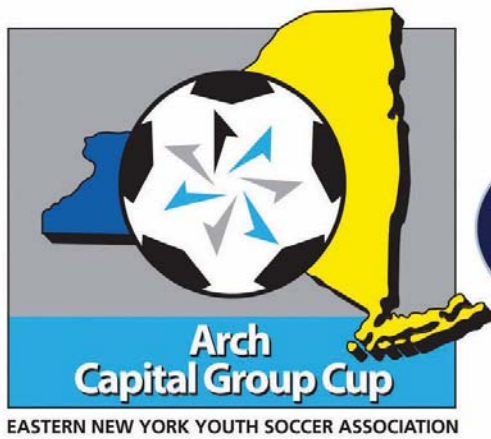




2016 ENYYSA State Cup Rule Book



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US Youth Soccer ENY/NCS State Cup, and the Arch Capital Group Challenge Cup Rules.

**1.0 GENERAL**

- 1.1.1 The US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State championships are part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship series and its rules shall be applicable from the beginning of the first Intrastate game through the Regional or National finals.
- 1.1.2 Except as otherwise provided herein, the Cup Competition will be played using FIFA "Laws of the Game", these rules and guidelines, and the Rules and Guidelines of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the policy of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series.
- 1.1.3 Notwithstanding any provisions in the following rules & guidelines, the Cup Chairperson and/or Cup Administrator may take any action necessary to ensure the efficient and timely completion of the competitions.

**2.0 ADMINISTRATION**

**2.1 CUP CHAIRPERSON**

- 2.1.1 Steve Padaetz – (516) 384-6463; email: [smpad5@aol.com](mailto:smpad5@aol.com)

**2.2 CUP ADMINISTRATOR and ASSISTANT CHAIR**

- 2.2.1 Steve Munzing – (516) 587-7753; email: [enystatecupadm@gmail.com](mailto:enystatecupadm@gmail.com)

**2.3 AGE GROUP COMMISSIONERS**

- 2.3.1 Please refer to the current list on the website [www.ensoccer.com](http://www.ensoccer.com) for a complete list of the Age Group Commissioners.
- 2.3.2 Administrators/Commissioners shall not be telephoned before 7:30 AM or after 9:00 PM. If a call is received prior to 7:30 AM or after 9:00 PM, the caller will be fined \$25.00 per call.

**2.4 CUP REFEREE COORDINATOR & STATE YOUTH REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR**

- 2.4.1 Ray Wolfe – [raysyra@ptd.net](mailto:raysyra@ptd.net)

**2.5 APPEALS COMMITTEE**

- 2.5.1 ENYYSA Appeals Chairperson

**3.0 ENTRY**

**3.1 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM**

- US Youth Soccer ENY State Championships- \$400
- Arch Capital Cup- \$225.

After the cup draw, entry fees will not be refunded. The request for a refund must be in writing to the ENYYSA office either via email ([joanne@ensoccer.com](mailto:joanne@ensoccer.com)) or mail to;

ENYSSA  
265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 38  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

All requests are subject to the approval of the State Cup Chairperson.

### **3.2 CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRY FORMS**

All entries must be entered using the online registration system no later than: August 26, 2015 for Fall Cup Play U10, U11 & U12 Arch Capital Group Cup, February 12, 2016 for U12SS & U12 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and April 19, 2016 for U19 US Youth Soccer Championships.

### **3.3 CUP DRAW DATE**

3.3.1 The Cup Draws will be held during the following months:

- **August** for the U10, U11 & U12 Arch Capital Group Cup
- **February** for the U12SS, U12 - U18 US Youth Soccer Championships
- **April** for the U19 Division.

3.3.2 Whenever possible, the quarterfinalists from the immediate previous year will be seeded for Group Play

3.3.3 Teams are considered full participants of the competition at the time of the Cup Draw.

3.3.4 If any team withdraws or is disqualified after the initial cup draw but prior to the 21 day schedule rule as outlined in Rule 4.3.3, the Cup Chairman at their discretion may order a cup redraw.

### **3.4 ENYSSA CUP ROSTER DUE DATES**

Cup Rosters must be entered using the GOTSOCER online registration system. Each Team is responsible for the entry, accuracy and completeness of its team roster in accordance with the below dates:

- Arch Capital Group Cup U10-U12 August 28, 2015, Rosters freeze on September 12, 2015.
- US Youth Soccer ENY State Championships U12SS, U12-18, Arch Capital Group Cup U13-16 February 17, 2016, Rosters freeze March 7, 2016.
- U19 Rosters are due on April 22, 2016 they freeze on May 6, 2016.

## **4.0 ELIGIBILITY**

### **4.1 QUALIFYING LEAGUES**

All teams need to play in a qualifying league which is approved and sanctioned via ENY. This can include but may not be limited to US Youth National or Regional league play or such other leagues' play as requested by a league president and approved by the state association president. If unsure check with ENYSSA office at 516-766-0849.

