



**RULES & POLICIES FOR THE
US YOUTH SOCCER
MIDWEST PRESIDENTS CUP**

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The US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup will follow the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Policy and/or as otherwise stipulated throughout this US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Policy. See Appendix III.

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PART I: GENERAL

Rule 101. DEFINITIONS

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

- (1) "**Board of Directors**" means the Board of Directors of US Youth Soccer established under Article XIII.
- (2) "**Midwest Presidents Cup Committee**" means a special committee of US Youth Soccer Midwest established for the purpose of administration of the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions.
- (3) "**National Presidents Cup competitions**" means the competitions established under the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup policy.
- (4) "**Region**" means one of those regions established under Article XIII of US Youth Soccer.
- (5) "**State Association**" means the States Associations enumerated in Article XIII of US Youth Soccer.
- (6) "**US Youth Soccer**" means the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc.
- (7) "**Club**" means an organization providing soccer to youth players that is a member of a State Association; provided however, a "club" need not have the word "club" as part of its official name.
- (8) "**Club Pass**" means a US Youth Soccer pass which:
 - (A) Issued to a registered youth player by a club in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member;
 - (B) Issued as provided by this policy; and
 - (C) Specifies the club of which the youth player is a registered member.

Rule 102. ESTABLISHMENT AND TITLE

Section 1. US Youth Soccer Midwest shall organize annual Midwest Presidents Cup competitions for those qualifying players in the 13 and Under through 19 and Under age groups as defined by Rule 104 of the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules. Midwest Presidents Cup has added a 19 and Under age group for both boys and girls effective with the 2017-18 seasonal year. The 19 and Under age group will conclude at the Midwest event.

Section 2. There shall be individual, separately conducted Midwest Presidents Cup competitions for boys and girls in each of the age groups.

Section 3. The title of the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions shall be the "US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST PRESIDENTS CUP".

Section 4. The titles of the cups presented annually to the championship teams of each boys and girls age group at the Midwest level are the following:

- (1) US Youth Soccer Boys 13 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (2) US Youth Soccer Girls 13 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (3) US Youth Soccer Boys 14 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (4) US Youth Soccer Girls 14 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (5) US Youth Soccer Boys 15 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (6) US Youth Soccer Girls 15 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (7) US Youth Soccer Boys 16 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup

- (8) US Youth Soccer Girls 16 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (9) US Youth Soccer Boys 17 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (10) US Youth Soccer Girls 17 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (11) US Youth Soccer Boys 18 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (12) US Youth Soccer Girls 18 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (13) US Youth Soccer Boys 19 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup
- (14) US Youth Soccer Girls 19 and Under Midwest Presidents Cup

Rule 103. AWARDS TO TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Section 1. The champion team for each boys and girls age group at the Midwest level each year will be given a team award determined by the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee.

Section 2. The players of each of the two (2) teams that are first and second place teams competing in the Midwest Presidents Cup in each of the boys and girls age groups shall be awarded individual medals.

Rule 104. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. There shall be a Midwest Presidents Cup Committee. The Committee shall be appointed by the Midwest General Manager or Designee. The Committee shall be responsible for the entire administration of the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions.

Section 2. The Midwest Presidents Cup Committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions, keeping in mind the best interests of US Youth Soccer, the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup, US Youth Soccer Midwest and the safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators and spectators.

Section 3. Unless otherwise provided in this policy, the decisions of the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee are final.

Rule 105. NOTICES

All notices and other communications required to be given under this policy shall be in writing and addressed as the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee.

PART II: ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITIONS

Rule 201. MIDWEST LEVEL COMPETITIONS

The Midwest Region shall conduct the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup competitions consisting of boys and girls age groups. The competitions shall be among the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup teams of the State Associations for the region. These Midwest competitions shall determine the teams that represent the Midwest for each of the boys and girls age groups at the national level of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions.

The Midwest Presidents Cup Committee has the authority to modify any of these rules and policies as deemed necessary to ensure orderly progression of the event. The Committee shall also determine any matter not provided for in the rules, policies or procedures.

PART III: PLAYERS, TEAMS, AND GAME PLAY

Rule 301. APPLICATION/WITHDRAW

Section 1. Each State Association may enter one male and one female team in each of the following age groups: 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U.

Section 2. A non-refundable entry fee will be established each year as part of the US Youth Soccer budget process. This entry fee shall be remitted directly to US Youth Soccer upon invoice after the state entries and any wildcards have been determined.

