penalties and fines. Teams without the minimum number of players at a scheduled start of a game may notify the referees that they are voluntarily withdrawing or abandoning the game due to a shortage of players. In these instances, the withdrawing team is required to pay the referee fees for both teams. The referee fees may be paid onsite by the withdrawing team. Tournament officials will invoice the team/club for the referee fees if payment is not made onsite.
- 11.2. **Failure to Appear:** Teams failing to appear for a scheduled game must have their head coach or team manager notify the State Cup Program Coordinator in writing (e-mail will suffice) at least a twenty-four (24) hours prior to the game start time or a minimum \$500.00 fine will be assessed via their Affiliate Club/League. A team may be suspended from future State Tournaments for failing to appear at their scheduled State Tournament game.
- 11.3. **Abandoned Games:** Every effort shall be made to complete a game. Abandoned games are not permitted unless approved by the State Cup Program Coordinator (**SCPC**). Should a game be prematurely abandoned due to Disciplinary issues with one or both Teams, it shall be the **SCCP** responsibility to review the referee report and determine if the game is to be recorded as a **FOFA** or **FOFO** forfeit or a complete game and/or let the game result stand, or if one or both teams are to be disqualified from the competition.  
Teams notifying the referee and the tournament official that they are

voluntarily abandoning a game after playing the first half, due to not having the minimum number of players, their game status will be reviewed by the **SCPC** to determine the final game result and/or disciplinary action.

- 11.4. **Rules Violation:** 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.
- 11.5. **Force Majeure:** Any consequences resulting from Force Majeure, will be evaluated by the Cal South State Cup Program Coordinator who shall have the authority to employ either the FOFA or the FOFO rule. Cancellation of the tournament for any reason may result in a refund of the tournament entry fee as determined by Cal South SCPC or the Board of Directors.
- 11.6. **Forfeits - The State Cup Competition has a two (2) Tier approach to adjudicating Forfeits.**
- 11.6.1. **FOFO Forfeit One Forfeit One Game and FOFA Forfeit One Forfeit All Games:**
- 11.6.2. **FOFA -Forfeit One Forfeit All Games:** Teams forfeiting any game in the bracket round for the following reasons shall cause the **FOFA** rule to engage and the team shall be eliminated from this seasonal year's competition and may be subject to the additional penalties of a minimum \$500 fine will be invoiced to their affiliate Club. The game scoring will be subject to the **FOFA** Scoring process as described in **Section 11.7.2** within this document.
- 11.6.2.1. **Intentional Forfeit** - When a team fails to appear for a scheduled game by the official game start time inclusive of the grace period provided by the Competition, the Cal South **SCCP** shall have the authority to rule on the intent of the Team's failure to appear. If there was intent to forfeit the game the Team will Forfeit the game and cause engagement of the **FOFA** Rule.
- 11.6.2.2. **Abandoned Games** - Should a game be prematurely abandoned due to any actions of the Team Administrators and or players, the Cal South **SCCP** shall have the authority to rule on the intent of the Team's failure to complete the game and if there was an intent to forfeit the game the Team will Forfeit the game and causing the engagement of the **FOFA** Rule.

11.6.3. **FOFO - Forfeit One Forfeit One Game:** Teams forfeiting any game in the bracket round for the following reason shall Forfeit One game and engage the FOFO Rule and be subject to the Scoring process as described **Section 11.7** within this document:

11.6.3.1. **No Licensed Coach** -Teams without at least one (1) coach with a Cal South Licensed Coaches card, at the beginning of the game or at any time during the game shall forfeit the game and engage the **FOFO** Rule. In an EMERGENCY, a Cal South Administrator/Coach of any Cal South League/Club who holds at least the appropriate USSF license with a current approved Risk Management designation, may coach the Team during a State Cup game.

Age Group	Minimum Appropriate USSF License	Appropriate USSF Licenses
9U-10U	IP (In Person)	IP, E, ND, D, C, B, A
11U-12U	IP (In Person)	IP, E, ND, D, C, B, A
13U-19U	IP (In Person)	IP, E, ND, D, C, B, A

11.6.3.2. **Check-In Failure** – Failure of a Team Administrator to Check in at the assigned time and place and present the required documents for the respective rounds as specified in **Section 7** within this document, or failure to present the required documents as described in **Section 7** within this document, to the Referee for Check-in at the field prior to the game will cause the engagement of the **FOFO** Rule. This includes failure to present:

- 11.6.3.2.1. A completed State Cup Team/Game Photo Roster Form
- 11.7.2.2.2. Current Cal South Carded and Licensed Coach.
- 11.6.3.2.2. Cal South player passes or Official Game Photo Roster with player pictures for said team for the current seasonal year.
- 11.6.3.2.3. Cal South white medical release forms per **Section 7.15** within this document.

