

**4 NEW MEXICO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
TRAVEL AND TOURNAMENT MANUAL**

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4.01 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the NMYSA Travel and Tournament Manual is to provide guidelines for the understanding of procedures required to either host or attend various tournaments. It includes:

- A. Defining procedures by which leagues gain knowledge of tournaments.
- B. NMYSA sponsored tournaments.
- C. Rules on what is required to host or attend a tournament.
- D. Suggested formats and recommendations to assist in running a tournament.
- E. Criteria by which tournaments will be evaluated for sanctioning by the NMYSA.

By following these guidelines, league tournament hosts will avoid many of the pitfalls that many first-time tournament hosts encounter. They also provide a regionally accepted standardization that helps produce fair treatment of all concerned.

4.02 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

NMYSA is part of Region IV of US Youth Soccer. Region IV includes the western states, Hawaii, and Alaska. Information on tournaments is passed from one (1) region of US Youth Soccer to all others. In NMYSA, the Director of Cups and Games will receive those announcements. He, in turn, will disseminate this information to local leagues as follows:

- A. NMYSA Executive Board.
- B. NMYSA District Commissioners.
- C. League Presidents or Tournament Directors.

The NMYSA Director of Cups and Games, acting in concert with the State Office Administrator, will receive from the NMYSA Registrar the distribution of teams throughout the NMYSA by Recreational, Classic, and Premier Categories. With this information, the Director of Cups and Games, acting in concert with the State Office Administrator, will forward tournament announcements to each league. The above describes how tournament announcements flow down to the leagues. As leagues host tournaments, the Director of Cups and Games will serve as the clearing house to pass the announcements to the proper US Youth Soccer level: NMYSA, all US Youth Soccer Affiliates, and International (FIFA) Affiliates.

4.03 TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

4.03.01 Special Provisions

- 4.03.01.01 All teams must declare their classification with their League Registrar at their initial rostering each seasonal year. Any team with an undeclared status shall be automatically categorized classic (*e.g.*, competitive). See definitions (Appendix A).
- 4.03.01.02 Any team wishing to declare outside of its defined classification must have written approval from its District Commissioner and its League President before the roster deadline for the first tournament it enters each seasonal year.
- 4.03.01.03 Any team may change its classification at the end of the fall playing season with written approval from its District Commissioner and its League President. Once having changed its classification, it cannot change again during the remainder of the seasonal year.
- 4.03.01.04 The NMYSA Board of Directors will reserve the final decision in any classification dispute.

4.04 GENERAL RULES FOR TOURNAMENTS

4.04.01 Tournament Classification

- 4.04.01.01 CLASS I TOURNAMENT
- A. Open to approved teams from foreign countries.
 - B. Open to teams from USSF Affiliated State Youth Associations.
 - C. Open to NMYSA Affiliated Teams.
- 4.04.01.02 CLASS II TOURNAMENT
- Open to NMYSA Affiliated Teams
- 4.04.01.03 CLASS III TOURNAMENT
- Limited to NMYSA Affiliated CLASSIC and RECREATIONAL Teams.
- 4.04.01.04 CLASS IV TOURNAMENT
- Open to all teams within a district.
- 4.04.01.05 CLASS V TOURNAMENT
- Open to all teams within a league
- 4.04.01.06 CLASS VI TOURNAMENT

Open to NMYSA Affiliated Teams, Special tournaments such as five-a-side.

4.04.01.07 CLASS VII TOURNAMENT

Special tournaments, no affiliation necessary (3V3, 4V4, indoor and non-traditional format tournaments). However, USSF-affiliated player registrations shall be required and verified by tournament organizers.

(NOTE: NMYSA will maintain a master list of the classification of all teams registered within the State either, PREMIER, CLASSIC, or RECREATIONAL.)

4.04.02 Tournament Sanction

4.04.02.01 Class I, II, III Tournaments must be sanctioned by the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games.

4.04.02.02 Class IV Tournaments must be sanctioned by the District Commissioner.

4.04.02.03 Class V Tournaments must be sanctioned by the League President, or League Director of Cups and Games. Informational copies must be sent to the District Commissioner and the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games 14 days prior to the tournament.

4.04.02.04 Class VI and VII Tournaments must be sanctioned by the District Commissioner. If players are traveling from out of district to play, additional sanctioning (approval) shall be required by the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games. Informational copies must be sent to the Director of Cups and Games 14 days prior to the tournament.

4.04.02.05 All requests for tournament sanction must be approved by the respective NMYSA Affiliated League. The signature of an authorized official of that league must be on the US Youth Soccer Application to Host a Tournament or Games and the US Youth Soccer Hosting Agreement forms. The sanctioning of a tournament should be determined before the advertisement for that tournament. Sanction status must be included on the tournament application. This will include

- A completed application to Host a Tournament or Games form.
- A completed Tournament or Games hosting agreement form.
- Any applicable fees as defined in the Fees Schedule at NMYSA web site

4.04.02.06 All requests for tournament sanction must include the following:

- A. Proposed date and location.
- B. Number of teams.
- C. Grouping of age groups.

- D. Tournament class request.
- E. Number of fields available.
- F. Size of the fields to be used by each age group
- G. Game forms (i.e., number of players on the field for each team (3 vs. 3, 4 vs. 4)
- H. Roster size limits
- I. Schedule details (number of guaranteed games, games per day, game lengths, etc.)
- J. Distance between field complexes.
- K. Any other facilities at your disposal, plus any other pertinent information that will help the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games expedite your request.
- L. Proposed Application Deadline

- 4.04.02.07 All requests for Class I, II, or III tournament sanction must be in the hands of the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games at least 90 days prior to the tournament date.
- 4.04.02.08 No Class I sanction will be given without prior tournament experience. NMYSA will keep a list of Experienced Tournament Directors
- 4.04.02.09 There will be no additions to the tournament as applied for and sanctioned. The NMYSA Director of Cups and Games must approve any variation from the original application.