Section 3. A State Association may withdraw any team(s) from the Midwest Presidents Cup up to 60 days prior to the start of play without penalty; however, the entry fee shall not be returned for teams that withdraw. Any State Association that withdraws teams from the Midwest Presidents Cup less than 60 days prior to the start of the Midwest Presidents Cup shall be fined \$500 for each team that withdraws. Any State Association that withdraws teams 10 days or less prior to the start of the Midwest President Cup shall be fined \$1,000 for each team withdrawn. All fines will be invoiced by and paid to US Youth Soccer.

Section 4. Any State Association that does not pay the fine(s) assessed by US Youth Soccer shall be considered in bad standing, and no teams from that State Association shall be permitted to participate in future Midwest Presidents Cup games until the fines are paid. The State Association shall be responsible for collecting any fine(s) from the teams that are penalized by fines.

Rule 302. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions are intended for properly registered and rostered players in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer (Policy on Players and Playing Rules 201 and 209) and the State Association at the beginning of the State's qualifying event for that age and gender.

Section 2. In State Associations where player registrations are 25,001 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, a player who was rostered to any team that competed in quarter, semi or final matches in a designated State NCS series or was rostered to any team that competed in the Premier I or Premier II divisions of the US Youth Soccer National League Midwest or Great Lakes Conferences, the US Youth Soccer National League or were a member of a national level developmental academy are not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Presidents Cup.

Section 3. A club may issue a club pass to any youth player who is a registered youth player of the club before the team to which such youth player is to be rostered for the State Association level of the National Presidents Cup competitions submits its roster for its first competition at the State Association level.

Section 4. A player may be rostered to only one team at each level of the National Presidents Cup competitions during a seasonal year.

Section 5. US Youth Soccer State associations are charged with making a final determination of a players' eligibility to be rostered on a team participating at any level of the National Presidents Cup competitions.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.

Rule 303. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The Midwest 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:

- (a) The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered youth players (as defined by US Youth Soccer).
- (b) The team must be in good standing with its State Association, must not be under sanction by their State Association or US Youth Soccer, and must be in compliance with, and have not violated any of the bylaws and policies of their State Association or US Youth Soccer.
- (c) In State Associations where player registrations are 25,001 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, a team is not eligible to participate in the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions if:
 - (1) It competed in an interstate regional competition in which the team advanced to a round of 16, quarter, semi or finals in a State Cup or State Championships competition, or
 - (2) It competed in the quarter, semi or final matches in a State Cup or State Championships competition, or
 - (3) It competed in the Premier I or Premier II divisions of the US Youth Soccer National League Midwest or Great Lakes Conferences, the US Youth Soccer National League or were a member of a national level developmental academy are not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Presidents Cup.
- (d) In State Associations where player registration totals less than 25,001 during the immediately preceding seasonal year, each State Association may designate any team as their representative to the regional level of the National Presidents Cup.

Rule 304. PASSES, ROSTERS AND UNIFORMS

Section 1. At the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions, each player and team official listed on the team's roster must carry a valid US Youth Soccer member pass. The member pass issued to a player shall identify the club by name or other appropriate means of identification. The US Youth Soccer laminated member pass must carry a current photograph of the player or team official, as the case may be and be signed by the appropriate official of the State Association.

Section 2. At least seven (7) days before the date of the first scheduled game of the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions, each team in the competitions shall submit a roster with not more than 22 players. A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the State Qualifying event and every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions by maintaining a minimum of nine (9) players common to that roster of the team. All information listed on the roster must be verified by the appropriate official of the State Association and signed by that official for each level of the National Presidents Cup.

Teams with more than 18 players on the roster may only dress and play up to 18 players in a single game. The remainder of the players may sit in the team technical area in street clothes and may not be in uniform. These players will still be held responsible for their behavior.

Section 3. Uniforms

- (a) The team's Midwest Presidents Cup roster and the US Youth Soccer member's passes must be available at the game site at all times. The game roster shall include the number of each player's jersey. NOTE: If jersey numbers are different for home/away jerseys, the correct jersey number must be listed for each game.

- (b) Each player shall have a number on the player’s jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. No taped or altered numbers will be allowed. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional. It is suggested that teams traveling with multiple goalkeepers have numbered jerseys.
- (c) At every level, including the Midwest level of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game or associated activity of the competitions may only have on their outer wear a name, logo, or other identifying mark of a youth soccer organization that is a member of US Youth Soccer. A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to remain at the game site for the game or associated activity.
- (d) Each team must have two complete uniform kits (one light color; the other dark; including socks) at each game. The home team shall be listed first in the game pairings. The home team shall wear light colors, including socks and the visiting team shall wear dark colors, including socks. If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict, the team causing the conflict must change; however, the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee may require either team to change to allow the match to play.
- (e) No jewelry may be worn.