**11.7. Scoring of Forfeit Games**

11.7.1. **FOFO - Forfeit One, Forfeit One Scoring** - for a Bracket Game Forfeited as a result of the FOFO Rule, the score will be recorded as follows:

11.7.1.1. The Forfeit score for the **Non-Forfeiting Team** will be recorded as:

1-0 Win and 3 points  
 Plus 1 Goal differential for the game  
 Plus 1 "Goal For"

11.7.1.2. The Forfeit score for the Forfeiting Team will be recorded as:

0-1 Loss and 0 points.  
 Minus 1 Goal Differential  
 Minus 1 Goals Against

***AND the Forfeiting team will remain in the tournament.***

11.7.2. **FOFA – Forfeit One Forfeit All Scoring** – A Bracket game forfeited as a result of the **FOFA** rule will result in the forfeiting Team being eliminated from the seasonal year's competition. Scores for all the bracket games against the forfeiting team shall then be recorded as follows:

11.7.2.1. The Forfeit score for the ***Non-Forfeiting Team*** in the forfeited game will be recorded as:

1-0 Win and 3 points  
 Plus 1 Goal differential for the game  
 Plus 1 "Goal For"

11.7.2.2. The Forfeit score for the Forfeiting Team in the forfeited game will be recorded as:

0-1 Loss and 0 points  
 Minus 1 Goal Differential  
 Minus 1 Goals Against

***AND the Forfeiting team will be eliminated from the tournament and subject to additional penalties.***

### **11.8. Uneven Bracket Game Wild Card Scoring –**

11.8.1. The following short brackets will be scored using the **FOFA** scoring model as outlined in Section 11.7.2

11.8.1.1. Short Brackets created during the Team Bracketing process **before** the start of the Tournament for the respective Age group.

11.8.1.2. Short Brackets created by Teams withdrawing **before** the start of the Tournament for the respective Age groups.

- 11.8.1.3. Short Bracket created **after** the start of the Tournament for the respective Age Groups as a result of a Team withdrawing.
- 11.8.1.4. Brackets with games scored as FOFO do not create a short bracket.

## 12. Suspension of the Game

- 12.1. A Suspended Game is a game temporarily stopped and must be Resumed or Abandoned. If the game is suspended prior to the commencement of the second half, the game shall be replayed in its entirety.
- 12.2. If the game is suspended during the second half, the game shall be considered a full game unless the State Cup Program Coordinator decides otherwise, or there was a purposeful misconduct or misuse of this regulation. The SCPC shall apply rule 12.5 below after making a determination as to which team misused this regulation.
- 12.3. If periods of extra time are required and the game is suspended prior to or during a period of extra time, both periods of extra time shall be played on a suitable date.
- 12.4. If the suspended game is a preliminary round game, the decision to replay the game shall be at the discretion of the State Cup Program Coordinator if the game has no effect on the outcome of either team advancing to the next round.
- 12.5. If a game is stopped or suspended due to misconduct, the State Cup Program Coordinator shall decide whether the game is to be completed, replayed or declared a forfeit or let stand, after deciding as to which team or if both teams are adjudged at fault.
- 12.6. Game suspension due to weather or unforeseen events
  - 12.6.1. In the event of inclement weather, the teams shall assume that the game will be played unless official notification is given.
  - 12.6.2. The State Cup Program Coordinator, in an effort to provide the two preliminary games on one day, 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 State Cup Program Coordinator and the facility Owner shall have the sole authority to decide whether a game shall be played or suspended due to inclement weather.
- 12.7. A game may be Abandoned if there is a failure to meet the Laws of the Game regarding Law 3 – an insufficient number of players to continue the game or Law 1 or 4 – Safety of the Field or Player's Equipment. If the game is abandoned during the second half, the game shall be considered a full



game unless the State Cup Program Coordinator rules otherwise, or there was a purposeful misconduct or misuse of this regulation.

## 13. Game Abandonment to Misconduct

Should a game be abandoned, it shall be the State Cup Program Coordinator's responsibility to review the referee report on the game abandonment and determine if the game is to be recorded as a forfeit, and the type of Forfeit **FOFA or FOFO per Section 11** within this document or let game stand, or if one or both teams are to be disqualified from the competition.

