



Cup Naming Policy

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Section 1. PURPOSE

The purposes of this policy is to define the process and procedures in naming and/or changing the titles of the National Cups that are awarded to the champions in the National Cup competitions that US Youth Soccer organizes and conducts.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS

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) "Contributor" means an individual or company providing US Youth Soccer a financial incentive through donation or sponsorship.

Section 3. CUP NAME DURATION AND CRITERIA

(a) All National Cup names will remain in effect for ten (10) years unless, 1) it has a permanent name or 2) in the case of a contributor, it is relinquished. Any Cup not renamed will revert to the appropriate US Youth Soccer age group title. Any proposal for naming a National Cup shall be considered.

(b) No restrictions apply to name changes; however, it is suggested that one or more of the following criteria be considered:

- 1) Honors an individual or an organization:
 - i. Who has achieved unique distinction within US Youth Soccer with a national reputation for their respective contribution.
 - ii. No more than one Cup shall be named after any one individual.
- 2) Reflects a natural or geographic landmark.
- 3) Reflects a theme of US Youth Soccer.
- 4) May be named for individuals or companies contributing to the betterment of US Youth Soccer.

Section 4. PROPERTY OF CUPS AND COMPETITION DATES AND SITES

The cups are the property of US Youth Soccer and shall be competed for annually on dates and at sites determined by the respective US Youth Soccer Management Groups.

Section 5. RETIREMENT OF CUPS

Upon the retirement of any cup, it will be retired and placed at a location designated by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. AMENDMENT OF POLICY

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

(b) Amendments to this policy are effective the day after approval by a majority vote of the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors.

Section 6. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TITLES

(a) As provided by section 1 of Rule 103 of the Policy on US Youth Soccer National Championships, the title of the National Championships competitions for each of the age groups shall be "US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS".

(b) The cup for each boys and girls age group shall be engraved annually with the name of the champion team of that age group.

(c) The titles of the cups presented annually to the champion team of each boys and girls age group are the following:

- for the boys 13 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 13 and Under Cup
- for the girls 13 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 13 and Under Cup
- for the boys 14 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 14 and Under Cup.
- for the girls 14 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 14 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 15 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 15 and Under Cup.
- for the girls 15 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 15 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 16 and Under age group, the USYSA James A. Martella Cup. [Permanent Name]
- for the girls 16 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 16 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 17 and Under age group, the USYSA Don Greer Cup. [Permanent Name]
- for the girls 17 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 17 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 18 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 18 and Under Cup.
- for the girls 18 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 18 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 19 and Under age group, the James P. McGuire Cup. [Permanent Name]
- for the girls 19 and Under age group, the USYSA Evelyn Gill/Kathy Zolad Cup. [Permanent Name]

(d) The Board of Directors shall name all National Championships Series Trophies, except:

- the Boys 16 and Under age group which shall remain perpetually the James A. Martella Cup;
- the Boys 17 and Under age group which shall remain perpetually the Don Greer Cup;
- the Girls 19 and Under age group which shall remain perpetually the Evelyn Gill/Kathy Zolad Cup;
- the Boys 19 and Under age group which shall remain perpetually the James P. McGuire Cup.

(e) National Championships Series competitions at the state and regional levels shall include in their title the names as required by section 4 of Rule 103 of the Policy on US Youth Soccer National Championships.

Section 7. NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP TITLES

(a) As provided in section 3 of Rule 102 of the Policy on US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup, the title of the National Presidents Cup competitions for each of the age groups shall be “US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP”.

(b) The cup for each boys and girls age group shall be engraved annually with the name of the champion team of that age group.

(c) The titles of the cups presented annually to the champion team of each boys and girls age group are the following:

- for the boys 13 and Under age group, the USYSA Evelyn Swissler Cup. [Permanent Name]
- for the girls 13 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 13 and Under Cup
- for the boys 14 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 14 and Under Cup.
- for the girls 14 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 14 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 15 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 15 and Under Cup.
- for the girls 15 and Under age group, the USYSA Edmond J. (Ed) Loucks Cup. [Permanent Name]
- for the boys 16 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 16 and Under Cup.
- for the girls 16 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 16 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 17 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 17 and Under Cup.
- for the girls 17 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 17 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 18 and Under age group, the USYSA Boys 18 and Under Cup.
- for the girls 18 and Under age group, the USYSA Girls 18 and Under Cup.
- for the boys 19 and Under age group, the USYSA [Insert Name] Cup [Changes Annually; see (d)]
- for the girls 19 and Under age group, the USYSA [Insert Name] Cup [Changes Annually; see (d)]

(d) The Board of Directors shall name all National Presidents Cup Trophies, except:

- the Boys 13 and Under age group which shall remain perpetually the Evelyn Swissler Cup;
- the Girls 15 and Under age group which shall remain perpetually the Edmond J. (Ed) Loucks Cup;
- the Boys 19 and Under age group, which shall be renamed annually in honor of the referee that officiates that Championship match at the National Presidents Cup competition;
- the Girls 19 and Under age group, which shall be renamed annually in honor of the referee that officiates that Championship match at the National Presidents Cup competition.

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