## **4.2 TEAM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS**

Any properly registered team has the right to enter these competitions, provided they are in good standing. The team shall be comprised of properly registered youth players (as defined by the Rules of US Youth Soccer) in all age groups. With the exception of the U19 age group, the team must compete in at least a four (4) team approved league and play three (3) league games. All qualifying games MUST be completed prior to the finals. US Youth Soccer Regional League or US Youth Soccer National League games must be completed in the seasonal year provided the team is in compliance with and has not violated any rules of ENYYSA and US Youth Soccer.

- 4.2.1 The US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championships are open to all teams, except,
- Full sided teams with a league roster of twenty-three (23) or more players are not eligible to participate in the ENY Championship Cup competition.
  - Small sided teams with a league roster of fifteen (15) or more players are not eligible to participate in the ENY Championship Cup competition.
- 4.2.2 With the exception of the U10 & U11, entry in the Arch Capital Cup is restricted. Divisions of play in the previous Spring Season shall determine eligibility for the U12 division. A team's division of play in the current Fall Season shall determine its eligibility for the U13- U16 age brackets.
- In leagues that have five (5) or more tiers in the age bracket, the first and second tier teams are not eligible.
  - In leagues that have at least two (2) but fewer than five (5) tiers in the age bracket, the first tier teams are not eligible.
  - In leagues that have only one (1) tier in the age bracket, only teams finishing in the bottom half of their tier are eligible for the Arch Capital Cup.
- 4.2.3 New teams may enter the Arch Capital Cup provided that their current or proposed tier (i.e. Fall or Spring) meets the guidelines in 3.1.2. A team is considered a new team only when fewer than nine (9) players were rostered to the previous year's team.
- 4.2.4 Any team disqualified for entering the Arch Capital Challenge Cup for which that team was ineligible, shall be fined \$250 for each round it competed in. In single elimination rounds, the last team that the disqualified team played will be awarded a 1-0 win by forfeit and advance to the next round of play. In group play, all opponents of a disqualified team will be awarded a 1-0 win by forfeit.

## **4.3 TEAMS INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE**

These competitions are not open to League Select Teams.

## **4.4 QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGION, BRACKET COMPETITION**

There will be one US Youth Soccer / ENY Championship Cup and one Arch Capital Group Cup

## **4.5 LIMITS OF TEAM/PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- 4.5.1 Players registered to a club may be rostered on a State Cup Roster other than what they play in league competition; this is classified as a "Club Pass". The "Club Pass" pertains to both Cups.
- 4.5.2 For the US Youth Soccer / ENY State Cup Championships players registered in this competition on an ENYYSA Cup Roster are Cup tied to that team and age bracket during each level of play. A player CANNOT play on two (2) or more teams, or in two (2) or more brackets at each level. A continuity of 9 player of the league roster must be maintained at all levels.

- 4.5.3 Teams and players may enter only one of the competitions. However, for any team that is in the Arch Capital Challenge Group Cup and is disqualified or eliminated in fall group play, that team and/or its players may enter another cup competition in the Spring.

## **4.6 APPROVED ROSTERS**

The coach shall have in his/her possession a game card (generated from the online registration system), verifying players registered for the cup competition prior to the start of the Cup game.

- 4.6.1 All players listed on the game card must also be registered and listed with the club prior to the State Cup Roster freeze date.
- 4.6.2 There is no limitation to the number of registered adults on a Cup Roster, but only four (4) may be on the team bench during the game. All rostered adults must have been certified by the ENYYSA Risk Management Committee. Additionally, only Trainers with an ENYYSA Trainer Pass are allowed on the team bench during games.
- 4.6.3 There is no prohibition of a team playing in a younger age division than its league age division. Only players of the appropriate cup age are eligible to participate and to be entered on the approved cup roster and must be on their Club's Team Roster.
- 4.6.4 A team may have on its team roster only players of the following age groups for the seasonal year in which the team is participating:
- 4.6.5 For teams competing in the Under 10 to Under 15 age groups, each player on the team must be (a) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating, or (b) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.
- 4.6.6 For teams competing in the Under 16 to Under 19 age groups, each player on the team must be (a) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating, or (b) of the age of any younger age group, through the Under 14 age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

## **4.7 ROSTER MAXIMUMS AND DUE DATES**

- 4.7.1 **This rule only applies to the US Youth Soccer ENY State Cup Championships.** The maximum number of players on an ENYYSA Cup Roster for U12 is Eighteen (18) and U12 Small Side 8 v 8 is Fourteen (14). The maximum number of players on an ENYYSA Cup Roster for the U13 to U19 age group is twenty-two (22). Only eighteen (18) players from that roster will be eligible to compete in any one match. The eighteen (18) eligible players to compete in the match will be clearly designated on the approved cup roster for each match.