4.04.03 *Composition of Tournaments*

- 4.04.03.01 A tournament may include any number of age groups and classifications. Combination of age groups in a tournament needs to be factored into sanctioning decision and should be done in accordance with NMYSA General Procedures and Rules Sec. 3.03.03 and US Youth Soccer National Policy.
- 4.04.03.02 Except as provided by US Youth Soccer, the FIFA “Laws of the Games” shall apply to any and all competitions sponsored by the Association. Players under 10 years of age may play soccer in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer's Development Player Program - Modified Playing Rules for U-10, U-8, and U-6.
- 4.04.03.03 It is recommended that NMYSA leagues follow current guidelines for U6, U8, U10 and U12 play. These recommendations are as follows:

U5-U6	3 vs. 3	No Goalkeeper (GK)
U7-U8	4 vs. 4	No GK
U9-U10	6 vs. 6	GK
U11-U12	8 vs. 8	GK
- 4.04.03.04 If a recreational team is accepted into a tournament and is scheduled to play competitive teams, they shall be informed before play and shall have the opportunity to withdraw (with refund of tournament fees). These situations shall

be considered on a case-by-case basis (in concert with the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games and Board of Directors).

4.04.04 Tournament Requirements and Recommendations

- 4.04.04.01 Tournament games may be modified to fit the objectives, philosophies, and organization of the event.
- 4.04.04.02 When playing full-length games, it is recommended that there be a 4-hour break between the END of the team's first game of the day and the START of that team's second game of the day (if possible).
- 4.04.04.03 A Player cannot play for two teams in the same tournament on the same week end.
- 4.04.04.04 If a winner must be determined, overtime period(s) shall be sudden victory. First goal wins match.
- 4.04.04.05 Penalty kicks to determine a winner must be as indicated in FIFA Rules.
- 4.04.04.06 It is recommended that Class I, II, III, IV, or V tournaments schedule a reasonable number of games and game lengths provided the total time played by any one (1) team in a day does not exceed 100 minutes of play for age groups below U14 and 120 minutes of play for age groups U14 and older.
- 4.04.04.07 A copy of the tournament format and rules of play must be sent to the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games when the application for sanction is submitted. The list of teams accepted should be sent to the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games one week prior to sending acceptance and rejection notices to specific teams. The format shall include scoring (including semi-finals), tie breakers, method of advancing to the finals, discipline procedures, etc. This information must be included in the program, and made available to all teams with notification of their acceptance. (See Section 4.04.09 below for suggested rules of operation.)

4.04.05 Tournament Invitations

- 4.04.05.01 A draft of the tournament invitation must be sent to the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games for approval before the invitations are mailed.
- 4.04.05.02 All tournament invitations must include the following information:
 - A. Sanction: (Reproduction of current approved NMYSA sanctioning form)
 - B. Class of tournaments: Class I, II, III (in case of combined tournaments, be sure the entry form includes a place to indicate which class a given team is entering).
 - C. Sponsoring league.
 - D. Dates of tournament.

- E. Age groups and Grouping of age groups: (Boys and/or Girls).
- F. Location.
- G. Format: General structure, number of games, etc.
- H. Entry fee.
- I. Entry deadline.
- J. Acceptance date.
- K. Awards.
- L. Housing: (State if available)
- M. NMYSA/US Youth Soccer laminated player pass cards required.
- N. *Class I* Tournaments: Proper travel procedures must be followed by teams from other states and national associations. Approved US Youth Soccer Application for Travel Forms, including rosters, or the appropriate foreign youth travel sanction received by the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games in advance of the tournament.
- O. Roster requirements for New Mexico teams.

4.04.05.03 Invitations to tournaments must be sent to the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games and informational copies may be sent to the District Commissioners.

4.04.05.04 Invitations may be sent directly to specific teams; however the District Commissioner or State Association has the option to recommend or decline the request, based on the following:

- A. A team's behavior.
- B. A team's performance.

4.04.06 Special Requirements

In addition to the above rules, tournament sponsors requesting sanction must be prepared to meet the following minimum requirements for Class I, II, and III tournaments:

4.04.06.01 Tournament Center Office, centrally located and properly staffed, to give out scores and other pertinent information.

4.04.06.02 Rest room facilities should be available at all locations.

4.04.06.03 Three licensed referees assigned to each game. Club linesmen may be used at U-10 and U-12 age groups if stated in the invitations. This requirement does not apply to tournaments where 1 licensed referee is allowed in the tournament rules (3V3 for example).

4.04.06.04 All officials should be in proper uniform.

4.04.06.05 Invitations must be mailed out at least two (2) months prior to the tournament entry deadline.

- 4.04.06.06 Concession stands should be available to provide refreshments for players and spectators.
- 4.04.06.07 A Field Marshall should be available at each complex for crowd control, information, etc.
- 4.04.06.08 Laminated NMYSA/US Youth Soccer Player Pass Cards are required and must be checked; in addition, an NMYSA Team Roster signed by the League Registrar and accompanied by proof of age, per 4.04.09.02B below, are required. The approved travel permits for all out-of-state teams shall be checked.
- 4.04.06.09 Where possible, league should try to provide a volunteer trainer, EMT, or Red Cross person to be at all tournament games.

4.04.07 Tournament Report

- 4.04.07.01 The Tournament Report must be filed with the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games at the conclusion of the tournament, including the following information:
 - A. A copy of program.
 - B. Rules of play.
 - C. An Invitation.
 - D. A Letter of Acceptance.
 - E. A Letter of Rejection.
 - F. NMYSA Referee Report Form.
 - G. Credentials Report.
 - H. Sanctioning fees for Class I through V tournaments as follows:.

Format	NMYSA Teams	NM USSF Affiliates (AYSO, US Club etc.)	All Out of State Teams
11 v 11	\$11	\$11	\$11
8 v 8	\$8	\$8	\$8
6 v 6	\$6	\$6	\$6
4 v 4	\$4	\$4	\$4
3 v 3	\$3	\$3	\$3

- I. Sanction fees of \$3.00 for each team entered in Class VI and VII tournaments.
 - J. List of Participating Teams
- 4.04.07.02 Failure to file a report within 30 days will result in \$100.00 fine and a league being placed in bad standing until the report is received and may result in refusal to sanction future tournaments.

4.04.07.03 Serious problems (team behavior, illegal players, etc.) must be reported to the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games immediately. Reports must be in writing, and if confirmed, may result in disciplinary action, to include a team being declared ineligible to attend future NMYSA sanction tournaments.

4.04.07.04 In case of ejection, a copy of the game Card and the referees report must be sent immediately to the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games for referral to the proper authorities.

4.04.08 Tournament Evaluation

4.04.08.01 Each tournament will be subject to a yearly review and evaluation by the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games.

4.04.08.02 After such review, each tournament requesting sanction will be recommended to one (1) of the seven (7) tournament classes for the following year.

