

# POLICY ON THE US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP

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#### **Rule 101. DEFINITIONS**

- **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.
  - (3) "US Youth Soccer" means the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc.
  - (4) "**Region**" means one of those regions established under Article VIII of US Youth Soccer.
  - (5) "National Presidents Cup competitions" means the competitions established under this policy.
  - (6) "Presidents Cup Management Group" means the Presidents Cup Management Group as established by Rule 202, Sections 1 and 2 of this policy.
  - (7) "**Presidents Cup Program Manager**" means Presidents Cup Program Manager provided by Rule 202, Section 3 of this policy.
  - (8) "**Regional Presidents Cup Manager**" means the manager of one of the Regional Presidents Cup competitions.

### **Rule 201. 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 19 and Under age groups as defined by Rule 104 of the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules.
- **Section 2.** The title of the National Presidents Cup competitions shall be the "US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP".
- **Section 3.** There shall be individual, separately conducted National Presidents Cup competitions for boys and girls in each of the age groups.

## Rule 202. ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP COMPETITIONS

- **Section 1.** There shall be a Presidents Cup Management Group. The Presidents Cup Management Group has authority for the administration of the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competitions as provided by this policy, subject to review by the Board of Directors.
- **Section 2.** The Presidents Cup Management Group shall report to the US Youth Soccer Director of Competitions and Event Operations. The Presidents Cup Management Group shall consist of the Presidents Cup Program Manager, four (4) Regional Presidents Cup Program Managers, and up to two (2) Members at Large. The Presidents Cup Program Manager shall serve as the Chair of the Presidents Cup Management Group.
- **Section 3.** The Presidents Cup Program Manager, or designee(s), shall be responsible for the administration of the Presidents Cup competitions in accordance with this policy.
- **Section 4.** The Presidents Cup Management Group is empowered to make all decisions concerning the Presidents Cup competitions, keeping in mind the best interests of US Youth Soccer, the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competitions, and the safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators, and spectators. In addition to the specific powers detailed in other sections of this policy, the Presidents Cup Management Group is vested with all necessary power and authority to manage, regulate, supervise, administer, and conduct, including determination of any matter not otherwise provided for, within the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competitions.

**Section 5.** The Presidents Cup Management Group has the authority, subject to the provisions of this policy, to prescribe all US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup rules, regulations and procedures reasonable and necessary for the administration and growth of the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup. All US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup rules, regulations and procedures must be in writing and available for inspection by administrators, coaches, teams, players, parents and others.

**Section 6.** All proposed US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup rules, regulations and procedures, and amendments to them, must be in writing and note an effective date at least one (1) day after the date it has been approved by the Presidents Cup Management Group. A copy of each US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup rule, regulation, procedure and amendment approved by the Presidents Cup Management Group shall be made generally available in writing.

**Section 7.** The Presidents Cup Management Group is authorized to establish various technical, advisory, and other specialized support groups and designate persons on either a permanent or ad hoc basis to assist and advise the Presidents Cup Management Group.

**Section 8.** The Presidents Cup Management Group, in consultation with the US Youth Soccer Director of Competitions and Event Operations, shall submit proposed annual budgets in accordance with the US Youth Soccer Financial Policy.

**Section 9**. The US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competitions shall adhere to all relevant sections in the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules.

**Section 10.** The Presidents Cup Management Group is authorized to settle any disputes which arise in the course of the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competitions.

## Rule 203. OPERATION OF THE PRESIDENTS CUP MANAGEMENT GROUP

**Section 1.** The Presidents Cup Program Manager shall preside over all Presidents Cup Management Group meetings.

**Section 2.** Each member of the Presidents Cup Management Group shall have one vote on any matter or issue before the Presidents Cup Management Group.

**Section 3.** The Presidents Cup Management Group may meet by any acceptable means to reach agreement on a time sensitive matter that must be resolved quickly. The Presidents Cup Program Manager, or a designee, may also poll individual Presidents Cup Management Group members on a matter where time is of the essence and the result of that poll is final, provided each Presidents Cup Management Group member was given a chance to vote on the matter.

## **Rule 204. AMENDMENT OF POLICY**

**Section 1.** The US Youth Soccer Board of Directors may amend or repeal this Policy at any time by a majority vote.

**Section 2.** Amendments to this policy are effective the day after approval by a majority vote of the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors.

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