U12 teams that register more than (18) players, U12SS (8 v 8) that register more than (14) players and U13 to U19 teams that register more than (22) players, during the current seasonal year, on their league roster, will not be eligible for the US Youth Soccer National Championships. These teams may be eligible for the Arch Capital Cup provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

- 4.7.2 **The Arch Capital Group Cup** maximum roster size must adhere to their League guidelines. You can only suit eighteen (18) players to compete in the match.

4.7.3 Rosters shall be frozen seven (7) days prior to the start of the U12 to U18 US Youth Soccer Championships and, U13 -U16 Arch Capital Cup competition. Except for the U10, U11 and U12 Arch Capital Cup which shall be frozen seven (7) days prior to the start of Fall play and reopen at the conclusion of Fall play. Rosters will then be frozen with all other age groups seven (7) days prior to start of the Spring Competition. Teams playing in leagues that use the Cup Roster as their Official League Roster shall be frozen as of the date the league rules require, but in no instance later than the date all Cup Competition Rosters are frozen. (see 2.4.1 for actual dates)

#### **4.8 INELIGIBLE PLAYER**

Any team that fields an ineligible player, such as, a player who is overage, a player not registered in the club prior to the roster freeze date and/or a player, who has signed a senior form and has not been released by ENYSASA, shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part. In addition, the team, its club, and/or its adult supervisor(s) may be fined and or suspended.

#### **4.9 AGE BRACKETS, COMPETITION LEVELS USYSA / ENYSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Age Brackets and ultimate level of competition for the US Youth Eastern New York State Championships shall be:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>DOB</b>
U10	State	Born August 1, 2005 & later
U11	State	Born August 1, 2004 & later
U12 SS	Regional	Born August 1, 2003 & later
U12	Regional	Born August 1, 2003 & later
U13	National	Born August 1, 2002 & later
U14	National	Born August 1, 2001 & later
U15	National	Born August 1, 2000 & later
U16	National	Born August 1, 1999 & later
U17	National	Born August 1, 1998& later
U18	National	Born August 1, 1997 & later
U19	National	Born August 1, 1996 & later

## **5.0 SCHEDULE**

### **5.1 DATES OF PLAY**

- **Fall- U10, U11 & U12 Arch Capital Group Cup**

Game 1 – September 19-20, 2015

Game 2 – October 3-4, 2015

Game 4 – October 24-25, 2015

Quarterfinals – April 16-17, 2015

Semifinals – May 7-8, 2016

Any game, except the finals, can be played before the scheduled date with the consent of both coaches and notification via email to the Age Group Commissioner.



- **Spring U12SS (may be a single elimination tournament), U12 - U18 ENY/NCS State Cup, & U13-U16 Arch Capital Group Cup. U19 TBA and is a single elimination tournament**

Game 1 – March 19-20, 2016  
 Game 2 – April 2-3, 2016  
 Game 3 – April 16-17, 2016  
 Quarterfinals – May 7-8, 2016  
 Semifinals – May 21(22 rain date), 2016

Any game, except the finals, can be played before the scheduled date with the consent of both coaches and notification via email to the Age Group Commissioner.

- **ENY/NCS State Cup Finals U12SS, U12-U18**  
 June 4-5, 2016, Stringham Park, Lagrangeville
- **Arch Capital Group Challenge Cup Finals U10- U16 & ENY/NCS State Cup Final U19**  
 June 11 (12 rain date), 2016 (Peter Collins Soccer Park, Plainview LI)
- **US Youth Soccer Region 1 Championships U12SS, U12-19**  
 June 30-July 5, 2016, Barboursville WV
- **US Youth Soccer National Championships U13- U19**  
 July 25-31, 2016 – Frisco, TX

## **5.2 SCHEDULING A GAME**

- 5.2.1 ENYYSA shall provide fields for the Final games only.
- 5.2.2 US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Championships and Arch Capital Cup games take precedence over all games, under the ENYYSA auspices.
- 5.2.3 With the exception of the Finals, all games shall start play at or after 9:00 AM or at or before 9:00 PM. Teams traveling in excess of 100 miles are not expected to start play before 11:00 or after 6:00 PM on Saturdays. On Sundays U10, U11, U12, U12SS & U13 are not expected to play before 11:00 AM or after 4:00 PM and teams U15 and older play between 11:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Teams may agree to play earlier or later, but both teams must advise the Age Group Commissioner that they agreed to the time
- 5.2.4 The home team determines the kick off time (subject to travel distance restrictions in 5.2.3 above) and whether the game will be played on Saturday or Sunday of the specified weekend. This must be established in accordance with the scheduling calendar and scheduled by 5:00 PM of the first business day after the date of any canceled game or games and confirmed with the appropriate Age Group Commissioner. Failure to comply will result in the potential loss of home field and/or fine at the discretion of the Cup Chairman or Cup Administrator.
- 5.2.5 In the event the home team is unable to provide a field for a scheduled match in accordance with scheduling calendar, the Cup Administrator or Chairman, in order to adhere to schedule of games published herein, may decide to reschedule the match on the opposing team's field or reschedule the match on the home field on an alternate, available date (including weekdays). This means, that the team originally designated as the home team will remain the home team, regardless of where the game is ultimately played.
- 5.2.6 Any game, except the finals, can be played before the scheduled date with the consent of both coaches and notification via email to the Age Group Commissioner.

