



# 2018 East Region Presidents Cup

## Rules and Procedures

The entire US Youth Soccer East Region Presidents Cup Competition is under the jurisdiction of the US Youth Soccer East Region Presidents Cup Committee, which has the final decision in all East Region Presidents Cup competition. The US Youth Soccer East Region Presidents Cup Committee shall determine the East Region representative to the National Presidents Cup Competition.

These Rules and Regulations, the US Youth Soccer President Cup Rules, and the Laws of the Game (FIFA) in that order shall govern the games.

### A. MANDATORY CHECK IN

A Mandatory Team check in is required in the East Region Presidents Cup; however, only one (1) adult Team Official need attend to complete this requirement. The Team Official will present the following documents to the East Region Presidents Cup Committee representatives on **June 15, 2018** at the Headquarters Hotel. Each team must have a representative attend.

1. Six (6) copies of your state approved roster
2. Laminated player passes presented in alphabetical order, including coaches' passes located behind the player passes.
3. Medical Release Forms signed by the parent or guardian of the child in concurrence with the laws of the State of Residence.
4. East Region Code of Conduct.

### B. PLAYER/TEAM OFFICIAL PASSES

All players and team officials listed on the roster **MUST** carry the US Youth Soccer member Pass with a current photo on the pass. All passes **MUST** be laminated prior to Check-in.

**NO PLAYER/TEAM OFFICIAL PASS - NO PLAY, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

### C. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players must meet the Player eligibility requirements specified in Rule 302 of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup – Player & Team Eligibility Levels of Competition document.

1. A player must be properly registered and rostered in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer (Policy on Players and Playing Rules, 201 and 209) and the State Association at the conclusion of the State's qualifying event.
2. In State Associations where player registrations are 25,001 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, a player who participated in quarter, semi or final matches in a designated State NCS series or participated in the National League or the most competitive division of the respective regional league, is not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Presidents Cup.
3. A club may issue a **club pass** to any youth player who:
  - a. Is a member of the same club as the team that will compete in the regional Presidents Cup.
  - b. Was registered as a member of the club and the US Youth Soccer State Association before the **end** of the State Associations level of the Presidents Cup.
4. A team that is found guilty for any reason of having an ineligible player on its roster or using an ineligible player forfeits each game involving the ineligible player.

### D. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Teams must follow the Team Eligibility requirements specified in Rule 303 of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup – Player & Team Eligibility Levels of Competition document. The East Region Presidents Cup competitions shall be open to any team whose players are registered with US Youth Soccer through a State Association if the team is in compliance with all of the following requirements:

1. The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered youth players (as defined by US Youth Soccer).
2. The team must be in good standing with its State Association and must be in compliance with, and has not violated any of the bylaws and policies of US Youth Soccer.

3. In State Associations where player registrations are 25,000 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, teams who participate in the round of 16 or one of the top 16 teams in a State Cup or State Championships competitions, or participated in the National League or the most competitive division of the respective regional league, are not eligible to participate in the East Region or National Presidents Cup.
4. In State Associations where player registration totals less than 25,000 during the immediately preceding seasonal year, each State Association may designate any team as their representative to the East Region Presidents Cup.

## **E. ROSTERS**

It will be the responsibility of each State Association to provide the East Region Presidents Cup Chair with a roster for each team entered into the event.

12 and Under Small Sided Age Group: No more than sixteen (16) players on a roster.

13 and Under through the 18 and Under Age Groups: may have a maximum of twenty-two (22) players on their team roster and a maximum of eighteen (18) players on each game roster.

State Associations **MUST** supply a roster reflecting the players registered for the State level event which the East Region Presidents Cup Committee can use to determine compliance with the following:

1. A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and every level of the Presidents Cup competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to the roster of the team at every level of the competitions.
2. A player may be rostered to only one team at East Region Presidents Cup.
3. Rosters **MUST** be legible and signed by the State Association Registrar or designee
4. Players **MUST be** listed in alphabetical order, last name first
5. Jersey Numbers **MUST** be listed on the roster
6. All players will have a uniquely numbered jersey that matches the roster
7. NO team shall be allowed more than 16/22 players on its roster
8. Team Bench personnel (Maximum of four (4) people) can represent the team officials, e.g. coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer) on the sideline. Team Bench badges **MUST** be worn and visible to the Referees and Tournament Officials at all times while your match is going on.

## **F. COMPETITION FORMAT**

### **1. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event that inclement weather affects the competition, the East Region Presidents Cup Committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning this competition. The decisions of the East Region Presidents Cup Committee are FINAL, and not subject to appeal.

### **2. GAME BALLS**

12U Small Sided games will be played using a size #4 ball. All other games will be played using a size #5 ball. The East Region Presidents Cup Committee will supply game balls. In the unlikely event that the East Region Presidents Cup Committee do not provide the game ball, the referee will make the decision from game balls offered by both teams.