Rule 305. GAME PLAY

Section 1. The playing rules of the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup competitions shall conform to the FIFA “Laws of the Game” except as provided by this rule.

Section 2. Length of Games

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the length of games, overtime periods, ball size, ball circumference and ball weight for each age group shall be as follows:

Age Group	Game Length	Halftime	Overtime	Ball Size	Weight
13 and Under	Two 35’ halves	10 min	2x10 min	#5	14-16 ozs.
14 and Under	Two 35’ halves	10 min	2x10 min	#5	14-16 ozs.
15 and Under	Two 40’ halves	10 min	2x15 min	#5	14-16 ozs.
16 and Under	Two 40’ halves	10 min	2x15 min	#5	14-16 ozs.
17 and Under	Two 45’ halves	10 min	2x15 min	#5	14-16 ozs.
18 and Under	Two 45’ halves	10 min	2x15 min	#5	14-16 ozs.
19 and Under	Two 45’ halves	10 min	2x15 min	#5	14-16 ozs.

- (b) Game balls will be provided by US Youth Soccer. In the event a ball is not provided, the home team will be asked to provide the game ball.
- (c) Preliminary round games may end in a tie.
- (d) If the score of a semi-final or final game is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be two (2) overtime periods played in their entirety. (See length of overtime periods Section 2.a.) If neither team scores during the two (2) overtime periods, the winner will be determined by FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark.
- (e) If consolation games are scheduled and played and the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the game will be declared a tie. There will be no overtime periods or FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark for consolation games.

- (f) Teams are required to be at the field no less than 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the game. Referees will abandon the game and the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee may issue a forfeit if a team is not at the field and prepared to begin 10 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game. Extreme extenuating circumstances may be considered before declaring a forfeit.
- (g) If, as determined by the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee, inclement weather affects the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions, the following rules may apply regarding play and applied in the following order:
 - (1) If play is suspended in the first half or the start of play is delayed for semifinal and/or final games, the Committee may eliminate overtime periods.
 - (2) If a semifinal or championship game is tied at the conclusion of regulation time, the game may go immediately to FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark.
 - (3) The game length may be reduced up to 10 minutes per half.
 - (4) If the game is terminated beyond these times, the result of the game will stand. If the game is tied or does reach those times, then advancement in the competition will be determined by FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark.
- (h) A team may have not more than four (4) individuals designated as team officials in the technical area. State Associations will issue bench pass credentials directly to the team officials prior to the start of competition. Only those team officials who are properly listed on the team roster will be issued a bench pass and allowed in the team technical area.
- (i) **Substitutions shall be unlimited and can be made with consent of the referee during any stoppage of play, except Penalty Kicks. [Updated 6/11/19]**

Section 3. Any player or team official who is removed from any Midwest Presidents Cup game shall be automatically suspended in the team's next game. The Midwest Presidents Cup Committee will review all such dismissals and additional penalties or suspensions may be imposed. No substitution shall be permitted for a player who has been sent off during a particular game.

- (a) 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. If a player has to be removed from the technical/bench area they will be escorted from the area and MUST be accompanied by a credentialed team staff member. A Midwest Presidents Cup Committee member or state representative will escort the player and team staff member to the waiting area.
- (b) Players serving a suspension for additional game(s) are permitted to sit on the team bench in street clothes (no uniform) and will be held responsible for their actions the same as any other participant. If an ejected player becomes disruptive from the bench, he/she will be escorted to headquarters accompanied by a team staff member to the waiting area by a Midwest Presidents Cup Committee member.
- (c) Any team official (coaches, managers, trainers, etc.) that is dismissed must leave the vicinity of the field before the game will be restarted. Coaches serving a disciplinary suspension may attend team activities during the suspension as a spectator only. No communication with players or team management is permitted during the suspended game(s). Any violations will result in additional disciplinary action being taken by the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee, including but not limited to, additional suspensions and/or recommendations to the home State Association.
- (d) If a player or team official is dismissed in a final or consolation game, that player or team official will be referred to the player's or team official's State Association for appropriate disciplinary action.
- (e) Red card ejections are not subject to appeal or protest.