- 5.2.7 Once the games are scheduled, there will be no change in game time or date without the approval of the Age Group Commissioner / Cup Administrator and confirmation by the appropriate Referee Assignor.
- 5.2.8 Only communication from the State Cup Scheduling System shall be accepted for game details and confirmations.
- 5.2.9 Both teams should exchange the coaches' and team managers' cell numbers, so the home team can inform the visiting team immediately of a field closure
- 5.2.10 Teams playing qualifying league play outside their registered league (league in which the players are registered) must play their cup games at a field within the league which they are registered.

### **5.3 NATIONAL OR REGIONAL PLAYER CONFLICTS**

Teams that have more than one (1) National or Regional ODP player that has a National or Regional team conflict for the scheduled cup match may petition the Cup Chairman in writing to reschedule the match. Documentation must be provided verifying the conflict. The Cup Chairman has the authority to change the match date, time and location. The decision of the Cup Chairman shall be final and not subject to protest or appeal.

### **5.4 NATIONAL OR LEAGUE SCHEDULING CONFLICTS**

- 5.4.1 Teams playing in a recognized US Youth Soccer National or Regional League, shall be allowed to have their ENY State Cup game scheduled on their "league off day" of the ENY State Cup weekend.
- 5.4.2 Teams playing in the US Youth Regional League that advance to the finals shall be required to have their ENYYSA State Cup game scheduled on the weekend prior to the scheduled round, but shall forfeit their home field if necessary, at the discretion of the Cup Administrator.

## **6.0 ROUNDS OF PLAY**

### **6.1 BYES AND SEEDING**

- 6.1.1 All byes if needed shall be on the first weekend of group play in each division
- 6.1.2 Whenever possible, the quarterfinalists from the immediate previous year will be seeded for Group Play

### **6.2 GROUP PLAY**

- 6.2.1 Teams will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. The Eastern New York Cup Committee (ENY Cup Committee) has the discretion to limit the number of teams accepted for any group based on group composition considerations. Any team not accepted will have its registration fee fully refunded. **The U19 age group is a single elimination tournament and the U12SS at the discretion of the ENY Cup Committee may be a single elimination tournament.**
- 6.2.2 Other than the U12ss or U19's as noted above, each "Team" may play up to 3 games, including any bye/forfeits that may occur. In the event that there are an odd number of teams, Eastern New York Cup Committee (ENY Cup Committee) will determine "Group" play utilizing crossover games or may increase / decrease the number of teams allowed in select groups. ENY Cup Committee reserves the right to adjust the schedules based on registrations per age divisions. For example, the small sided U12 play in the US Youth Soccer / ENY Championship Cup has 7 teams registered. The ENY Cup Committee may advance the teams

to the quarter finals, which is single elimination.

6.2.3 Any divisions with 4 groups or less (fewer than 16 teams) will go directly into semi-final round.

6.2.4 All games are assigned points based on game outcome:

- Win = 3 Points
- Tie = 1 Point
- Loss = 0 Points

A team winning by forfeit shall be awarded a 1-0 victory and three (3) points. The "Group Standings" will reflect the points achieved for each team.

6.2.5 At the conclusion of "Group Play" round, the winners of each Group, plus "Wildcard" teams if applicable, will advance to the single elimination play in the quarter finals.

- If an age group consists of 8 Groups, the 8 Group winners will advance to the quarter final round.
- If an age group consists of more than 8 Groups, the Group winners with the lowest point values will play an additional round until there are 8 group winners, who will then advance to the quarter final round.
- If an age group consists of 5 to 7 Groups, the Group winners plus an appropriate number of "Wildcard" teams (those teams with the highest point total in the Group Play round that were not a Group winner) will advance to the quarter final round.
- If an age group consists of 4 Groups, the Group winners plus an appropriate number of "Wildcard" teams (those teams with the highest point total in the Group Play round that were not a Group winner) will advance to the quarter final round.
- If an age group consists of 2 to 3 Groups, the Group winners plus an appropriate number of "Wildcard" teams (those teams with the highest point total in the Group Play round that were not a Group winner) will advance to the semi final round.
- If an age group consists of 1 Groups, the Group winner and second place finisher will advance directly to the final round.

6.2.6 In the event that there is a tie between teams, either to determine a Group winner or Wildcard team, the winner is determined, in order, as follows:

1. Winner based on head to head competition (3 way tie head to head is not applicable).
2. Goal differential - (Maximum 4 goals/game). Examples:  
 $15-0 = 4-0 (+4)$   
 $8-1 = 5-1 (+4)$   
 $2-4 = 2-4 (-2)$
3. Least goals allowed
4. Shut Out = 1 Point, not to include forfeits
5. Teams with fewest red cards accumulated

If the teams are still tied, then a single match elimination game will be played. The home team will be decided on a coin flip. **Note the tie breaking game must be played to a decision.**

The ENY Cup Committee, at its discretion may adjust wildcard seeding, in the quarterfinals or semi-finals.