### **3. GRACE PERIOD**

Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted a ten (10) minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.

### **4. HOME TEAM – VISITING TEAM**

The team listed first in each pairing is the home team. Each team must have two (2) complete uniform kits (one light color, including socks, the other dark color, including socks) at each match during the event. The home team is required to wear the light uniform (including socks) and the away team is required to wear the dark uniform (including socks). If, in the opinion of the Referee, there is a color conflict, the team causing the conflict must change.

### **5. TECHNICAL AREA**

Players and team personnel will be in the technical area on one side of the field. A maximum of four (4) people can represent the team officials, (e.g. coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer). Parents and spectators will be on the opposite sideline of the field from the technical area. Team Officials

MUST display the identification passes provided by the East Region Presidents Cup Committee.

**6. UNIFORMS**

Each player **MUST** wear an official uniform with a uniquely numbered jersey on the back of the shirt. Uniform numbers must be a minimum of six (6) inches in size on the back of the shirt. Duplicate numbers are NOT permitted. Teams **MUST** bring an alternate jersey with the same number as their primary jersey number that is reflected on the team roster. **NO** jewelry may be worn during the match. Goalkeepers **MUST** have a number on their jersey.

NO Team shall wear the logo, insignia, or other identifying mark of a non-US Youth Soccer organization on their uniforms during the East Region Presidents Cup Championships. A manufacturer's mark is exempted. Teams wearing such items shall either remove the mark, cover-up the mark, change uniforms to comply with this rule, or forfeit each match of the competition.

**7. LENGTH OF GAMES, OVERTIME PERIODS, BALL REQUIREMENTS**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Ball</u>	<u>Circumference</u>	<u>Weight</u>
18 and Under	Two 45' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 inches	14-16oz
17 and Under	Two 45' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 inches	14-16oz
16 and Under	Two 40' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 inches	14-16oz
15 and Under	Two 40' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 inches	14-16oz
14 and Under	Two 35' halves	Two 10' halves	#5	27-28 inches	14-16oz
13 and Under	Two 35" halves	Two 10' halves	#5	27-28 inches	14-16oz
12 and Under	Two 30" halves	Two 10' halves	#4	25-26 inches	11-13oz

- a. In the preliminary round robin portion, tied scores at the end of regulation time shall stand
- b. Semi-Finals and Final Games: If a game is tied at the end of regulation play, two complete overtime periods will be played at the end of normal playing time. The time of the overtime periods will be as provided above. If a game is still tied after the end of overtime play, FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" rules will apply in order to determine the winner.
- c. At the East Region Presidents Cup competition unfinished games due to any cause shall be replayed provided, neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped during the second half and play cannot be resumed, and provided neither team is at fault, the East Region Presidents Cup Committee may deem the game complete. Should play be stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged at fault, it shall be the discretion of the East Region Presidents Cup Committee as to whether the game is to be replayed, stand as is or declared a forfeit.

**8. POINT SYSTEM – TIE BREAKERS**

- a. Determination of standings within a sub-group (Competition with 8, 12 or 16 Teams)
- b. Round Robin Points:
 

Three	Points for a win
One	Point for a tie
Zero	Points for a loss

- c. Resolving ties within a sub-group (Competition with 8, 12 or 16 Teams)

This system shall be used to determine the sub-group winner at the end of the round robin, when there is a tie and it is necessary to resolve a tie:

- (1) Winner of head to head competition
- (2) Most Wins
- (3) Goal differential – (Maximum 3 goals/game)

EXAMPLE	11-0	=	3-0	=	+3
	8-1	=	4-1	=	+3
	1-3	=	1-3	=	-2

- (4) Least Goals allowed
- (5) FIFA Penalty Kicks (immediately following the round robin games)

- d. Three (3) way tie within a sub-group (Competition with 8, 12 or 16 Teams): Follow the same format for 8c(2), 8c(3) 8c(4) and 8c(5). If FIFA penalty kicks have to be taken there will be a draw by the East Region Presidents Cup Committee. The first team drawn will receive the bye, the next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of penalty kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in penalty kicks to determine the group winner. The bye team will be the home team.
  - e. Eleven (11) players from the roster of the final game will be selected by each coach to participate, and said roster will be handed to the referee assigned to break the tie on a field assigned by the East Region Presidents Cup Committee.
  - f. Players ejected in the second or third game of the East Region Presidents Cup, or not listed on the game roster of the third game, are not eligible to participate in the "KICKS" to Break Standings Tie.
  - g. Selection of wildcard teams for those age groups with 12 teams (three sub-groups of four) will follow the **same criteria as 8b and 8c above**.
- 9. FORFEITS:** In the event that a team does not show up for the East Region Presidents Cup and no notification is given to the East Region Presidents Cup Committee the remaining teams in the bracket will receive:
- (1) Points for the win
  - (2) 3 Goals For
  - (3) Zero Goals Against
- 10. FORFEITS:** A team participating in the East Region Presidents Cup and forfeiting a game (s)
- a. Each forfeited round robin game: The non-forfeiting team shall be awarded:
    - (1) 3 points for a win
    - (2) Goal differential by the winner of a forfeited game shall be equal to the average goals, for game(s) in the same bracket against the team that forfeits
    - (3) Zero goals against the winner of forfeited games
  - b. Each forfeited round robin game: the forfeiting team shall be awarded:
    - (1) Zero points for the loss
    - (2) Zero goals for
    - (3) 3 goals against
  - c. If a referee terminates a game for reasons other than weather or field conditions, the East Region Presidents Cup Committee will decide the results of the game.

