



POLICY 19

STATE CUP YOUTH TOURNAMENTS

A. GENERAL

1. The State Youth Cup Tournaments are divided by age group, gender, and division.
2. Youth teams shall designate the division of competition that the team will participate in at the time of registration with TS.
3. The division indicated serves to designate the State Cup that the team may participate in for that seasonal year.
4. Divisions:

A. Club Competitive Teams. Players in Division 1, 2, or 3 are registered to the Club (the local association to which the team belongs) rather than to the individual teams within the club. Club players may roster to any age appropriate team roster within their Club. * *Special rules apply to D1 State League, D2 State League, and Region 3 Premier League.*

Club is subdivided into 3 divisions

<u>Division</u>	<u>Comp. Level</u>	<u>USSF Tourn's</u>	<u>Int'l Travel</u>	<u>State Championships</u>
1	Highest	YES	YES	Qualify through State League and Region Premier League
2	Intermediate	YES	Appv'l of Vice President Competitive	Qualify through State League
3	Entry	YES	Appv'l of Vice President Competitive	Open Tournament – No requirements to qualify

B. Recreational teams are formed by a draft of all eligible players within one association at the beginning of each registered year. There are no assessments, no tryouts, and no player can be cut from the team. These teams may participate in a USYS sanctioned tournament hosted by their own local association, i.e. the association they are registered with. They may enter the American Cup and in any TSSA sanctioned recreational tournament.

5. A team may play in only one division of the State Youth Tournament.

6. A player may participate on only one team in the State Cup Youth Tournament in a seasonal year.
7. By entry into the TN Soccer State Leagues, teams have declared their intent to advance to all rounds of the State Cup Youth Tournament, and advanced play as outlined.
 - A. Division 1 teams agree to participate in all levels of National Championship Series competition including the Southern Regionals and USYS National Championships.
 - B. Division 2 teams agree to participate in all levels of President's Cup tournament(s).
8. Teams failing to participate in the above-mentioned competitions, without proper notice, shall be subject to fines and/or other actions deemed appropriate by the TS Board of Directors.
9. TS member associations shall guarantee a \$500 performance guarantee for each of the association's teams that enter State Cup competitions.
10. The performance bond shall be forfeited unless written notice is received by TS 168 hours (7 days) prior to team check-in for the event.
11. The TS Board of Directors shall determine the site for each cup competition.
12. Only teams registered with TS are eligible for participation in Cup Tournaments.
13. For U-13 teams and younger, teams *must have* a majority of their players (50 percent plus one) in the age group in which the team participates in the State Cup Tournament. Teams applying to play in age groups in which they do not have a majority of players must notify the Executive Director. The Vice President of Competitive soccer will decide the outcome of the application. Exceptions shall not include allowing players older than the age group to play in the age group.

B. YOUTH AGE DIVISIONS

1. Age divisions for Division 1 State Championships is U12-U19.
2. Age divisions for Division 2 cup play are U12-U18.
3. Age divisions for Division 3 cup play are U12-U16.

C. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

1. Each player on a youth cup team shall carry a USYS player card with the player's photograph and signature. The player card must be laminated on both sides.
2. Each player or a team official shall present player cards to game officials. The player will not be permitted to play in that match, if the player card is not presented.

3. If a player does not present a player pass or provide player verification to game officials, the player shall not play in that match.
4. Player cards are to be returned to the team coach or manager at the conclusion of the game, except for the cards of any players receiving an ejection.
5. A game report and the player cards of ejected players shall be submitted to tournament officials immediately following the conclusion of the match.

D. ROSTERS

1. The maximum roster size for all CLUB (Divisions 1, 2, & 3) teams is as follows and without exceptions:

o U 9 & U10	12 Players
o U11 & U12	14 Players
o U13	18 Players
o *U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 & U19	22 Players

*U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, & U19 teams may have up to 22 registered players on their roster with no more than 18 players on the individual game roster. Those players not on the game roster are permitted to sit on the player bench dressed in street clothes.

2. All rosters must have a minimum of *two* coaches listed. It is recommended that the club DOCs also be listed. If not listed, DOCs will be permitted on the sideline as a visitor. If the coaches listed on the roster are unable to coach and the DOC is not listed on the roster then the DOC will not be permitted to coach the team.

A Division 1 teams participating in USYS National Championship Series must meet the USYS eligibility requirements as specified in the USYS Championship Series Rule Book.

B. U14-U18 Division 2 teams may register up to 22 players on the team roster, but must declare which 18 players will participate in the state cup competition.

C. The state cup entry deadline shall serve as the date that rosters are frozen as outlined.

<u>TN Soccer Division/Gender</u>	<u>Roster Freeze Date</u>
Boys Division 1	Two weeks (14 days) prior to the first game of the D1 Boys State Championships
Boys Division 2	Two weeks (14 days) prior to the first game of the D2 Boys State Championships
Boys Division 3	Day of event prior to first game of D3 Boys State Championships
Girls Division 1	Two weeks (14 days) prior to the first game of the D1 Girls State Championships
Girls Division 2	Two weeks (14 days) prior to the first game of the D2 Girls State Championships
Girls Division 3	Day of event prior to first game of D3 Girls State Championships

E. GUEST PLAYERS

Guest players are not allowed in TS state cup competitions.

F. FORMAT

Please refer to the Division One/Division Two State League Rules, Guidelines and Procedures revised August 6, 2011 or as further amended, as it pertains to the appropriate scoring and tiebreaker systems for your Divisions State Championship.

G. ENTRY

It is the responsibility of each local association to notify each team that the online applications are available on the TSSA website.

H. RULES OF PLAY

Except as otherwise provided herein and/or in TS Policy, the *FIFA Laws of the Game* and USYS rules of competition shall apply.

I. PROTESTS

All protests must be made in accordance with the *TS Policy 8, Protest & Appeals*.