### **6.3 SINGLE ELIMINATION ROUNDS**

- 6.3.1 Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals are a single elimination tournament and must be played to a decision.
- 6.3.2 Quarterfinal and Semifinal games must be scheduled by 5:00 PM of the first business day after the prior round's scores are posted.
- 6.3.3 Any age group that finishes its quarterfinal round more than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled semifinal round date are encouraged to play the semifinal game prior the scheduled semifinal round date.
- 6.3.4 All semifinal games shall be scheduled on Saturday with Sunday as the rain date, unless being played prior to the scheduled semifinal round.
- 6.3.5 Only the Finals are arranged by ENYYSA at a site to be determined by the Cup Committee. Once the game times are released for the finals they shall not be changed without the consent of both teams, the SYRA and the Cup Chairman not withstanding circumstances beyond the control of ENYYSA (e.g., weather).
- 6.3.6 All forms required for the Regional's shall be submitted to the State Office, by both finalists, before the close of business on the Thursday prior to the State Championships or the team will forfeit the championship.
- 6.3.7 Both finalists shall present their players and coaches to the awards ceremony immediately following the completion of the game or they shall forfeit their awards and be subject to a five hundred (\$500) fine.

## **7.0 GAME DAY**

### **7.1 PRE GAME**

- 7.1.1 The Home team must:
  - Confirm the game details (i.e., field location and directions, kick off time) with referee the Thursday before game. For games played on a weekday, the Home team must confirm the game details at least three (3) days before the date of the game.
  - Contact the ENY office M-F during normal business hours if there is no contact from referee.
- 7.1.2 In the event that home team did not confirm referee coverage and away team travels to game that is canceled for no referee coverage, home field will be awarded to away team and the game must be scheduled within 24 hours of canceled game.
- 7.1.3 Before the start of the game, each team must present to the Referee its laminated player passes and two copies of its game card (from on-line registration system). The Referee shall retain one copy of the game card for inclusion with his game report to be submitted to the ENYYSA State Office and provide the other copy of the game card to the opponent.
  - Players without league or State Association certified players passes are ineligible to play.
  - Players not properly listed and certified on a game card are ineligible to play.
  - Teams without League or State certified player's passes that are not laminated may not play the game; the game will be declared a forfeit and the team(s) involved will be

subject to the appropriate fine and referee fees.

- 7.1.4 The Referee shall check player passes, game cards, cleats, game appurtenances, field conditions, field measurements, etc., prior to the start of the game. Referee will review game length/overtime with both coaches prior to kickoff.
- 7.1.5 Only coaches, players & personnel with approved League/State passes may be on the team's side of the field. **Additionally, only Trainers with an ENYYSA Trainer Pass are allowed on the team bench during games.** All other personnel and fans must remain with spectators on the sideline opposite the teams. Both Home and Away teams will share opposite halves of the same side of the field.
- 7.1.6 At every level of the National Championship competitions, including US Youth Soccer / ENY Championship Cup games, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game 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 an affiliate 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. Teams that do not comply shall be subjected to a \$500.00 fine.
- 7.1.7 **Both Coaches MUST have Cup Rule booklet at each game.**

## 7.2 REFEREES

- 7.2.1 **Referees and Assistant Referees will be paid on the field before the game.** Each team will be responsible for bringing its half of the referee game fee to the field. A team that fails to pay its half of the referee fees will be fined \$250. If the fees for the game officials are erroneously or deliberately not paid on the field, the team will be assessed a \$250.00 fine in addition to being responsible for the referee fees. Referees are Sub Contractors, as such; records of payment to game officials and any IRS reporting associated with these payments are the responsibility of the payee.
- 7.2.2 Any team which fails to appear at the scheduled game date, time and/or place, shall pay the entire Referee Fee in full.
- 7.2.3 Cup Referee Fees:

Age	Referee	Asst. Referee (Each)
U17, U18 & U19	\$80	\$40
U15 & U16	\$70	\$35
U13 & U14	\$56	\$28
U11, U12 & U12SS	\$46	\$23
U10	\$41	\$21

Referee Fees at the Cup Finals will be paid by ENYYSA.

- 7.2.4 Unless unavailable, a three man certified referee system shall be used for all age groups in all US Youth Soccer Eastern New York State Cup games
- 7.2.5 Each Team shall supply one club linesman, when needed.
- 7.2.6 The Referee shall have the power from the time he/she enters the field of play and until he/she departs from it to deal with any person(s) guilty of violent conduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, or using threatening or abusive language. The Referee shall forward the name(s) of any offender(s) within two (2) day thereafter to the Cup Chairman for action.