- (f) Spectators asked to leave by a referee or other event official must immediately depart the field area and are required to remain out of sight and sound of the game until the team has departed the field of play and is no longer the responsibility of the referee.

Section 4. Match Manipulation

Teams failing to compete in the spirit of the competition or are involved in the manipulation of a game result are subject to forfeiture and disqualification from all levels of the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competition.

- (a) If failing to compete is observed and confirmed, the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee will give notice to the offending team or teams.
- (b) If corrective action is not taken, the team or teams will be subject to disqualification.

Section 5. Scoring

- (a) 3 points for a win (including forfeits and score will be reported as 4-0).
- (b) 1 point for a tie.
- (c) 0 points for a loss.
- (d) Team with the most points advances.

Section 6. Tie Breakers

In the event that teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the team's placement will be determined in accordance with the following tie breaker steps to be applied in the order listed:

- (a) Winner in head-to-head competition (this criterion is not used if more than two teams are tied).
- (b) Winner of most games.
- (c) Highest goal difference (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four (4) goals allowed per game. For example, if the score were 8-3, the calculation would be +4 goals for the winning team, -4 goals for the losing team. If the score were 6-4, the calculation would be +2 goals for the winning team and -2 goals for the losing team.
- (d) Fewest goals allowed. The team with the fewest total goals allowed advances.
- (e) Kicks from the Penalty Mark.

Note: If more than two teams are still tied at point (d), these steps will be followed for the Kicks from the Penalty Mark. The Midwest Presidents Cup Committee will draw team names. 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 Kicks from the Penalty Mark. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in Kicks from the Penalty Mark to determine the bracket winner.

- (f) If, in the opinion of the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee, additional steps to assure the safe conclusion of the Presidents Cup competition are needed, those decisions will be communicated to all affected teams before they are implemented.

Rule 306. GAME OFFICIALS

Section 1. Each State Association shall send 1.0 referees and 0.2 assessors or mentors per team playing in the Midwest Presidents Cup. Any State Association that fails to send the required number of referees, assessor and/or mentors will be fined \$1,000 per referee, assessor and/or mentor not participating according to this established criterion.

Section 2. For Midwest Presidents Cup competitions, the Midwest Representative to the Referee Committee, or the Midwest Representative's designee, shall appoint the game officials.

Section 3. Any referee appointed to officiate in any Midwest Presidents Cup competition game may not be a past or present member of either of the competing teams.

Section 4. The scale of charges for referees shall be as set by the Midwest Presidents Cup Chair.

Section 5. The referee has the authority to deal with players and team officials as provided by the FIFA "Laws of the Game."

Section 6. The referee must forward to the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee Chair, or the designee of the Chair, the official game report form with the results of the game, a list of the players participating in the game, and all particulars related to the game.

PART IV: PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Rule 401. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Section 1. All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the Midwest Presidents Cup competitions, shall be referred to the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee regarding games at the Midwest level.

Section 2. Protests

- (a) To be valid and eligible for consideration at the Midwest level of the competitions, each protest:
 - (1) Must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; and
 - (2) Must be filed in writing with the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee within two (2) hours after the completion of the game being protested, accompanied by:
 - (A) A \$350 protest fee in cash, State Association check or club check. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned to the party submitting the fee.
 - (B) Two (2) written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged; and
 - (C) Two (2) written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses.
- (b) Any protest relating to the fields, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained only if a verbal objection has been lodged with the referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game and written objection submitted to the Midwest Presidents Cup Chair within two (2) hours of the completion of the game.
- (c) The Chair of the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee shall immediately upon receipt of the protest notify the team against which the protest is made and shall provide 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.

Section 3. Appeals

- (a) A decision made by the Midwest President Cup Committee may be appealed as provided by US Youth Soccer. Any such appeal must be filed within two (2) hours of receiving the

decision of the Committee.

- (1) The appeal must be presented to the Midwest Presidents Cup Committee Chair who shall immediately notify the Chair of the National Presidents Cup Committee; or
 - (2) If a decision of the National Presidents Cup Committee shall immediately notify the Board of Directors.
- (b) Each appeal filed under subsection (a) of this section must be accompanied by:
- (1) A fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors; and
 - (2) Two (2) written copies of the appeal.

Section 4. Any party to a protest or appeal shall be accorded the right to be assisted in the presentation of the party's case at the protest or appeal proceeding.

Section 5. A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by US Youth Soccer.

PART V: HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Rule 501. HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Each State Association must select their team's rooms through the housing provider of the Midwest Presidents Cup in order of the housing draw in Appendix II.

