

**CYSA DISTRICT III  
District Cup  
2008**

***RULES AND PROCEDURES***

**DATE**

December 6-7, 2008

**PARTICIPATION**

For U-9 through U-14 Division III teams. The District Cup Tournament is open to all teams from District III that wish to participate.

**FORMAT**

A minimum of 4 teams in an age group is required to form a bracket. Teams will be seeded and placed in balanced brackets. Seeding will be based on league standings as of November 18, 2008.

**GAMES**

The designated home team will provide three game balls.

Goldenrods, player passes, and CYSA medical releases will be checked prior to the first scheduled game. Birth certificates are NOT required for District Cup. Player passes will be checked at each game.

CYSA game cards, completely filled out, will be used at each game. 5 game card stickers will be needed at check in.

The team listed first on the schedules is designated HOME team. Visiting teams should wear their AWAY uniform (including socks). In the event of a conflict in uniform colors, the home team will change. If the home team does not have alternate jerseys, and the visiting team does, the visiting team will change.

**PRELIMINARY ROUND**

Eight Team Divisions: Each team will play the other teams in their flight, with the winner of each flight meeting in the championship game.

Other than 8 Team Divisions, Tournament Director shall determine brackets after consultation with the tournament committee.

Game lengths for all games (*preliminary round and championship game*) will be:

U-9/U-10 Two 25 minute halves with a 5 minute half.

U-11/U-14 Two 30 minute halves with a 5 minute half.

In preliminary games, ties will stand. Team will earn

- Six (6) points for a win
- Three (3) points for a tie. Four (4) points will be awarded for a 0-0 Tie
- One (1) point for a shut out
- Zero (0) points for a loss
- One (1) point for each goal up to 4 goals.
- One (1) point will be deducted for goal differentials of 7 or more goals (*for example 0-6, 1-7, 4-10 score are accepted. 0-7 will result in a 1 point deduction for the winning team*)
- Forfeit games will be scored 3-0.

All games prior to the Championship Games are preliminary games. If two teams are tied in points after the preliminary rounds, the following tie breaking procedure will be employed to determine the team advancing to the championship game:

- Head to head competition
- Team with fewest losses
- Fewest goals allowed
- Most goals scored (maximum 4 per game)
- Fewest Red Cards
- Most shut out wins
- Kicks from the penalty spot per FIFA (except U-9 and U-10 age groups)
- For U9 and U10 age groups only – if two teams are still tied a coin toss will determine which team advances.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**

The Gold flight winner will be the home team. Championship games will follow CYSA regulations. If the game ends in a tie, there will be two ten minute, overtime periods (Except U-9/U-10 will have two five minute overtime periods). If the game is tied at the end of the 2nd overtime, kicks from the penalty spot will be used to determine the winner EXCEPT U-9 and U-10 age groups.

For U-9 and U-10 age groups only: Two additional five minute overtime periods – conditions permitting may be played. If a game is tied at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> overtime, the teams will be declared CO-CHAMPIONS.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

All games will be played in accordance with CYSA rules of play with substitutions allowed as follows:

- Prior to a throw-in: for the team with possession of the ball.
- Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- After a goal by either team.
- After an injury when the referee stops play, by either team.
- At half time.

- For a player receiving a yellow card caution.

## **WITHDRAWALS**

Teams withdrawing from the tournament after confirmation of their participation by their Club Coordinator will forfeit their tournament entry fee. The team will also be subject to a fine under the forfeit rule (an additional entry fee).

## **FORFEITED GAMES**

A team that forfeits a game will be fined an amount equal to the tournament entry fee) and declared ineligible for further participation in the competition. All previous games played by that team will be disallowed and all standings recalculated.

A team failing to have seven or more players on the field (five or more for U-9 and U-10 age groups), ready to play within 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of a game will be considered a "no show" and forfeit that game.

Any team leaving the field of play before the referee signifies that the game is completed will forfeit that game.

Any team found to have played an ineligible player will forfeit that game.

Any team withdrawing after the first scheduled game is played will be considered a "no show" and subject to a fine under the forfeit rule. An exception will be made when a game, having no impact in determining the bracket winner, is canceled by mutual agreement of the coaches with the concurrence of the Tournament Director.

## **PAYMENT OF FINES**

Clubs will be billed for fines incurred and it will be the club's responsibility to insure that all fines are paid. Clubs with unpaid fines will be ineligible to enter a team in that division of District Cup for the following year.

## **AWARDS**

Individual first and second place trophies will be awarded to all players who played in the Championship Game. A maximum of 18 trophies per team will be awarded in the U-11 through U-14 divisions, and 14 per team in the U-9 and U-10 divisions.

## **RAIN RESCHEDULING**

In the event that the District Cup must be postponed, in whole or in part, due to rain, games will be rescheduled for the following weekend. In no event will games be played during the weekend between, or on, Christmas and New Years day, or on the days scheduled for Association Cup for that division. Alternate make-up times may be arranged by the coaches with the concurrence of the Division Coordinator and the Tournament Director.

## **DISCIPLINE**

An ejected player will automatically be suspended from his/her team's next scheduled game. PLAYERS EJECTED FOR VIOLENT MISCONDUCT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN THE DISTRICT CUP. Additional penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the District III Board of Directors.

## **ADDITION OF PLAYERS**

Guest Players will be allowed from another Division 3 or a Division 4 team within the same club only. Details are as listed:-

- U10 up to 3 guest players will be allowed as long as the number of players for the event does not exceed 12 players
  
- U11-U14 teams up to 5 guest players will be allowed as long as the number of players for the event does not exceed 15 players

## **AUTHORITY**

Interpretation of these rules, and questions regarding matters not specifically addressed herein, will be referred to the Division Coordinator for resolution.

**THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS ALLOWED.**