4.04.09 Rules of Play

4.04.09.01 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Each team should provide an Official Team Roster which has been signed by appropriate Registrar(s).

B. The entry fee must be received by the established deadline.

4.04.09.02 CREDENTIALS

Each team must present the following to the Tournament Credentials Committee:

A. *New Mexico Teams:* An NMYSA Official Team Roster signed by Coach, League Registrar. *Out of State Teams:* A US Youth Soccer Official Team Roster and travel papers.

B. 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 United States, 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, as per Rule 204 of the US Youth Soccer Playing Rules.

NOTE: Proof of age in foreign languages must have English translation attached to the original document. Translations may be provided by anyone recognized as a translator by the USYSA National State Association governing that player. No parent or other family member can translate for any member of their son's or daughter's team 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. All translations will be dated and include qualifications to translate, signature, address and telephone number of the translator.

C. Laminated NMYSA / US Youth Soccer Player Cards with the current player picture, and signature of appropriate registrar(s). The cards for ODP players will be NMYSA / US Youth Soccer Player Cards with the signature of the State Registrar.

4.04.09.03 In order to be eligible for tournament play, a player must be registered and rostered in the NMYSA database at least 24 hours prior to the tournament check-in. For NMYSA cup play, additional requirements are contained in 4.06.02.03., and appendix B of this document.

4.04.09.04 BRACKET ALLOCATIONS

Bracket allocations should be determined by the type of tournament being conducted, the philosophies and objectives of the tournament, and other limiting factors (field and time constraints).

4.04.09.05 A SUGGESTED BRACKET STANDING DETERMINATION

A. Bracket standings may be determined by the following point system.

- 3 points for a Win
- 1 points for a Tie
- 0 points for a Loss

B. Forfeits shall be scored as follows:

Any team which "wins by forfeit" shall receive 3 points for a win.

C. When the referee stops the game due to one team's misconduct:

1. If during the first half of play, it is declared a Forfeit and the game is scored per 4.04.09.05B.
2. If after the first half of play, the offending team forfeits, receives no points, and the game is scored per 4.04.09.05B. The other team shall retain all goals scored.

D. If the referee stops the game due to inclement weather:

1. If during the first half of play the game will be rescheduled.
2. If after the first half of play the game stands.

E. In the event of a tie, bracket winners and runners-up may be determined as follows:

1. Head-to-head results.
2. The Winner of the most games.
3. Cumulative Goal Differential between goals scored and goals allowed in all games played within your bracket. Maximum difference allowed is four (4) goals per game.
4. Least number of goals allowed.
5. FIFA Penalty Kicks.

This tie-breaking procedure shall be used if necessary to determine 1st and 2nd place standing within a bracket. If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tie-breaker criteria listed will be used in order shown beginning at #2, to either advance or eliminate one team. The remaining teams will then be compared, beginning again with criteria #2 to determine the ultimate placement.

In the event that a team forfeits one of its preliminary round games, the opposing team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, and the forfeiting team zero (0) points for the loss. In the event that goal differential becomes a factor in future tie-breaking procedures, the goals for the forfeited game shall be determined by taking the average of the cumulative goal differential for the other preliminary games. Maximum goal difference allowed is four (4) goals per game.

4.04.09.06 TIES IN GAMES

If a winner must be determined the following procedure may be used:

A. 2 overtime periods:

U-12	5 min. ea.
U-14	10 min. ea.
U-16 thru U-19	10 min. ea.

FIFA Laws of the Game shall be used.

B. If the game still tied after the two (2) overtime periods, FIFA penalty kicks will determine the winner.

4.04.09.07 TARDINESS TO GAMES

Any team more than fifteen (15) minutes late for a game will forfeit that game.

4.04.09.08 EXPULSIONS / SUSPENSIONS FOR RED CARDS AND YELLOW CARDS

1. Should a player or coach be expelled (red card) from a game, the player or coach will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game of that event. The referee shall deliver the player's or coach's pass card, along with the game report, to the tournament director. Should a player or coach receive a second red card in a tournament, the player or coach will not be permitted to continue in the tournament. Appropriate disciplinary actions will follow from that team's governing body.

2. A player (or other team official) who receives a total of three (3) yellow cards during the tournament will not participate in the team's next tournament game. Coaches are responsible for enforcement of suspensions. If a player or coach participates in a game in which they should have been suspended, the team will be deemed to have used an ineligible player and will forfeit the game.

4.04.09.09 MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS TO START A GAME

In an 11 vs. 11 game, a minimum of seven (7) players is required to start. For games involving fewer than 11 players on a side, different requirements may hold.

Each NMYSA team entered in a tournament shall receive with its completed roster an NMYSA Coaches Tournament Report Form. This form is to be completed and mailed to the Director of Cups and Games before the team will be issued any other tournament roster (refer to 4.07).

4.04.09.010 SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions shall be decided by tournament rules. In general however they should follow FIFA Laws of the Game.

4.04.09.011 BALL SIZES

The following ball sizes are recommended:

Under 06 - #3 ball

Under 08 - #3 ball

Under 10 - #4 ball

Under 12 - #4 ball

Under 14 - #5 ball

Under 16 - #5 ball

Under 19 - #5 ball

4.04.09.012 Recommended Protests and Appeals

- 1.) Judgment decisions of referees will not be allowed.
- 2.) Suspension penalties applied that are within posted minimums cannot be appealed. Appeals of penalties in excess of the posted minimums must be done according to the established protests and appeals procedures.
- 3.) All questions relating to qualification of competitors, to interpretations of rules, to suspensions, and to disputes or protests shall be referred to the P&A Committee whose decisions shall be final and binding.
- 4.) In order for protests to be valid and eligible for consideration, the intent to protest shall be verbally lodged with the center referee and the opposing coach at the game site immediately after the end of the game that is being protested.
- 5.) To be valid and eligible for consideration, the protest regarding the game must be submitted in writing by the rostered coach or assistant coach with \$50.00 (non-refundable) to the Tournament headquarters within two (2) hours after the end of the game that is being protested.
- 6.) The Tournament Director will form a Committee of three (3) to adjudicate the protest.
- 7.) The protest hearing will be completed before either team plays their next game in the tournament
- 8.) The Tournament Director will notify the coaches of the teams involved of the committee's findings.
- 9.) A plea of ignorance to the rules of competition is not sufficient grounds for protest or appeal.
- 10.) All decisions of the Protest & Appeals Committee will be final.