Section 2: Each team is required to stay a minimum of 24 room nights during preliminary play of the competition. Teams that fail to meet the required room night minimum will be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per team.

Section 3. Any State Association whose teams' fails to utilize the selected rooms without the approval of the Midwest General Manager or Designee shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per team not using said rooms. Those teams may also lose eligibility to participate in the competition.

Section 4. Teams wishing to commute in order to waive the required event housing may do so only if they qualify for the following exemption. The majority of their Midwest Presidents Cup roster must reside within 100 miles of the venue site.

APPENDIX I: DIVISION GROUPING AND PLAYOFF BRACKETS

Wildcards are to be used as needed to provide for 4, 8, 12 or 16-team brackets. Selection procedure:

- (a) Full contingent State Associations get first option who expressed interest for specific age(s) on their online entry form.
- (b) Other available spots filled from State Associations who expressed interest for specific age(s) on their online entry form.

APPENDIX II: HOUSING DRAW AND COMMUTE HOUSING WAIVER

Draw		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
A	OS	7	14	1	13						
B	MN	14	1	13	2						
C	MI	1	13	2	12						
D	KS	13	2	12	3						
E	MO	2	12	3	11						
F	NE	12	3	11	4						
G	IA	3	11	4	10						
H	IL	11	4	10	5						
I	IN	4	10	5	9						
J	KY	10	5	9	6						
K	WI	5	9	6	8						
L	ND	9	6	8	7						
M	ON	6	8	7	14						
N	SD	8	7	14	1						
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	1	MI	MN	OS	SD						
	2	MO	KS	MI	MN						
	3	IA	NE	MO	KS						
	4	IN	IL	IA	NE						
	5	WI	KY	IN	IL						
	6	ON	ND	WI	KY						
	7	OS	SD	ON	ND						
	8	SD	ON	ND	WI						
	9	ND	WI	KY	IN						
	10	KY	IN	IL	IA						
	11	IL	IA	NE	MO						
	12	NE	MO	KS	MI						
	13	KS	MI	MN	OS						
	14	MN	OS	SD	ON						
	15	KS (Host)	OS (Host)	KS (Host)	MO (Host)	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD

The Host State Association always takes position #15.



Commute Housing Waiver State Verification Form

The following team requests the Midwest Presidents Cup Commute Housing Waiver:

Age Group: _____ **and Under Gender:** _____ **State Association:** _____

Team Name: _____

Team Representative: _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

In accordance with the Midwest Presidents Cup Rules & Policies, teams wishing to commute **IN ORDER** to waive the required event housing may do so **ONLY** if they qualify for the following exemption. The **MAJORITY** of their Midwest Presidents Cup roster **MUST RESIDE** within 100 miles of the venue site.

*I have read and understand the Midwest Presidents Cup Rules & Policies governing **game play** as outlined on page 8. I understand that failing to show up for a scheduled game may result in **forfeiture**. Delays for any cause, including but not limited to, weather, construction, traffic, road conditions, road closures, detours, etc. due to the team opting to commute, will not be accepted.*

Team Representative	Role	Date
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I have reviewed the team roster and verify that it meets the criterion for the Commute Housing Waiver.

State Association Official	Title	Date
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Upon completion of the aforementioned team’s Presidents Cup qualifying event and verification by the State Association Official, **this form must be received not less than three (3) days prior to the official housing provider’s last day to book rooms** via email to jfickett@usyouthsoccer.org. In the event adverse weather conditions prevent a Presidents Cup qualifying event from timely completion, an exception may be made at the discretion of the Midwest Office or designee.

Midwest General Manager/Designee Approval	Title	Date
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The following US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup Rules & Policies stipulated below shall be mutually understood when applying for the "Commuter Housing Waiver".

301. Application/Withdraw

Section 4. Any State Association that does not pay the fine(s) assessed by Midwest shall be considered in bad standing, and no teams from that State Association shall be permitted to participate in future Midwest Presidents Cup games until the fines are paid. The State Association shall be responsible for collecting any fine(s) from the teams that are penalized by fines.

305. Game Play

Section 2.f. Teams are required to be at the field no less than 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the game. Referees will abandon the game and the Midwest Presidents Cup Chair may issue a forfeit if a team is not at the field and prepared to begin 10 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game. Extreme extenuating circumstances may be considered before declaring a forfeit.

501. Housing Requirements

Section 1. Each State Association must select their teams' rooms through the housing provider of the Midwest Presidents Cup in order of the housing draw in Appendix II.