## 14. Appeals

- 14.1. The Disciplinary decisions of the State Cup Competition Panel (**SCCP**) may be appealed to the Cal South Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (**PAD**) Committee. Appeals must be submitted in writing within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt of notification from the State Cup Competition Panel (**SCCP**). The written online appeal must be accompanied by a one hundred-dollar (\$100) fee, payable online to Cal South at the time of submitting the appeal. The appeal fee is non-refundable.
- 14.2. The Non-Disciplinary decisions of the State Cup Competition Panel (**SCCP**) may be appealed to the Cal South State Cup Appeals Committee (**SCAC**). Appeals must be submitted in writing within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt of notification from the State Cup Competition Panel. The written online appeal must be accompanied by one hundred-dollar (\$100) fee payable online to Cal South at the time of submitting the appeal. The appeal fee is non-refundable.
- 14.3. Filing an appeal shall not stay the State Cup competition. The State Cup Program Coordinator (SCPC) and/or State Cup Competitions Panel (SCCP) shall have a maximum of 30 days to rule on any tournament protest and appeal.
- 14.4. All decisions of the Cal South PAD and SCAC are final and as such no further appeals will be heard.
- 14.5. Once the respective Age Group **Roster Freeze** dates as described in Section 3.16 have been reached, the SCAC will not process any new cases regarding Player movement or Transfer eligibility.

## 15. Appendix: Definitions

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

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Add</b>	The addition of a player to a team's roster.
<b>Blind Draw</b>	The process of random team selection for bracketing in the competition.
<b>Cal South Board of Directors (CSBOD)</b>	The Board of Directors of Cal South also referred to in this document as <b>CSBOD</b> .
<b>Cal South</b>	California State Soccer Association-South.
<b>Cal South Registration System (CSRS)</b>	The software system employed by Cal South for all Affiliate Members to conduct Player Registration.
<b>Cal South Rules and Regulations</b>	These are the official Cal South Rules and Regulations as published by Cal South and provided on the Cal South Web site.
<b>Cal South State Cup Championships</b>	This includes three divisions the Cal South State Cup Presidents, Governors and Mayors Competitions.
<b>Cal South State Tournaments</b>	This includes: 1) Cal South National Cup 2) Cal South State Championship Presidents, Governors and Mayors Divisions
<b>Caution</b>	Disciplinary sanction which results in a report to a disciplinary authority; indicated by showing a yellow card; two cautions in a match result in a player or team official ejection or sending-off.
<b>Club</b>	A group formed for the basis of registering and training Youth and/or Adult Players and Teams that operate through a common administrative group.
<b>Club Pass</b>	A rule providing clubs and coaches with the flexibility to move players from team to team in their own club as necessary for State Division competitions based on player development and team needs. Club Pass player moves do not count as part of the maximum 5 allowed player transfers and only affect the Team's Tournament Roster.
<b>Competitive League</b>	A Youth League formed for the basis of providing play between member Clubs under a common set of administrative and competitive rules.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>District Commissioner</b>	Cal South Board of Directors District Commissioner as defined by the Cal South Bylaws.
<b>Draw</b>	The process of placing the Tournament Teams into their respective Brackets.
<b>Draw Date</b>	The Cal South published Date for the Draw for the respective Competitions and Age group.
<b>Eligibility to play</b>	Registered and not under-suspension.
<b>Forfeit One Forfeit All games (FOFA)</b>	Means Forfeit One Forfeit All games in the Competition and is a forfeit rule applied to teams that are determined to have triggered this rule per <b>Section 11</b> within this document.
<b>Forfeit One Forfeit One game (FOFO)</b>	Means Forfeit One Forfeit One game in the Competition and is a forfeit rule applied to teams that are determined to have triggered this rule per <b>Section 11</b> within this document.
<b>Game Roster</b>	Means the list of players who will participate in a particular game.
<b>IFAB</b>	The International Football Association Board
<b>Involuntary release</b>	The removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of team authorities.
<b>League</b>	An organization that conducts competition among soccer teams.
<b>League/Club of Registration</b>	A group formed for the basis of registering and training Youth and/or Adult Players and Teams that operate through a common administrative group. The organization may conduct competition among soccer Teams.
<b>Player Registration</b>	The process by which an individual becomes a registered participant of an Affiliate Member.
<b>Player</b>	Any player, whether Adult or Youth, who has duly registered with Cal South.
<b>Protest, Appeal and Disciplinary Committee (PAD)</b>	The PAD is a Cal South Standing Committee responsible for Disciplinary issues. Any Disciplinary decisions of the State Cup Committee may be appealed to the <b>PAD</b> . Contact your District Commissioner or the Cal South office for the proper procedures. All