### **7.3 NO SHOW OF REFEREE**

- 7.3.1 In the event the Cup Assigned Referee fails to put in an appearance (after the end of the grace period stated in 6.5.2), and another certified referee is not available in a reasonable time frame, for the U14 and younger, the opposing teams' coaches, or in their absence, the team manager, should agree to one mutually acceptable Referee for the game. The game can then be played but no protests will be allowed concerning that referee, his/her judgment calls made during that game. For U-15 and older when there is no certified referee, the game must be rescheduled. In the event the game has started without the assigned Referee, the mutually agreed upon Referee must complete the entire match.
- 7.3.2 In the event the Cup Assigned Referee or another certified Referee fails to put in an appearance (after the end of the grace period stated in 6.5.2) and BOTH TEAMS cannot reach an agreement on a Referee, the game shall be rescheduled. The Home team shall contact the Age Group Commissioner no later than 8:00 PM of the day of the scheduled game with the details. The Age Group Commissioner must be notified by 5:00 PM the next business day of the rescheduled game. If not, the game will be rescheduled at the discretion of the Cup Chairman.

### **7.4 UNPLAYABLE FIELD**

- 7.4.1 If a Referee determines that the playing field is unplayable (except because of weather conditions) and there is no alternate field immediately available the home team pays the Referee's fee in full and forfeits the game.
- 7.4.2 If a referee determines a field is unplayable because of weather conditions, the home team shall pay the referee a \$25.00, plus tolls where applicable, travel expense fee. Game must be scheduled by the next business day or home team will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100)

### **7.5 GRACE PERIODS**

- 7.5.1 A fifteen (15) minute grace period shall be allowed for teams without the minimum number of players to start match. Any team not on the field ready to play by the time grace period expires will be declared in forfeit for that match, and must be reported by the Referee to the Cup Committee Chairman and ENYYSA Office in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled game. The offending team, if found to be at fault by the Cup Committee, shall forfeit that game and be fined in accordance with the Rules set forth for this competition. Additionally, be responsible for 100% of referee fees.
- 7.5.2 Referees are sometimes delayed while en-route to a game. If the referee has not contacted the teams, they are required to give the referee a minimum 30 minute grace period past the scheduled start time of the match. When a referee has contacted the teams about a delay en-route they are required to give the referee 60 minutes grace period and should, if at all possible, play the match with the assigned referee upon their arrival.

### **7.6 WEATHER**

- 7.6.1 Under adverse weather conditions of cold (i.e. temperatures below 36 degrees), sleet, snow, hail, freezing rain, etc., players shall be permitted to wear such clothing as to ward off the elements (i.e. sweat pants, warm-ups, long pants, sweaters, thermal undergarments, mittens, gloves, ski-type caps, etc.) provided their uniforms are worn as the outermost layer visible to the Referee without regard as to whether any other, or all players on either or both teams avail themselves of the weather protection.
- 7.6.2 Other than the game referee, only State Cup Chairperson, park directors, school officials or club officials (not coach) may close a field due to weather or field conditions. This must be provided in writing to the Cup Administrator and Age Group Coordinator.

## **7.7 GAME CANCELLATIONS**

- 7.7.1 In the event a scheduled match is canceled, both teams must contact and inform the age group commissioner IMMEDIATELY. The AGC will then coordinate rescheduling of the match. A SCHEDULED MATCH IS NOT CONSIDERED CANCELLED UNLESS THE AGE GROUP COMMISSIONER HAS CONFIRMED THE CANCELLATION. Referee Fees shall be Due & Payable should the Referee Assignor not be informed by the State Office of the cancellations with sufficient time to notify the assigned referee
- 7.7.2 In governmental declared states of emergency games may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Cup Chairman or Cup Administrator

## **7.8 TERMINATIONS OF GAMES**

- 7.8.1 Once a referee has jurisdiction of a game, the game may be terminated only by the referee as provided for in the FIFA "Laws of the Game".
- 7.8.2 If a game is terminated before the second half of the game has begun, and the termination is not due to the conduct of one of the teams, the game shall be replayed in its entirety.
- 7.8.3 If a game is terminated after play has begun in the second half of the game, but before the end of the second half and the termination is not due to the conduct of one of the teams, the game may be considered complete, and the score would stand. The reason for the termination shall be reported on fully by the referee. The Cup Chairperson shall render a decision on the termination or replay of the game within 24 hours of receiving the Referee Report.
- 7.8.4 If a game is terminated because of the conduct of one team, the offending team would be awarded a forfeit.
- 7.8.5 Refer to section 5.2 for rules applying to the rescheduling of the game.

## **7.9 FORFEITS**

- 7.9.1 Any team intending to forfeit must give advance notice of such intention to its Age Groups Commissioners no less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the game to be forfeited. Such notice shall include the reason(s) for the forfeit. The Cup Chairman shall review each such notice and shall have authority to take such action against the team as is deemed appropriate.
- 7.9.2 Any team failing to give notice of its intention to forfeit shall, at the discretion of the Cup Chairman, be declared ineligible to enter this competition in the following year.
- 7.9.3 Any team found guilty of violating any of the rules of the competition shall forfeit the game in which such violation(s) occurred.
- 7.9.4 A team winning by forfeit shall be awarded a 1-0 victory and three (3) points
- 7.9.5 Any team that forfeits may not move onto single elimination round play.