Section 2: Each team is required to stay a minimum of 24 room nights during preliminary play of the competition. Teams that fail to meet the required room night minimum shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per team.

Section 3. Any State Association whose teams fails to utilize the selected rooms without the approval of the Midwest General Manager or Designee shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per team not using said rooms. Those teams may also lose eligibility to participate in the competition.

Section 4. Teams wishing to commute in order to waive the required event housing may do so only if they qualify for the following exemption. The majority of their Midwest Presidents Cup roster must reside within 100 miles of the venue site.

APPENDIX III: NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP POLICY



**POLICY ON THE
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**POLICY ON
THE
US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL
PRESIDENTS CUP**

PART I—GENERAL

Rule 101. DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided, the following definitions apply to this policy:

- (1) “**Article**” preceding a Roman numeral means a reference to a specific portion of the US Youth Soccer Bylaws.
- (2) “**Board of Directors**” means the Board of Directors of US Youth Soccer established under Article XIII.
- (2) “**National Presidents Cup Committee**” means a special committee of US Youth Soccer established under Article XIV(5).
- (3) “**National Presidents Cup competitions**” means the competitions established under this policy.
- (4) “**Region**” means one of those regions established under Article VIII of US Youth Soccer.
- (5) “**State Association**” means the States Associations enumerated in Article VIII.
- (6) “**State Cup or State Championship**” means those competitions established in Rules 101, 102, and 103 of the US Youth Soccer National Championships Policy.
- (7) “**US Youth Soccer**” means the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc.
- (8) “**Club**” means an organization providing soccer to youth players that is a member of a State Association; provided however, a “club” need not have the word “club” as part of its official name.
- (9) “**Club Pass**” means a US Youth Soccer pass which—
 - (A) issued to a registered youth player by a club in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member;
 - (B) issued as provided by this policy; and
 - (C) specifies the club of which the youth player is a registered member.

Rule 102. ESTABLISHMENT AND TITLE

Section 1. US Youth Soccer establishes and shall organize annual National Presidents Cup competitions for those qualifying players in the 13 and Under through 18 and Under age groups as defined by Rule 104 of the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules.

Section 2. There shall be individual, separately conducted National Presidents Cup competitions for boys and girls in each of the age groups.

Section 3. The title of the National Presidents Cup competitions shall be the “US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP”.

Section 4. The titles of the cups presented annually to the championship teams of each boys and girls age group at the national level are the following:

(1) for the boys 13 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 13 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(2) for the girls 13 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 13 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(3) for the boys 14 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 14 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(4) for the girls 14 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 14 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(5) for the boys 15 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 15 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(6) for the girls 15 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 15 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(7) for the boys 16 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 16 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(8) for the girls 16 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 16 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(9) for the boys 17 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 17 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(10) for the girls 17 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 17 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(11) for the boys 18 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 18 and Under National Presidents Cup.

(12) for the girls 18 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 18 and Under National Presidents Cup.

Rule 103. AWARDS TO TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Section 1. The champion team for each boys and girls age group at the national level each year will be given a team award determined by the National Presidents Cup Committee.

Section 2. The players and coaches of each of the 4 teams that are first, second, third, and fourth place teams competing in the National Presidents Cup at the national level in each of the boys and girls age groups shall be awarded individual medals.

Rule 104. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. There shall be a National Presidents Cup Committee. The Committee is responsible for the entire administration of the National Presidents Cup competitions, subject to review by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The National Presidents Cup Committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning the National Presidents Cup competitions, keeping in mind the best interests of US Youth Soccer, the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup, and the safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators, and spectators.

Section 3. Unless otherwise provided in this policy, the decisions of the National Presidents Cup Committee are final.

Rule 105. NOTICES

All notices and other communications required to be given under this policy shall be in writing and addressed as the National Presidents Cup Committee shall direct.

PART II—ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITIONS

Rule 201. STATE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS

Each National Presidents Cup competition shall be conducted at the following levels:

- (1) The first level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the state level.
- (2) The second level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the regional level.
- (3) The third level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the national level.

Rule 202. STATE LEVEL COMPETITIONS

Section 1. (a) Each State Association shall determine—

- (1) whether it shall conduct a National Presidents Cup competition to determine its representatives in compliance with Rule 303;
- (2) which age groups, and whether boys or girls, or both, that it will conduct State Association level competitions for; and
- (3) the teams that represent it for each boys and girls age group at the National Presidents Cup competitions for the region of which the State Association is a member in compliance with Rule 303.

