



# 2017 WESTON CUP & SHOWCASE RULES | February 17-20, 2017

- G. No one is permitted behind either goal/end line.
- H. Spectators must remain behind the spectator line and coaches must remain in the coaches' area.
- I. Each team shall be in the immediate vicinity of their assigned playing field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
- J. The home team will provide the gameball.
- K. In the event the assigned assistant referees fail to appear, the referee must find suitable assistant referees.

## 8. DURATION OF GAMES

Age Group	Ball	Preliminary Games	Playoffs
U9/U10	4	25 min. halves	25 min. halves
U11/U12	4	25 min. halves	25 min. halves
U13/U14	5	30 min. halves	30 min. halves
U15/U16	5	35 min. halves	35 min. halves
U17/U18/U19	5	35 min. halves	35 min. halves

- A. **Mercy Rule:** All games will be subject to a mercy rule of an 8 goal differential at any time after the completion of the first half.
- B. **Water Breaks:** Will be mandatorily provided at the midpoint of each half of regulation play during a natural stoppage in play. They will be no shorter than 1 minute in duration and the game clock will continue to run.

## 9. GAME AND SCORE REPORTING

- A. The Head Referee will ensure that the game report forms are properly completed and presented to the Site Director at the completion of each game. Uniform numbers must be accompanied by player names if a card is issued.
- B. The Head Referee will ensure that the correct score for each game is reported to the Site Director after each game in a timely manner.

## 10. FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

- A. A team shall be allowed a ten (10) minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before the match is awarded to their opponent. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team for ages U13 and older and if seven (7) players are present, the game will not be delayed. For ages U9 and U10 the number of players required is five (5). For ages U11 and U12, the number of players required is six (6).
- B. In no case shall a team that forfeits or does not show-up for a game be declared a division winner. If an apparent division winner forfeits a game, or does not show up for play, the division team with the next best record shall be named the division winner.
- C. A forfeit in the preliminary round (group play) will be awarded as three (3) points for the win and the score will stand at the time of the forfeit unless the score is 0-0 at the time of the forfeit, in which event the score will be recorded as 4-0.
- D. Forfeits in the play-off rounds shall be recorded as 4-0 games.

## 11. NO PROTESTS SHALL BE ENTERTAINED

## 12. CONDUCT

There will be a Discipline Committee comprised of three members. The Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, managers, spectators and coaches, using the FYSA standards as set forth under FYSA Rule Section 502 and all players, managers, spectators and coaches shall be subject to FYSA Rule Section 502 – Discipline and Sanctions.

- A. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the Law as well as the letter of the Law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area and/or the Tournament. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team from the Tournament as decided by the Tournament Director.
- B. A player, coach, or team official ejected from a game shall receive an automatic minimum one (1) game suspension regardless of the cause of the ejection. The Discipline Committee shall determine the appropriate sanction for the action resulting in the ejection, said sanction will be determined and communicated to the affected parties as soon as practicable, but no later than prior to the next scheduled game in which the offending party would have an opportunity to participate, which is no

- sooner than two games after the game in which the offending party was ejected, since there is at least a one game automatic suspension.
- C. At the conclusion of the Weston Cup & Showcase, it is the responsibility of the team's coach or manager to pick up the passes from the tournament headquarters, even if suspension has not been completed. A complete report will be sent to the Florida Youth Soccer Association Review & Discipline Committee within 72 hours for forwarding to the appropriate State and National Association.
- D. Any player, coach, team official or parent exhibiting or threatening violence to anyone (player, coach, referee, spectator, or Tournament official) will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the tournament, such determination to be made by the appropriate referees and tournament officials. When serving a suspension, the suspended party must check in and remain at the site tent through the duration of the game, or alternatively may be asked to leave the park.
- E. In accordance with US Youth Soccer Tournament Hosting Agreement, all red and yellow cards and other matters involving team conduct will be reported to the home club and State Association of the team involved as well as US Youth Soccer National Office within seventy-two (72) hours of the conclusion of the tournament for possible further discipline.
- G. Alcoholic beverages, smoking, use of profanity and animals are not permitted at the fields or parks.
- H. Mechanical and artificial noise makers are prohibited.

## 13. COMPLETING GAME SUSPENSIONS

Red card suspension or send off suspensions can only be served with the team with which the suspension was earned in games played by their team. Until the suspension is served the player/coach is suspended from any other team(s) to which the player/coach may be registered. Games may not be scheduled to "work off" suspension. Players may not serve suspensions as "guest players" nor may they "guest play" with any other team(s) until such time as the original suspension is served.

- A. Issued during league game must be worked off during next scheduled league, Cup or tournament game(s).
- B. Issued during (American) District, Regional or President's Cup, they must be worked off during remainder of the competition. If no competition remains, suspension must be worked off in next scheduled league and/or tournament game(s).
- C. Issued during Tournament Play: Tournament Red Card Report filed along with game reports as required by Post-Tournament rules. FYSA office to send copy of Red Card Report and appropriate game reports to the DC in the next immediate mail out. DC to notify club of a discipline/sanctions remaining.
- D. Issued during "friendly games" must be worked off during the next scheduled league, Cup or tournament game(s). "Friendly games" may not be scheduled to work off game suspensions nor if previously scheduled, used to work off suspension given during league, cup or tournament games.
- E. Issued during the US Youth National Championship (State Cup), at any level, shall not be allowed to participate in the next immediately following National Championship (State Cup) game played by the player's team. A player may receive more than one (1) game suspension. Local club/league may issue additional discipline to be served in other than National Championship (State Cup) games.