4.04.09.013 AWARDS - Indicate what type of awards will be given.

4.04.09.014 HOUSING - Indicate the nature of housing available, if any.

4.05 HOW TO HOLD A TOURNAMENT: WHAT TO DO

4.05.01 Apply for Tournament Sanction

4.05.01.01 Complete the US Youth Soccer Application to Host a Tournament or Games and the US Youth Soccer Hosting Agreement forms.

4.05.01.02 Send four copies to the State Office administrator. Copies are then provided to the relevant District Commissioner and the NMYSA Director of Cups and

Games.

- 4.05.01.03 For Class I, II, and III Tournaments, this request should be made at least three (3) months prior to the tournament. For Class IV, V, VI and VII Tournaments, informational copies shall be submitted to the Director of Cups and Games 14 days prior to the tournament.

4.05.02 Establish a Tournament Committee

It is recommended that the following comprise a tournament committee:

- A. Tournament Director
- B. Assistant Director
- C. Director of Coaching or Technical Director
- D. Housing Director
- E. Field Marshall
- F. Awards
- G. Scoreboard
- H. Credentials
- I. Head Referee
- J. City (or other entity) Coordination (fields and facilities)
- K. Entertainment

4.05.03 Send Out Tournament Invitations

Tournament invitations should be mailed to all teams, leagues, or associations that are desired for the tournament. Copies of the invitations should also be sent to the Director of Cups and Games, the Vice-President (Youth Commissioner), and the State Registrar. Included with this invitation should be an entry form.

4.05.04 Select the Teams for the Tournament

- 4.05.04.01 Once the deadline has arrived, select the teams to participate in the tournament.
- 4.05.04.02 Send a letter of acceptance to each team that has been selected. Include with the letter the tournament format and rules of play. These should also be in tournament invitations.
- 4.05.04.03 Send a letter of rejection to any team not chosen to participate.

4.05.05 For New Mexico Registered Teams

5 days prior to tournament send to State Registrar:

- A. One copy of the NMYSA Official Team Roster, with appropriate signatures (coach, league registrar).

B. One original of any guest player form plus (2) two copies.

4.05.06 Conduct Your Tournament

4.05.07 Complete the Tournament Report (4.04.07.01)

Once the tournament has been completed, prepare the Tournament Report and Credentials Report Form and forward them to the NMYSA Director of Cups and Games.

4.05.08 Checklist for the Tournament Director

- 4.05.08.01 File application for tournament.
- 4.05.08.02 Send copy of invitation to NMYSA Director of Cups and Games.
- 4.05.08.03 Receive sanction from NMYSA.
- 4.05.08.04 Mail the invitations.
- 4.05.08.05 Select teams.
- 4.05.08.06 Mail the list of teams accepted forms to NMYSA Director of Cups and Games, State Registrar and District Commissioner.
- 4.05.08.07 Send letters of acceptance or rejection to all applicants.
- 4.05.08.08 Prepare a tournament program.
- 4.05.08.09 Secure licensed referees far in advance.
- 4.05.08.010 Check the tournament rules to make sure all are being followed.
- 4.05.08.011 Conduct the tournament.
- 4.05.08.012 File the Tournament Report and Credentials Report Forms.

4.06 NMYSA STATE-SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

4.06.01 NMYSA Cups

Each year NMYSA will sponsor the following tournaments:

A. *NM Open State Cup*: Any NMYSA Boys or Girls team U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18 and U-19.

New Mexico Cup: Any Boys or Girls team U-9, U-10, U-11, U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18 and U-19.

B. In order to be played, a tournament must have four teams unless it is a regional qualifying tournament or authorized by the Board of Directors.

C. The NM Open State Cup will serve as the regional qualification tournament for NMYSA U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18 and U-19 teams. The winners of each of these tournaments will represent NMYSA in the Regional Tournament. These tournaments will be played even if there are less than four (4) teams.

D. Expulsions and suspensions will carry over to the National Championship.

4.06.02 Rules Specific to NMYSA Sponsored Tournaments

4.06.02.01 FEES AND PROCEDURES

The entry fees and procedures for these competitions shall be established and approved by the NMYSA Board of Directors. All fees and forms must be submitted to the proper state officer on or before the date specified by the NMYSA Board of Directors.

4.06.02.02 ELIGIBILITY

A. General. These competitions shall be open to teams rostered with NMYSA in their appropriate gender by February 1st of the current seasonal year (refer to 4.03.03).

B. To be eligible for NM Open State Cup, a team may not have rostered more than five (5) transferred players at any time during the current seasonal year (USSF Rule 4063.2).

C. No player may play in both the NM Open State Cup and the New Mexico Cup.

4.06.02.03 CUP COMPETITION PROCEDURES

A. For all NMYSA state-sponsored tournaments an OFFICIAL TEAM ROSTER, signed by the District Commissioner, the team coach, and League Registrar must be submitted to the State Registrar 15 days prior to the tournament. Once submitted, these rosters are frozen for the remainder of the tournament (USSF Rule 4063 Section 7).

B. Individual laminated NMYSA/US Youth Soccer Player Pass Cards will be required for all players participating in any NMYSA state-sponsored

tournament (3.06.01). All coaches will have similar Pass Cards.

- C. The coach of teams entering an NMYSA state-sponsored tournament must have in their possession at all times during the tournament the NMYSA/US Youth Soccer Membership form with the notarized medical release signed for each player playing in the tournament.
- D. Each team will provide the referee prior to each game a roster which includes team name, players' first and last names, player I.D. number and jersey number.
- E. Proof of age per 4.04.09.02 B above and the credentials mentioned in 4.06.02.03 B, C, and D above will be checked by the Tournament Credentials Committee. (The player pass cards will be checked by the referee prior to each game). Should an individual player pass card be misplaced at any given game of the cup, the Credential Committee of the cup must certify player for play. Until that certification occurs, that player will not be allowed to play.
- F. NMYSA Referee Reports will be used for all cup games.
- G. The beginning of any state-sponsored tournament shall be defined as the first day of the first game played in that tournament regardless of the age/sex group.
- H. The State Youth Referee Administrator and Director of Cups and Games shall approve a list of the referees for the tournament. Three certified referees are required to referee any game in an Open State Cup tournament. In the event of non-appearance of any scheduled referee, the tournament director shall do everything possible to appoint a certified replacement. In the event that this is impossible, then the opposing coaches and tournament director must agree on a solution. The game is to be played and will be deemed official.