7.9.6 If any team forfeits a game, that team’s club, organization or sponsoring group shall be fined according to the following schedule:

<b>Round</b>	<b>Fine (per game)</b>
Group Play	\$250
Quarterfinals	\$1,250
Semi-Finals	\$1,500
Finals	\$2,000

7.9.7 If the Club, Organization or Sponsoring Group of any team that forfeits does not pay the subscribed fine, all teams of that Club, Organization or Sponsoring Group will be suspended from all future State, Regional and National Youth Competition, and all approvals to Host Tournaments, and/or travel to other tournaments, will be withheld until such time as the Club Organization, or Sponsoring Group is in good standing with Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association.

## **7.10 REPORTING OF RESULTS**

All results must be entered into the Scheduling System (by Smartphone bar code scan, phone call or enter on team account). Scores must be reported by the winning team no later than 8:00PM on the evening of the game. Games ending in a tie, score must be reported by the home team by 8:00PM on the evening of the game. Teams failing to report game results will be fined \$25.00.

## **8.0 PLAYING GAME/ TIMES/FIELDS**

### **8.1 GAME DURATION**

The game will consist of two (2) equal halves.

### **8.2 SPECIFICATIONS FOR U12 – U19 (11v11)**

8.2.1 Game Duration/Overtime/Ball Size:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Ball</b>	<b>Game</b>	<b>Overtime</b>
U17, U18 & U19	5	2 x 45 min.	2 x 15 min.
U15 & U16	5	2 x 40 min.	2 x 15 min.
U13 & U14	5	2 x 35 min.	2 x 10 min.
U12	4	2 x 30 min.	2 x 10 min

8.2.2 Field dimensions, goals and number of players on field shall conform to FIFA. U12 - U19.



8.2.3 The penalty spot shall be 12 yards from the goal.

8.2.4 Roster Size:

- U12: 18 maximum / 7 minimum
- U13 to U19: 22 maximum / 7 minimum

### **8.3 SPECIFICATIONS FOR U10, U11 & U12 (8v8):**

8.3.1 Game Duration/Overtime/Ball Size:

Age	Ball	Game	Overtime
U12SS	4	2 x 30 min.	2 x 10 min.
U10 & U11	4	2 x 25 min.	2 x 10 min.

8.3.2 Roster Size:

- U10 & U11: 18 maximum / 7 minimum
- U12 small sided: 14 maximum / 7 minimum

8.3.3 Field Specifications:

- Length 80 yards Max. 70 yards Min
- Width 55 yards Max. 45 yards Min
- Penalty Box 14 yards
- Goal Box 6 yards minimum
- Penalty Kick Arc 8 yards
- Corner Arcs 1 yard
- Center Circle 8 yards
- Penalty spot shall be 10 yards from the goal

8.3.4 The goals must be between 6 and 7 feet high and 18 and 21 feet wide. Both goals must be equal in size.

### **8.4 TIE BREAKERS- KICKS TAKEN FROM THE PENALTY MARK (ONLY PERTAINS TO QUARTERFINALS, SEMIFINALS AND FINALS)**

8.4.1 Only players on the field of play at the end of the second overtime period are allowed to participate.

8.4.2 The Referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks shall be taken.

8.4.3 The Referee shall toss a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss shall decide whether to take the first or second kick

8.4.4 Both teams shall take five (5) kicks.

8.4.5 The kicks shall be taken alternately.

8.4.6 If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could, even if it were to complete its five (5) kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.

- 8.4.7 If no winner is determined, after 5 penalty kicks, each team will continue to shoot penalty kicks, alternately (each must complete the round), until a winner is determined.
- 8.4.8 No player may take another shot until all players, including the goalkeepers, have taken their shot.

## **8.5 SUBSTITUTIONS**

- 8.5.1 US Youth Soccer ENY State Cup Championships:
- For the U12 to U14 age groups, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed.
  - For all other age groups, a maximum of 7 substitutions for each team shall be allowed in each game during each half of play and during overtime play. After leaving the game during a half of play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game during that same half of play. After leaving the game during overtime play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game.
- 8.5.2 The Arch Capital Group Challenge Cup:
- For all age groups, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed.
- 8.5.3 Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the Referee, at any stoppage in play.
- 8.5.4 A substitute is **NOT** allowed for a player ordered from the field of play by the Referee. A player shall **NOT** leave the field of play or enter onto it without the consent of the Referee.