A red card suspension issued during a small-sided tournament, which can not be served during the event, shall be served during the player/coach's next scheduled club, league or cup game(s). For a suspension issued during a normal league/cup game, the player must sit out the first game of any small-sided tournament previously entered. The player shall then be able to compete in the remainder of the tournament. The player shall not receive credit for the small-sided game(s) against the original suspension.

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## 14. DETERMINATION OF PLAYOFF FINALISTS

Finalists will be determined through a seeding format or by a division winner's format. The Tournament Committee will decide which format each age group and bracket will follow. This will be announced prior to the commencement of competition. The rules to determine tie breakers will be the same for either format. Each team will be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. At the end of the preliminary rounds, if the finalists for a particular age group and bracket are determined by the division winner, the division winner will be the team with the most points in their division. In the event of a tie within a division, the following criteria will be used to determine who moves forward:

1. Head to head competition (this criterion will not be considered in the case of a tie among more than two (2) teams.) \*\*\*\*
2. Goal differential to a maximum of four (4) per game.
3. Most goals scored to a maximum of four (4) per game.
4. Least goals allowed to a maximum of four (4) per game.
5. FIFA penalty kicks.

\*\*\*\* In the event of a tie among more than two teams, once a tie is broken by the above system, and if ties among remaining teams still must be decided, those ties would be broken by starting again from the top of the tie breaking procedure.

In the event that a wild card team must be selected for the playoff rounds, the above procedure will be used across the entire age group and bracket involved.

- If a division winner does not show up for play, the division team with the next best record shall be named the division winner.
- In the event the finalists for a particular age group and bracket are determined by seeding, the finalists (or semi-finalists if applicable) shall be determined based upon the two teams (or more if semi-finals are applicable) with the most points in the overall age group and bracket involved. In the event of a tie, the same criteria as utilized for division winners shall be used to determine the finalists.
- In the event that there is an age group(s) and bracket in which semi-finals are held, to be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, the foregoing rules shall be applied to determine the teams that shall qualify for the semi-finals.

## 15. PLAYOFFS

- A. Depending on the number of teams in the division/ age group bracket, there may be a playoff.
- B. If there are playoffs and a wild card team must be selected for the playoff rounds, that team will not be assigned to play the winner of its own division in the first playoff round.
- C. In the case of a draw at the end of regulation time in the playoff rounds, the winner will be determined as follows:  
The best of five penalty kicks taken alternately by each team will determine the winner. Only those players on the field at the end of regulation time of the playoff game may compete. If the penalty kick score is tied at the end of the five kicks, the teams will continue to take penalty kicks alternately until there is a winner. All players on the field must kick before any player may kick a second time.

## 16. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have the authority (in its sole discretion) to change games as follows:

- A. Relocate or reschedule any game(s).
- B. Change the duration of any game(s).
- C. Cancel the game(s).
- D. Games that have been started and subsequently suspended due to inclement weather or other external conditions, will be deemed complete if one half of play has been completed or the first half can not be completed prior to the start time of the next scheduled game on that field. For any such game that is not completed, the score at the time of the suspension will be the final score. Any game that is not started and is canceled (as opposed to postponed) due to weather or other external conditions, will be recorded as a 0-0 tie. Canceled games will not be rescheduled.

## 17. CONCUSSIONS

Pursuant to Florida Statutes (FS 943.0438) Florida in 2012 enacted a very stringent Head injury and Concussion Law. If the referee (or assistant referee) believes that, in his/her opinion, a player has suffered a head injury or possible concussion, the match must be stopped IMMEDIATELY. The injured player if able to leave the field on their own must be escorted to their coach and the

coach must be told that the player cannot return for the duration of the match. If a trainer is brought onto the field because the player is incapacitated, the referee must still notify the coach that the player cannot return to the game. It is the responsibility of the coach and the player's parent(s) or legal guardians to seek medical attention. The player may not resume participation until he/she has been cleared by a medical doctor. The Referee HAS NO FURTHER responsibility beyond removing the player from the match in which the player was injured. The referee crew must ensure, that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES or due to the appeal from any coaching staff that the player is not allowed to return to the game.

## 18. REFUND POLICY

- A. Within five (5) days after notification that the team is not accepted by their application.
- B. Within five (5) days upon cancellation of the tournament.
- C. Within ten (10) days of withdrawal request of the application by a team prior to acceptance of that application by the tournament.
- D. Any team that will not be permitted to play in the contracted age group shall have the option to withdraw and receive a full refund of all entry fees. All tournaments shall notify any participant not less than fifteen days prior to the beginning of the tournament if any age group advertised will not be offered.

## 19. GENERAL

- A. Teams that cancel or pullout of the tournament after the registration deadline of January 9, 2017 are not entitled to a refund of their registration fee.
- B. Teams that register and/or pay after the registration deadline of January 9, 2017 will incur a \$50.00 late fee.
- C. Under no circumstances whatsoever, will the Tournament Committee, Weston FC, FYSA, or US Club Soccer be responsible for any expenses (including tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where the tournament or any game(s) is cancelled in whole or part, due to any factor including inclement weather.
- D. The Tournament Committee's interpretation of these rules shall be FINAL.
- E. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this tournament.
- F. The Tournament Committee, based on its interpretation of these rules, will determine the teams which advance into the final rounds.
- G. Out of area teams are required to stay at tournament approved host hotels.
- H. NO SALES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED AT FACILITIES WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF WESTON FC.