I. Game lengths for cup competition play will be as follows:

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>GAME LENGTH</u>	<u>OT PERIODS (sudden victory)</u>
U-19, 18, 17	2 - 45' halves	2 - 10' halves
U-16	2 - 40' halves	2 - 10' halves
U-14	2 - 35' halves	2 - 10' halves
U-12	2 - 30' halves	2 - 5' halves

4.06.02.04 TOURNAMENT DATES AND SITES

Tournament dates and sites will be set by the NMYSA Board of Directors.

4.06.02.05 APPLICATION FOR NMYSA OPEN STATE CUP

Applications for NM Open State Cup, along with the tournament fee, shall be postmarked to the NMYSA State Office no later than the official entry date (posted on current NMYSA web site and advertised by newsletter) of the current seasonal year.

A. Any team submitting an application form and tournament fee postmarked by the deadline and being qualified as per 4.06.02.02 and 4.03.01 shall be guaranteed a spot in the tournament. Delivering the application and fee to the State office by COB of the deadline shall be interpreted as having satisfied the postmark requirement.

B. Any team submitting an application form postmarked after the deadline shall be placed on a waiting list and be admitted to the tournament at the discretion of the NMYSA Board of Directors. Reasons for admitting teams with late application forms and fees shall be:

1. For the convenience of scheduling (to replace teams dropping, and then only if a team dropping causes scheduling difficulties).
2. To round out brackets in order to make the tournament “more fair” for all who are entered.
3. To admit a team who can prove they mailed their form and fee but such items were lost by the postal system. It is in the responsibility of each team, to the best of its ability, to ensure that its form and fee reach the Director of Cups and Games. A certified letter is recommended.

C. Any team (except one affected by postal system problems) that submits a late application form and fee and which is admitted to the tournament for any of the reasons above shall pay a fine determined by the NMYSA Board of Directors.

D. Any team that withdraws by notifying the Director of Cups and Games in writing prior to the drawing will not have its entry fee returned and will not be penalized further. A team seeking to withdraw from the NM Open State Cup after the drawing shall be considered as forfeiting and subject to provision of section 4.06.02.08.

E. All final decisions on NMYSA state-sponsored tournaments shall rest with the NMYSA Board of Directors.

4.06.02.06 Specific tournament information and state rules (Appendix B) shall be provided to the coaches by the hosting tournament site. A list of tournament sites will be available, in February of each seasonal year, from any member of the Board of Directors.

4.06.02.07 Deadline for submitting tournament rosters to the State Registrar shall be strictly adhered to. Deadlines will be put in the state calendar each seasonal year. U19 Deadlines will be established separate from the other age groups by the state cup committee. **TOURNAMENT PLAY FOR THE OPEN STATE CUP STARTS THE FIRST WEEKEND OF TOURNAMENT PLAY, WHETHER A TEAM PARTICIPATES THAT WEEKEND OR NOT.** The deadline for tournament rosters is based on this date. There will be **NO EXCUSES** for not knowing the roster deadline.

4.06.02.08 Fines, Fees, and Intentionally Forfeited Games

- A. In the event that a team intentionally forfeits an NMYSA-sponsored game, an amount equal to the entry fee shall be charged to the team. The league in which the forfeiting team is registered is responsible for payment of the fee to NMYSA within 30 days. Any team that intentionally forfeits a game shall be suspended from further participation in that tournament. All of the forfeiting team's games in the tournament including games already completed shall be null and void. Bracket standings shall be determined as though that team never participated in the tournament. Intentionally forfeited games (not an unfinished game) shall be defined as a willful act to not play in a scheduled game during a state-sponsored tournament.
- B. Any team that intentionally abandons a state-sponsored game will be fined an amount equal to the entry fee. "Intentionally abandon" shall be defined as a willful act to not continue play of a scheduled game once it has started.
- C. The coach of the team that intentionally forfeits or intentionally abandons a state-sponsored game will be suspended by NMYSA from coaching from the time of the act for one calendar year.
- D. In the event that a team forfeits a Consolation or Championship game, the opposing team shall advance.
- E. Any team which withdraws by notifying the Director of Cups and Games in writing prior to the draw will not have its entry fee returned and will not be further penalized. A team seeking to withdraw from an NMYSA state sponsored tournament after the draw shall be considered as intentionally forfeiting.
- F. Any roster postmarked after the deadline for rosters for any NMYSA state-sponsored tournament will be fined \$300 and the team will have three days after the notification to submit the money with their late roster. If a team does not pay the late roster fine they will be dropped from the tournament and shall be considered as intentionally forfeiting.
- G. Any fine assessed by US Youth Soccer against an NMYSA team at any level above state cup is the responsibility of the league whose team receives the

fine. Any fine assessed against NMYSA by US Youth Soccer shall be passed on to the league of the offending team for payment.

4.06.03 Awards

- 4.06.03.01 Awards will be presented for first and second places in all age/sex groups. Additionally, awards for third and fourth places will be presented in all age/sex groups of U-14 and below.

4.07 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

The NMYSA Board of Directors will set the dates for state-sponsored cups/tournaments annually. Exact dates are listed on the NMYSA Calendar.

4.08 TRAVEL PROCEDURES [SUPERCEDED]

This section has been replaced in its entirety by the *NMYSA Travel Manual* of 24 February 2008, which is posted as a separate document.

4.09 HOSTING TEAMS FOR EXHIBITION GAMES/SERIES

4.09.01 Invited Teams from Outside States, but Within the USA, Canada, or Mexico

- 4.09.01.01 Hosting team(s) must submit US Youth Soccer Exhibition Games Form to State Vice-President (Youth Commissioner) for approval.
- 4.09.01.02 Invited team(s) must submit to their home state a copy of their travel papers. A copy must be sent to the NMYSA Vice-President (Youth Commissioner)

4.09.02 Invited teams from outside the USA, Canada, or Mexico

- 4.09.02.01 Hosting team(s) must submit US Youth Soccer Exhibition Games Form to State Vice-President (Youth Commissioner) for approval.
- 4.09.02.02 Foreign team(s) must submit to the State Vice-President (Youth Commissioner) a copy of their home federation travel papers plus an in-depth itinerary 14 days prior to arrival.
- 4.09.02.03 Advance notice for US Youth Soccer form: 30 days

NOTE: Any team wishing to host a foreign team shall, in addition to the US Youth Soccer Exhibition Games Form, submit a separate Application to Host a Foreign Team Form at the time of application.