**E. RULES OF PLAY**

- 1. Except as otherwise provided herein, the rules of the US Youth Soccer and the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply.

**2. PLAYER PARTICIPATION**

A player may play on only one (1) team in the East Region Presidents Cup competition.

**3. SUBSTITUTIONS**

Unlimited substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage of play except penalty kicks.

**F. TEAM AND PLAYER BREACHES OF THE RULES**

**Players** receiving a RED Card in any game shall be automatically suspended for the next game. The East Region Presidents Cup Committee will review all dismissals and additional penalties or suspensions are possible.

Players ejected from a match may continue to sit in the technical/bench area unless removed by the referee

for inappropriate behavior once they have been sent to the bench. The player must cover or remove their game jersey. Team officials will be responsible for controlling the player's behavior.

A member of the East Region Presidents Cup Committee will inform the Referee Administrator and the team official of the sent-off player's next opponent that the sent-off player cannot compete in the forthcoming game. If the team of a sent-off player allows the player to participate in the game he or she is to be sitting out, then that team will automatically forfeit the game.

Players who are serving a disciplinary suspension may occupy the bench in the technical area while dressed in street clothes. If additional disciplinary situations occur in which a suspended player is involved, the East Region Presidents Cup Committee will impose additional penalties, suspensions or other punishment to be served either during the event or the following season of play.

If a **Team Official** is dismissed from any game, then the team official's pass, together with the referee's report of the incident, shall be provided to the East Region Presidents Cup Committee by the referee. A team official that has been dismissed during a match must be immediately escorted to the East Region Presidents Cup site HQ for the remainder of the match.

A member of the East Region Presidents Cup Committee will inform the Referee Administrator and the team official of the expelled team official's next opponent that the team official cannot participate in the forthcoming game. If the team official should show up at the game site, and in any way officially participate in the game, then his or her team will automatically forfeit the game.

## **G. PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

1. All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the Presidents Cup, shall be referred to the East Region Presidents Cup Committee.
2. To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest:
  - a. **MUST** be orally lodged by a Team Official who is a direct participant of the game with the referee, with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, and noted on the game report at the conclusion of the match.
  - b. **MUST** be filed with the East Region Presidents Cup Committee within thirty (30) minutes after the completion of the game being protested, accompanied by:
    - (1) A FEE of \$350 – MUST be in CASH
    - (2) Three (3) written copies of the protest, which MUST include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged; and
    - (3) Three (3) written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses
  - c. Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall not be entertained if the East Region Presidents Cup Committee and the Referee Administrator have approved them.
3. The Chair of the East Region Presidents Cup Committee with which the protest is properly lodged shall immediately upon receipt of the protest notify the team against which the protest is made and shall send a copy of the protest and all particulars to that team, which will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses, at a time specified by the East Region Presidents Cup Committee.
4. **Once the East Region Presidents Cup Committee has ruled on the protest there will be NO appeal of that decision.**

## **H. FINES**

A State Association may withdraw any of its team from the East Region President's Cup without penalty up to 31 days prior to the start of play; However, the entry fee will not be refunded. Any State Association that withdraws team(s) from the Presidents Cup less than 31 days prior to the start of play will be subjected to a fine of \$ 1,500.00 per team. In addition, any State Association that withdraws team(s) less than 5 days prior to the start of the event will be subject to an additional \$ 1,500.00 per team. These fines are to be paid to US Youth Soccer and MUST be received prior to the start of play. Any State Association that is unable to send its Champion team has the option to send its runner-up team.

Any unreasonable forfeits, determined by the East Region Presidents Cup Committee, will be subject to a fine of \$ 500.00 per game forfeited and will not advance to the next round of competition.

Any State Association that does not pay the fine(s) will be considered not in good standing and its teams will not be permitted to play in any future US Youth Soccer East Region Presidents Cup competition until the

fine(s) are paid.

The State Association will be responsible for collection of any fine(s) from the team that withdraws or forfeits any games in the East Region Presidents Cup.

**I. TOURNAMENT MANAGMENT**

All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the East Region Presidents Cup competition shall be referred to the East Region Presidents Cup Committee. All decisions of the Committee are final.

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