(b) The format for the competitions at the State Association level to determine teams representing the State Association shall be a format established by the State Association.

Section 2. Prior to the competitions at the State Association level, the schedule and plans for determining the State Association representatives shall be submitted for approval to that State Association's region.

Rule 203. REGIONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS

Section 1. Each of the regions shall conduct a National Presidents Cup competition for the region consisting of boys and girls age groups. The competitions shall be among the National Presidents Cup teams of the State Associations of the region. These regional competitions shall determine the teams that represent the region for each of the boys and girls age groups at the national level of the National Presidents Cup competitions.

Section 2. Each region shall establish the requirements and format for the competitions for the region consistent with this policy.

Rule 204. NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS

Section 1. The National Presidents Cup teams representing each of the regions in each of the boys and girls age groups shall compete in the National Presidents Cup competitions at the national level to determine the champion team for each of those boys and girls age groups.

Section 2. (a) The teams from the regions shall compete in a round-robin format recommended by the National Presidents Cup Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) The National Presidents Cup Committee shall determine the days on which the round robin, final, and third place games shall be played.

PART III—PLAYERS, TEAMS, AND GAME PLAY

Rule 301. APPLICATION

This part III applies to the National Presidents Cup Regional and National levels of competitions.

Rule 302. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions are intended for properly registered and rostered players in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer (Policy on Players and Playing Rules, 201 and 209) and the State Association at the beginning of the State's qualifying event for that age and gender.

Section 2. In State Associations where player registrations are 25,001 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, a player who was rostered to any team that competed in quarter, semi or final matches in a designated State NCS series or was rostered to any team that competed in an elite, premiere or the most competitive level or levels in any regional or national league, or were a member of a national level developmental academy are not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Presidents Cup.

Section 3. A club may issue a club pass to any youth player who is a registered youth player of the club before the team to which such youth player is to be rostered for the State Association level of the National Presidents Cup competitions submits its roster for its first competition at the State Association level.

Section 4. A player may be rostered to only one team at each level of the National Presidents Cup competitions during a seasonal year.

Section 5. US Youth Soccer State associations are charged with making a final determination of a players' eligibility to be rostered on a team participating at any level of the National Presidents Cup competitions.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.

Rule 303. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The National 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, must not be under sanction by their State Association or US Youth Soccer, and must be in compliance with, and have not violated any of the bylaws and policies of their State Association or US Youth Soccer.

(3) In State Associations where player registrations are 25,001 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, a team is not eligible to participate in the National Presidents Cup competitions if:

- It competed in an interstate regional competition in which the team advanced to a round of 16, quarter, semi or finals in a State Cup or State Championships competition, or
- It competed in the quarter, semi or final matches in a State Cup or State Championships competition, or
- It competed in an elite, premiere or the most competitive level or levels in any regional or national league or were a member of a national level developmental academy.

(4) In State Associations where player registration totals less than 25,001 during the immediately preceding seasonal year, each State Association may designate any team as their representative to the regional level of the National Presidents Cup.

Rule 304. PASSES, ROSTERS AND UNIFORMS

Section 1. At the National Presidents Cup competitions, each player and team official listed on the team's roster must carry the US Youth Soccer member pass. The member pass issued to a player shall identify the club by name or other appropriate means of identification. The US Youth Soccer member pass must carry a current photograph of the player or team official, as the case may be, and be signed by the appropriate official of the state association.

Section 2. At least 14 days before the date of the first scheduled game of the National Presidents Cup competitions, each team in the competitions shall submit a roster with not more than 22 players.

A team's National Presidents Cup competitions roster is set at the beginning of its State Qualifying event. A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the State Qualifying event and every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to that roster of the team at every level of the competition.

All information listed on the roster must be verified by the appropriate official of the State Association and signed by that official for each level of the National Presidents Cup.

Section 3. (1) The team's National Presidents Cup roster and the US Youth Soccer member's passes must be available at the game site at all times. The roster shall include the number of each player's jersey.

(2) Each player shall have a number on the player's jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional. It is suggested that teams traveling with multiple goalkeepers have numbered jerseys for them.

(3) At every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game or associated activity of the competitions may only have on the outer wear of the player or team official a name, logo, or other identifying mark of a youth soccer organization that is US Youth Soccer, a State Association or other member of US Youth Soccer, a member of a State Association, or an organization that is a member of an organization that is a member of a State Association. A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to remain at the game site for the game or associated activity.

Rule 305. GAME PLAY

Section 1. The playing rules of the National Presidents Cup competitions shall conform to the FIFA "Laws of the Game" except as provided by this rule.