4.09.03 Teams, Clubs, Associations, or Leagues wishing to Host International Tournaments, or Games.

4.09.03.01 HOSTING TOURNAMENTS OR GAMES FOR TEAMS WITHIN THE USA, CANADA, OR MEXICO

Hosting body must submit US Youth Soccer Application to Host Games/Tournaments Form to State Director of Cups and Games for approval.

4.09.03.02 HOSTING TOURNAMENTS/GAMES FOR TEAMS OUTSIDE THE USA, CANADA, OR MEXICO

A. Hosting body must submit US Youth Soccer Application to Host Tournament/Games to the State Director of Cups and Games for approval.

B. Invited foreign teams must submit their travel papers from their home federation to the hosting body and the State Vice-President (Youth Commissioner) at least 14 days prior to the competition.

C. Advance notice: 90 days

NOTE: No privately sponsored organization can host a US Youth Soccer affiliated and sanctioned event. Only US Youth Soccer affiliated clubs, leagues, teams, and associations may host a NMYSA or US Youth Soccer sanctioned invitational tournament or games.

4.10 SAMPLE FORMS

4.10.01 List of Sample forms

- A. US YOUTH SOCCER APPLICATION FOR TOURNAMENT
- B. US YOUTH SOCCER APPLICATION TO HOST FOREIGN TEAMS
- C. US YOUTH SOCCER APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL
- D. PROCEDURES FOR TRAVELING WITHIN NORTH AMERICA
- E. US YOUTH SOCCER ROSTER FORM
- F. US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORM
- G. NMYSA TOURNAMENT REPORT FORM
- H. NMYSA TOURNAMENT RESULTS FORM
- I. NMYSA CREDENTIALS REPORT FORM
- J. ROUTINE FOR SECURING APPROVAL TO HOST TOURNAMENT
- K. NMYSA REFEREE REPORT FORM
- L. NMYSA GUEST PLAYER AUTHORIZATION FORM
- M. [RESERVED]
- N. [FORM] INVITATION TO TOURNAMENT
- O. [FORM] TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM
- P. [FORM] TEAM INFORMATION SHEET
- Q. [FORM] LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE
- R. [FORM] LETTER OF REJECTION
- S. [FORM] LIST OF TEAMS ACCEPTED
- T. [FORM] COACHES' TOURNAMENT REPORT

Note: Forms are available electronically on the NMYSA or US Youth Soccer web sites. Web addresses are:

<http://www.nmysa.net/n-form.html>

<http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/organization/download/main.html>

In the event you cannot access or cannot find a specific form, please contact the State Office for paper copies.

APPENDIX A: USSF DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO TOURNAMENTS

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

- A. A club or league in which the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players to selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited.
- B. The club or league administering the team accepts as participants in the club or league any and all eligible youths within their defined boundaries.
- C. A system of rostering players is employed for the purpose of creating a fair or balanced distribution of playing talent among all teams participating.
- D. League rules require that each player on a recreational team play at least one-half (1/2) of each game except for reasons of injury, illness, or discipline.

CLASSIC (e.g., COMPETITIVE) LEAGUE

- A. A club or league in which the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is permitted.
- B. A club or league, which uses one or more club or league rules restricting the manner in which players may be rostered to participating teams.

PREMIER LEAGUE

- A. A club or league in which no club or league rule restricts the manner in which players may be rostered to participating teams, except for rules which define and prohibit unethical recruiting behavior.

AMENDED ROSTER

A roster that has a player added to the roster after the deadline for submission to State Registrar.

APPENDIX B:
2007 US Youth Soccer
New Mexico Open State Cup
National Championship Series
TOURNAMENT RULES

The following document describes the format to be used for seeding of teams and for conducting the Open State Cup for New Mexico Youth Soccer Association. This format is based on the recognition that the Open State Cup is part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series, and its fundamental purpose is to determine NMYSA's most qualified representatives to the Far West Regional segment of the National Championship Series.

Tournament Format

1. The US Youth Soccer New Mexico Open State Cup will be played according to the following table. This table is not intended to define specific weekends of play.

No. of Teams in Pool	Bracket & Pool Format (1 st Round Bracket)	Comments	Championship Determination
1			Championship declared at draw
2	Home Team (must result in a winner)	Away Team (must result in a winner)	Championship if necessary
3	Pool play in round robin format	All games must result in a winner	Winner of pool declared Champion
4	Pool play in round robin format	All games must result in a winner	Winner of pool declared Champion
5	Pool play in round robin format	All games must result in a winner	Winner of pool declared Champion
6	Round Robin 2 brackets (3,3)		Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
7	Round Robin 2 brackets (3,4)		Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
8	Round Robin 2 brackets (4,4)		Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
9	Round Robin 2 brackets (4,5)		Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
10	Round Robin 2 brackets (5,5)		Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
11	Round Robin 2 brackets (5,6)		Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
12	Round Robin 4 brackets (3,3,3,3)	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
13	Round Robin 4 brackets (3,3,3,4)	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
14	Round Robin 4 brackets (3,3,4,4)	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
15	Round Robin 4 brackets (3,4,4,4)	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
16	Round Robin 4 brackets (4,4,4,4)	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
17	Round Robin	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons

	4 brackets (4,4,4,5)		(U14 & below)
18	Round Robin 4 brackets (4,4,5,5)	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
19	Round Robin 4 brackets (4,5,5,5)	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)
20	Round Robin 4 brackets (5,5,5,5)	Quarterfinal	Semi-Champ/Cons (U14 & below)

2. In the case of a two-team pool, all games will be played at the Open State Cup's primary venue in Bernalillo, NM. Each game must have a winner; *i.e.*, the winner of two out of three games is the Champion.

3. In the case of two-bracket pools, the top two teams (by tournament points) from each bracket will advance to semifinals (1st of A vs 2nd B and 1st of B vs 2nd of A). Championship and consolation (U14 and below) matches will be played.

4. In case of four-bracket pools, the top two teams (by tournament points) from each bracket will advance to quarterfinals (#1=1st of A vs 2nd of B, #2=2nd of A vs 1st of B, #3=1st of C vs 2nd of D, #4=2nd of C vs 1st of D). Winners of quarterfinal matches advance to semifinals (winner of #1 vs winner of #4 and winner of #2 vs winner of #3). Championship and consolation (U14 and below) matches will be played.