## **9.0 PROTESTS**

- 9.1.1 There will be no protests heard on game length or overtime length unless discussed with the referee before the kickoff of the match.
- 9.1.2 All protests relating to the qualifications of competitors, or interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest whatsoever, must be referred to the Cup Chairman and received within 24 hours after the scheduled match from which the protest arises. The decision of the Cup Chairman shall be appealable to the ENYYSA Appeals Committee. Protests will not be accepted, entertained or heard via phone calls or personal discussions.
- 9.1.3 Any protest or subsequent appeal which may result in ruling of a replay of the entire match, or any portion thereof (i.e. over time periods), shall be immediately rescheduled. Refer to section 4.2 for rules applying to the rescheduling of the game.
- 9.1.4 Once a decision has been rendered on a protest filed with the Cup Chairman there shall be no further discussions or new evidence accepted on the protest.

## **10.0 APPEALS**

### **10.1 PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS**

- 10.1.1 To be valid and eligible for consideration, the appeal must be submitted by the listed coach, assistant coach, manager, or club president and must be filed with the ENYYSA Appeals Committee accompanied by:
- Appeal fee in the amount of \$250.00
  - Eight (8) copies of the appeal including full particulars of grounds upon which the protest is based on.

- Appeals, copies and enclosures must be either typewritten or printed legibly so as to be clearly readable.
- Eight (8) copies of any information presented by witness(es).

10.1.2 All appeals and enclosures must be delivered to:

ENYYSA  
265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 38  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
Attention: Chairman of the Appeals Committee

- 10.1.3 Appeals must be received by ENYYSA no later than two (2) business days following the date and time of the Cup Chairman's decision from which the appeal arises.
- 10.1.4 The Chairman of the ENYYSA Appeals Committee with which the appeal is lodged, shall immediately upon receipt of each appeal, notify the Cup Chairman and the team against which the appeal is being made. He shall send them both a copy of that appeal and its particulars, and that team will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses.
- 10.1.5 A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of this competition is not sufficient grounds for appeals or protests. Violators can expect appropriate action by this Association.
- 10.1.6 If these conditions are not met in full, an appeal will not be considered and the appeal fee will be forfeited.
- 10.1.7 Appeals will not be accepted, entertained or heard via phone calls or personal discussions.
- 10.1.8 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on both teams.

## 11.0 VIOLATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

- 11.1.1 A player who is ejected will be suspended from at least the next State, Regional or National Cup Game and any additional games determined by the Cup Chairman. Suspensions beyond one game are appealable and must follow the procedures as outlined in Rule 8.3; however an appeal will not interrupt the continuance of the cup schedule.
- 11.1.2 Disciplinary action for a player, who is ejected after being eliminated from cup play, will be referred to the player's league at the discretion of the Cup Chairman.
- 11.1.3 A list of names and pass #'s of all ejected players/coaches **MUST** be sent to the State Office accompanied by a Referee's Report within forty- eight (48) hours.
- 11.1.4 Coaches who are ejected will be disciplined by the Chairman.

## 12.0 REGIONAL COMPETITION

- 12.1.1 It is the responsibility of the coach to notify their club of his/her team's advancement (winner/wildcard) to the Regional's.
- 12.1.2 Any team competing in the Regional's that forfeits will be fined **\$3,000** in addition to any fees imposed by the Region.
- 12.1.3 Any team that advances to the Regional's that does not fulfill its obligation to represent the state in that competition will have its name removed as state champion, must return the state awards (e.g. shirts that were to be worn at the Regional opening ceremony), return all travel money awarded by the state and be subject to a fine.

## **13.0 CLUB/PLAYER GUIDES**

### ***13.1 CLUB OFFICIALS' GUIDE***

- 13.1.1 Many clubs enter teams in competitions. In so doing, they agree to play by the governing rules and guidelines of that competition, in addition to the FIFA "Laws of the Game".
- 13.1.2 Each club official should understand what is expected of him/her to preserve the name of their club, the competition, and of the game. In order to avoid any misunderstandings, a copy of these Rules & Guidelines **MUST** be in the possession of the coach and club official at all Cup Competition games.
- 13.1.3 Every Club is responsible for the conduct of its coaches, officials and spectators.
- 13.1.4 Every Club hosting a home game is responsible for providing a properly marked field within FIFA "Laws of the Game" and providing goal nets for regulation size goals, and corner flags. Nets and corner flags are mandatory!
- 13.1.5 Wherever possible, both teams will be stationed on one side of the field- spectators on the other.
- 13.1.6 All State Cup Games take precedence over all games, under the ENYYSA auspices.

### ***13.2 PLAYERS' GUIDE***

- 13.2.1 Soccer, to be universally enjoyed, must be played to a standard of conduct.
- 13.2.2 Decisions of match officials are to be accepted without questions, on all points of fact, since they are final and not subject to dispute and/or discussion.
- 13.2.3 Respect should be shown at all times for all opponents and officials.
- 13.2.4 Fair Play without danger to your opponents, teammates or self.
- 13.2.5 Discipline should be exercised to keep your temper under control in all circumstances.
- 13.2.6 Disputes should be avoided; support the Referee immediately.