Section 2. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the length of games, ball size, ball circumference, and ball weight for each age group shall be as follows:

Age Group	Game Length	Ball	Circumferenc	Weight
13 and Under	Two 35' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
14 and Under	Two 35' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
15 and Under	Two 40' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
16 and Under	Two 40' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
17 and Under	Two 45' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
18 and Under	Two 45' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.

(b) If the score of a final game is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be 2 overtime periods of 10 minutes each for play in the 13 and Under and 14 and Under age groups. If the score of a final game is tied at the end of the second half in the 15 and Under, 16 and Under, 17 and Under, and 18 and Under age groups, there will be 2 overtime periods of 15 minutes each. If neither team scores during the 2 overtime periods, the winner will be determined by FIFA *Kicks from The Penalty Mark*.

(c) If the score of a third place game is tied at the end of regulation time, no overtime periods will be played, and the winner will be determined by FIFA *Kicks from The Penalty Mark*.

(d) If, as determined by the National Presidents Cup Committee, inclement weather affects the National Presidents Cup competition, the following rules will apply regarding play and the determination of a winning team, in the order stated:

(1) If play is suspended or the start of play is delayed, the Committee may eliminate overtime periods. If the game is tied at the conclusion of regulation playing time, the game will go immediately to FIFA *Kicks from The Penalty Mark*.

(2) The game length may be reduced to 70 minutes for the 17 and Under age group and 60 minutes for the 16-year-old age group. If the game is terminated beyond these times, the result of the game will stand. If the game is tied or does reach those times, then advancement in the competition will be determined by FIFA *Kicks from The Penalty Mark*.

(e) A team may have not more than 4 individuals designated as team officials for the team. The National Presidents Cup Committee will issue bench pass credentials to the team officials prior to the team's first game. Only those team officials who sign for the credentials will be allowed in the bench area and on its team side of the field.

(f) There shall be no limit on the number of substitutions.

Section 3. Any player or team official who is sent off from any National Presidents Cup game is prohibited from participating in the next immediately following game played by the player or team official's team. A player or team official may receive more than a one-game suspension. If a player or team official receives a red card in a final or consolation game, that player or team official will be referred to the player or team official's State Association for appropriate disciplinary action.

Rule 306. GAME OFFICIALS

Section 1. For National Presidents Cup competitions at the national level, the Chairman of the Referee Committee, or the Chairman's designee, shall appoint the game officials. For National Presidents Cup competitions at the regional level, the Regional Representative to the Referee Committee, or the Regional Representative's designee, shall appoint the game officials.

Section 2. Any referee appointed to officiate in any National Presidents Cup competition game may not be a past or present member of either of the competing teams.

Section 3. The scale of charges for referees shall be as set by the National Presidents Cup Committee.

Section 4. The referee has the authority to deal with players and team officials as provided by the FIFA "Laws of the Game". No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the referee.

Section 5. The referee must forward to the Chairman of the National Presidents Cup Committee Chair, or the designee of the Chairman, on the official game report form with the results of the game, a list of the players participating in the game, and all particulars related to the game.

PART IV—PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Rule 401. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Section 1. All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the National Presidents Cup competitions, shall be referred to the National Presidents Cup Committee regarding games at the national level, or to the Regional Presidents Cup regarding games at the regional level.

Section 2. (a) To be valid and eligible for consideration at the national level of the competitions, each protest —

(1) must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) must be filed with the National Presidents Cup Committee within 2 hours after the completion of the game being protested, accompanied by—

(A) a fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors;

(B) 2 written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged; and

(C) 2 written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses.

(b) Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained only if a written objection has been lodged with the referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.

(c) The Chairman of the National Presidents Cup Committee shall immediately on receipt of the protest notify the team against which the protest is made and shall provide 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.

Section 3. (a) An appeal of a decision may be appealed as provided by Article XVII of the US Youth Soccer Bylaws. Any such appeal must be filed within 2 hours of receiving the decision—

(1) if a decision of the Regional Presidents Cup Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Chairman of the National Presidents Cup Committee; or

(2) if a decision of the National Presidents Cup Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Board of Directors.

(b) Each appeal filed under subsection (a) of this section must be accompanied by—

(1) a fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors; and

(2) 2 written copies of the appeal.

Section 4. Any party to a protest or appeal shall be accorded the right to be assisted in the presentation of the party's case at the protest or appeal proceeding.

Section 5. A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the National Presidents Cup competitions is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by US Youth Soccer.