5. In the case of pools with 3, 4 or 5 teams, the tournament points earned in round-robin play will determine the champion. See tie-breaker rules below.

Seeding

1. Teams that placed 1st and 2nd in the previous year's State Cup within their own age group will be seeded according to their final standings. For example, seeding for U14G will be based on U13G standings from the previous year. Where 3rd and 4th places can be determined from previous year results, those teams will also be seeded according to those results. If 3rd and 4th places cannot be determined by previous year results, seeding of 3rd and 4th places will be by random draw of the semi-final losers from the previous year. In all cases, teams will only be seeded if they have 9 returning players from the previous year's team.

2. A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the previous year's State Cup official roster and the team's league roster prior to the draw by maintaining 9 players common to both of those rosters.

3. A team that has changed its identity (*i.e.*, name or club) but can demonstrate that it still maintains 9 players remaining from its previous year's State Cup roster is considered the same team for seeding purposes.

4. Seeding will be as follows:

Four-Bracket Pool

A	1 st	B	4 th	C	2 nd	D	3 rd
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Two-Bracket Pool

A	1 st	B	2 nd
	4 th		3 rd

5. In the event that a team which placed first to third in the previous year's State Cup does not enter, the remaining seeded teams will be seeded accordingly. No additional teams will be seeded.

6. In the case of odd numbers of teams, highest-seeded team will be given the smaller bracket.

Order of Play

1. All play for the first round of pools with 6 or more teams is "Round Robin" with bracket standings based on tournament points. Games may end in a tie. Tie-breakers will be used to determine advancement when needed.
2. All play for pools of 3, 4 or 5 teams is "Round Robin" with the championship based on tournament points. Overtime periods and kicks from the mark (see below) will be used to determine a winner in all games played. Tie-breakers to determine the champion will be used when needed.
3. If possible, in all brackets where there are two teams in the bracket that have been seeded based on prior year results, the game between those teams will be the last game for each team.
4. Standings in bracket play will determine seeding for subsequent rounds. Second- and third-round play consists of quarterfinals (for fields of 12 or more teams), semifinals and championship, and consolation (U14 and below) matches.

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**2007 US Youth Soccer
New Mexico Open State Cup
National Championship Series
TOURNAMENT RULES (abridged)**

Rules of play

Games will be officiated using the FIFA Laws of the Game, and modified for age-appropriate play.

Duration of Play: Matches consist of two halves of the following length

U13 & U14 = 35 Minutes

U15 & U16 = 40 Minutes

U17, U18, & U19 = 45 minutes.

Ball Size: U13 and older will use a size 5 ball.

Field size: U13 and above will play on regulation FIFA-sized fields.

Scoring Method in the Preliminary Round and Pool Play

In pool play and first-round bracket play, team standings shall be determined by accumulation of points awarded as follows:

Win (including forfeit)	3 points
Tie	1 point
Loss (including unintentional forfeit)	0 points

Tie-breaking Rules for 3-, 4- and 5-Team Pools

If necessary, the following tie-breaking rules will be used to determine standings after all games in the pool have been played:

- 1.) If two teams are tied in points, team standings will be determined by the results of their head to head game.
- 2.) If more than two teams are tied, the following tie-breaker criteria will be used in the order shown to determine the Champion:
 - a. Winner of most games

- b. Cumulative goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in all games played within the pool. Maximum difference allowed is four (4) goals per game.
- c. Least goals allowed in all games played within the pool.
- d. Kicks from the penalty mark per FIFA Law.

If kicks from the penalty mark (d) are required for more than two teams, the teams will take part in a round robin “shoot out” of kicks from the penalty mark in the same order as the pool play order was accomplished. Teams will start the kicks with an equal number of participants. Participants may be any eleven or fewer rostered, eligible players.

- 3.) **If at the end of the round robin shoot out, the teams are still tied, the team coaches will effect a draw (*i.e.*, cards, straws, etc.) to determine which team will get a bye for a 3-team elimination round of kicks from the penalty mark. The two remaining teams will participate in kicks from the penalty mark, with the winner advancing to the finals. The team awarded the bye will advance directly to the finals to participate in kicks from the penalty mark against the winner of the other two teams.**

Tie-breaking Rules in the 1st Round of Bracket Play for Pools of Six or More Teams.

If necessary, the following tie-breaking rules will be used to determine the order of team advancement:

- 1.) Head to head results
- 2.) Winner of most games
- 3.) Cumulative goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in all games played within the bracket. Maximum difference allowed is four (4) goals per game.
- 4.) Least goals allowed in all games played within the bracket.
- 5.) Kicks from the penalty mark per FIFA Law.

This tie-breaking procedure shall be used if necessary to determine 1st and 2nd place standing within a bracket. If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tie-breaker criteria listed will be used in order shown beginning at #2, to either advance or eliminate one team. The remaining teams will then be compared, beginning again with criteria #2, to determine the ultimate placement. If more than two teams are still tied after #4 is applied, the team coaches will effect a draw (*i.e.*, cards, straws, etc.) to determine the order in which the kicks from the mark will be taken.

In the event that a team unintentionally forfeits one of its 1st-round bracket games, the opposing team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, and the forfeiting team zero (0) points for the loss. In the event that goal differential becomes a factor in future tie-breaking procedures, the goals for the forfeited game shall be determined by taking the average of the cumulative goal differential for the other preliminary games. Maximum goal difference allowed is four (4) goals per game.

Overtime Periods For All Games Requiring a Winner

During the periods of overtime (two equal periods of not more than 10 minutes each) played at the end of normal playing time, the team which scores the first goal is declared the winner (*i.e.*, “Golden Goal”). If a game is still tied at the end of prescribed overtime play, FIFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” rules will apply in order to determine the winner.

Grace Periods

Any team not ready to play at the scheduled start time shall be granted a fifteen (15) minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players and one rostered coach of that team constitutes a legal team. Any team not ready to play at the expiration of the grace period shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.

Suspension Guidelines

All suspensions due to this rule will be served during the tournament in which they were received (including

Regionals). The term “game” shall include kicks from the mark taken to determine a winner at the end of overtime periods (*i.e.*, kicks taken during round robin tie-breaker procedures as discussed above). Suspended players or other team officials may not be on the team side of the field. Coaches are responsible for the enforcement of suspensions.

If a player or other team official participates in a game in which they should have been suspended, the team will be deemed to have used an ineligible player and will forfeit the game.