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
	decisions of the <b>PAD</b> are final and as such no further appeals will be heard.
<b>Referee Committee</b>	The Cal South Referee Committee.
<b>Registration</b>	The signing of intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of US Youth Soccer.
<b>Registration</b>	The signing of intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of US Youth Soccer.
<b>Roster Continuity</b>	The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the Cal South Online System Team Registration roster and State Cup competitions by maintaining a minimum of five (5) players for 9U and 10U, seven (7) players for 11U and nine (9) players for 12U and older common to the rosters of both. Player retention shall be based on the Cal South Registration System Team roster as of November 15th of the current seasonal year, except 19U teams.
<b>Roster Freeze date</b>	This is the date from which the Tournament Rosters cannot be changed.
<b>Rostering</b>	Assignment of a registered player to a team 's tournament roster.
<b>Sending Off</b>	Disciplinary action when a player is required to leave the field for the remainder of the match having committed a sending-off offence (indicated by a red card); if the match has started the player cannot be replaced. A team official may also be sent off. The term Ejection is synonymous with Sending Off.
<b>State Cup Appeals Committee (SCAC)</b>	State Cup Appeals Committee also referred to in this document as <b>SCAC</b> . This is an Appeal Committee as defined by the Cal South Board of Directors to provide an appeal process for any <b>non-disciplinary</b> adjudications, including player and team eligibility decisions, made by the State Cup Competition Panel SCCP.
<b>State Cup Competitions Panel (SCCP)</b>	The <b>SCPC</b> may convene a State Cup Competitions Panel ( <b>SCCP</b> ) comprised of no less than three (3) representatives to adjudicate State Cup protests, appeals and eligibility issues.  The <b>SCCP</b> shall have the authority to rule on any matters pertaining to the State Cup competition. The <b>SCCP</b> will address forfeits, misconducts, and/or any other incident arising out of a State Cup game. The <b>SCCP</b> may increase automatic minimum game suspensions.
<b>State Cup Program Coordinator (SCPC)</b>	The Cal South CEO shall oversee all Cal South State Cup Tournaments. The Cal South CEO will ensure a Cal South State Cup Program Coordinator ( <b>SCPC</b> ) is appointed to administer the

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	<p>tournament.</p> <p>The <b>SCPC</b> shall administer the competition format, dates, times, and sites for all games and all State Cup arrangements including referees.</p>
<b>Suspension</b>	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.
<b>Team</b>	A group of registered and rostered players playing on the same side in soccer games.
<b>Team Game Photo Roster</b>	Team Tournament Photo Roster showing the activated players selected for the respective game adhering to the Competition Rules for the maximum number of players for the Age group, Transferred players and Club Passed players allowed.
<b>Team Officials</b>	Any non-player listed on the official team list/roster e.g., coach, team manager or physiotherapist.
<b>Team Registration Roster</b>	Team Roster as defined and Activated in the Cal South Registration System for the respective Seasonal year.
<b>Team Roster</b>	Means a list of registered players eligible to play for a team.
<b>Team Tournament Roster</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Team Registration Roster submitted to the respective Competition through the Cal South Registration System.</li> <li>2) Team Tournament Roster may include Transferred players and Club passed players based on the respective Rules of the Competitions.</li> </ol>
<b>US Soccer Federation (USSF)</b>	The United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
<b>US Youth Soccer Inc.</b>	The United States Youth Soccer Inc.
<b>US Youth Soccer Policy</b>	This is the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules.
<b>Venue</b>	<p>The Venue is defined as the facility that includes the fields of play and any structures on the Venue property.</p> <p>For the purposes of this document the Venue <b>Parking Lot(s) are not</b> considered part of the Venue, unless in the discretion of the referee the parking lot is too close to the field in which case the</p>

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	Ejected/Sending-Off individual must also leave the parking lot. The State Cup Committee has authority to enforce the provisions of the rule.
<b>Voluntary release</b>	The removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of the player as described in the Cal South Rules and Regulations <b>Section 1.5</b> .
<b>Youth Player</b>	A person who has not reached the age of nineteen (19) prior to August 1 of the Seasonal Year.