Coaches, assistant coaches and rostered team officials sent off the field of play for an infringement of the “laws of the game” shall have one (1) additional game added to the “Suspension Guidelines” below that would normally be levied against a player for a similar infringement.

“Club” coaches or coaches listed on multiple rosters who are suspended will serve their suspension during the next scheduled game(s) involving the team they were coaching at the time of their suspension, unless that team has no remaining games in the National Championship Series. In that case the coach will serve his/her suspension during the next scheduled games(s) for which the coach is rostered in the National Championship Series.

The State Cup Committee shall act on all disciplinary matters and shall have discretionary powers in determining disciplinary action applied to team personnel and players. Game suspensions listed below are to be regarded as minimums for the charged offenses. Depending on the findings of the Committee, penalties may be increased according to the gravity of the infringements.

When sent off the field of play and shown the red card for infringement of the “laws of the game” players shall be suspended as follows:

Serious Foul Play - All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.

Foul and Abusive Language - All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.

Second Cautionable Offense – Receiving a second yellow card after previous yellow card. All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.

Violent Conduct - All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of two (2) games.

Referee Abuse/Assault - All age groups: Suspend for a minimum of one (1) year with review by the Board of Directors regarding further disciplinary action.

Referee abuse/assault includes, but is not limited to, pushing in an act of aggression, kicking, spitting at, striking or attempting to strike a referee, assistant referee, or fourth official.

Any player or team official who refuses the referee’s request for their name or gives a false name, while the referee is gathering data to report on an infringement of the “laws of the game” involving them, shall have one (1) game added to the suspension that would normally be levied by the State Cup Committee.

In specific situations, the Committee may place an individual on probation, in addition to the suspension, for a period of time not to exceed the length of the suspension. The probationary period is to be served immediately following the suspension period and is intended to monitor an individual’s degree of reformation. Should an individual on probation be sent off the field of play and shown the red card during the probationary period, the original suspension and probation shall be re-applied and no appeal will be heard.

Unfinished Matches

If the referee stops a match due to one team’s conduct, the match is declared a forfeit, with the offending team losing the match and the winning team being awarded the maximum points for that match. If the referee stops a match due to inclement weather during (a) the first half of play, the match will be rescheduled or (b) if after the end of the first half of play, the score of the match stands.

Forfeits

A. In the event that a team intentionally forfeits an NMYSА-sponsored game, an amount equal to the entry fee shall be charged to the team. The league in which the forfeiting team is registered is responsible for payment of the fee to NMYSА within 30 days. Any team that intentionally forfeits a game shall be suspended from further participation in the tournament. All of the forfeiting team's games in the tournament including games already completed shall be null and void. Bracket standings shall be determined as though that team never participated in the tournament. An intentional forfeit (not an unfinished game) shall be defined as a willful act not to play in a scheduled game during a State-sponsored tournament, as determined by the State Cup Committee. The determination of the State Cup Committee is final, and not subject to dispute or recourse to the Protest and Appeals Committee.

B. Any team that intentionally abandons a State-sponsored game will be fined an amount equal to the entry fee. "Intentionally abandon" shall be defined as a willful act not to continue play of a scheduled game once it has started as determined by the State Cup Committee. The determination of the State Cup Committee is final, and not subject to dispute or recourse to the Protest and Appeals Committee.

C. The coach of the team that intentionally forfeits or intentionally abandons a State-sponsored game will be suspended by NMYSА from coaching in New Mexico from the time of the act for one calendar year.

D. In the event that a team forfeits or abandons a Consolation or Championship game, preceding penalties shall apply and the opposing team shall advance.

E. Any team which withdraws by notifying the Director of Cups and Games in writing prior to the draw will not have its entry fee returned and will not be further penalized. A team seeking to withdraw from a NMYSА State-sponsored tournament after the draw shall be considered as intentionally forfeiting.

F. Any roster postmarked after the deadline for rosters for any NMYSА State-sponsored tournament will be fined \$300 and the team will have three days after the notification to submit the money with their late roster. If a team does not pay the late roster fine, they will be dropped from the tournament and shall be considered as intentionally forfeiting.

G. Any fine assessed by US Youth Soccer against an NMYSА team at any level above State Cup is the responsibility of the league whose team receives the fine. Any fine assessed against NMYSА by US Youth Soccer shall be passed on to the league of the offending team for payment.

Sidelines

Both teams will assume opposite ends of the same touchline. Spectators must remain on the opposite side of the field. Only coaches or trainers with a valid NMYSА pass card for the teams playing will be allowed on the team side of the field. All teams must have one of their rostered coaches at the field during the entire game. If a team's only rostered coach is expelled, the team must forfeit the game, but will not be deemed to have intentionally forfeited the game.

Home Team Responsibilities

The first team listed on the schedule is the "home team" for that match. The home team is responsible for a change of uniform in the event of a color conflict.

Substitutions

An unlimited number of substitutions shall be allowed. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times: (1) prior to a throw-in in your favor, (2) prior to a goal kick, by either team, (3) after a goal,

by either team, (4) after an injury, (5) at half-time, and (6) any time when the referee grants permission.

Protests and Appeals

- 1.) Protests and Appeals of judgment decisions of referees will not be allowed.
- 2.) Suspension penalties applied that are within posted minimums cannot be appealed. Appeals of penalties in excess of the posted minimums must be done according to the protests and appeals procedures shown below.
- 3.) All questions relating to qualification of competitors, to interpretations of rules, to suspensions, and to disputes or protests shall be referred to the Protests and Appeals Committee whose decisions shall be final and binding.
- 4.) In order for protests to be valid and eligible for consideration, the intent to protest shall be verbally lodged with the center referee and the opposing coach at the game site immediately after the end of the game that is being protested.
- 5.) To be valid and eligible for consideration, the protest regarding the game must be submitted in writing by the rostered coach or assistant coach with a \$50.00 fee (non-refundable) to the Tournament headquarters within two (2) hours after the end of the game that is being protested.
- 6.) The State Cup Tournament Director will form a Protests and Appeals Committee of three (3) to adjudicate the protest.
- 7.) The protest hearing will be completed before either team plays their next game in the tournament
- 8.) The State Cup Tournament Director will notify the coaches of the teams involved of the committee's findings.
- 9.) A plea of ignorance of the rules of this competition is not sufficient grounds for protest or appeal.
- 10.) All decisions of the Protest and Appeals Committee will be final.