

 **2012 STYSA PRESIDENT'S CUP**  
**Registration and Final Roster Requirements**

**Entry Fee - \$825**

**Entry Deadline – 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2012**

**NOTE: All entries must be submitted through the Affinity program.**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS!**

**President's Cup** is an open entry competition that is strongly recommended for Super II and lower level Division I teams. Lower level Division 1 teams are defined as teams finishing in the lower 50% of the standings of the Division I league in which they played in Fall 2011. The competition is open to Under-11 through Under-19 boys and girls teams from the Fall 2011 season. Under-11 and Under-12 teams will play 8v8. Under-18 and Under-19 teams will play in a combined age group.

**EL PASO:** In accordance with state rules, El Paso receives a bye into the State Tournament competitions. Teams from either of the two El Paso area associations interested in participating must register prior to the entry deadline and pay the designated entry fee. If multiple teams enter in a single age group within either association or teams enter from both associations, the South Texas Competition Administrator will schedule the necessary games along with the referees. Games will be played the weekend of May 5-6, 2012 to identify the one team to represent El Paso at the State Tournament in each age group.

**EASTERN DISTRICT TEAMS:** Teams will be seeded into the President's Cup based on league play after promotion/relegation (please refer to Eastern District Promotion/Relegation Rules) with a maximum of sixteen (16) teams per age group - two (2) brackets of eight (8) teams with a Semi-Final and Final. The STYSA District Vice President may modify the size and format of each age group based on the final number of teams registered. If a team qualifies for President's Cup but wishes to "challenge" into National Cup, the team should enter the President's Cup and indicate their desire to challenge (see additional information on challenges below). A team that enters President's Cup and is relegated to Director's Cup through a challenge will receive a refund of the difference between the entry fees for the two competitions. Eastern District President's Cup **play starts Saturday March 24, 2012.**

**WESTERN DISTRICT TEAMS:** All relegated WDDOA Division 1 and all Super 2 teams who participated in the Western District Super 2 fall playoffs in the U14 through U18 age groups will be accepted into the Western District President's Cup. The U11 through U13 age groups will include all remaining WDDOA Division 1 teams as well as Super 2 teams that participated in the Western District Super 2 Fall Championships. All Western District Super 2 teams that did not participate in the 2011 Western District Fall Championships will be relegated to Director's Cup. The STYSA District Vice President may modify the size and format of each age group based on the final number of teams registered.

President's Cup teams will participate in the District round of competition beginning on Saturday, **March 24, 2012.** Western District Teams will be bracketed in accordance to the number of teams who enter the competition. A semi-final will determine which teams advance to President's Cup State and which team will seed as WD1 and WD2.

**CLUB PASSES:** The President's Cup competition will be divided into two levels of play – District and State. During District play, only players officially rostered to the team by the roster freeze date are eligible to participate. Club Passes will not be allowed during District play. Club Passes will be allowed at the President's Cup State Tournament in accordance with the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series rules. Teams opting to use Club Passes at the President's Cup State Tournament are required to document their Club Pass players by 12 noon on **Tuesday, May 15, 2012**, the week of the State Tournament. Players who competed in USYSNC State Cup will **NOT** be allowed to Club Pass with a President's Cup team.

**IF A TEAM WISHES TO CHALLENGE INTO NATIONAL CUP:**

A team wishing to "challenge" into the National Cup competition must indicate their desire to challenge at the time they enter and pay the entry fee for the President's Cup competition. Any team challenging into National Cup will be assessed a "challenge" fee in the amount of \$100 plus a \$200 per game fee for a minimum of two games (challenge cost = \$500). Payment of the challenge fee must be included with the entry fee. Failure to pay the challenge fee by the stated deadline will result in the challenge being disallowed.

### **Multiple teams challenge the lowest seeded team**

If multiple teams challenge into an age group, seeding of the challenging teams will be based on the final Fall standings in their respective District leagues. The challenge games will be determined based on the following format.

If two (2) teams challenge to compete for the challenge slot against the lowest seeded National Cup team, a single match will be played between the two challenging teams. The winner of that match would then compete in a two game challenge against the lowest seeded National Cup team.

If three (3) teams challenge to compete for the challenge slot against the lowest seeded Cup team, the lowest challenge bracketed team (#3) will play against the second lowest challenge bracketed team (#2); the winner of that match would then play the highest challenge bracketed team (#1). The winner of that match would then compete in a two game challenge match against the lowest seeded Cup team.

If four (4) teams challenge to compete for the challenge slot against the lowest seeded Cup team, the teams would be seeded within a bracket and a seeding schedule would be built. For example, if four teams entered as challengers, bracket seeded team #1 plays #4 and team #2 plays #3. Losing teams will be eliminated. The two undefeated teams will play a final game to decide the challenge bracket winner who would then compete in a two game challenge against the lowest seeded Cup team.

In the event the number of teams challenging is greater than 4 and not a multiple of 4 (5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 teams), the teams will be seeded in order to play down to brackets that are a multiple of 3 or 4.

For example: if 5 teams challenge, then the team bracketed as #5 will play the team bracketed as #4 and then the 4 team challenge format above will be implemented.

If 6 teams challenge, the format will be 1 v 6, 2 v 5, and 3 v 4 and then the 3 team challenge format above will be implemented.

A game played between challenging teams cannot end in a tie – there must be a winner. Games tied at the end of regulation play will be determined by STYSA Rule 5.8.1.b. As losing teams are eliminated, no refunds will be issued. Should there be more than two challenge games; the challenging teams will be responsible for any additional game fees.

### **In Challenge matches against the lowest seeded National Cup team:**

Using a 3-1-0 point system, the challenging team must acquire 4 points in order to win the challenge. If the seeded team wins the first game, a second game will not be required as the challenging team cannot achieve a 4 point advantage over the seeded team. If the challenging team wins or ties the first game, a second game is required. If the challenging team is successful and the team is seeded into a higher competition, the team is responsible for paying the difference in the entry fee between the Cup entered and the Cup for which they qualified.

**PLAYING SITES:** All games will be played at designated sites identified by South Texas Youth Soccer. Designated sites in various communities will limit the distance teams must travel and allow for controlled costs for field usage and referee fees for scheduled games which are included in the entry fee. Designated site locations are currently being determined and will be announced prior to the start of play.

**ADVANCEMENT:** The qualification process within each District will identify the first and second place teams in each age group. The two teams from each District and one El Paso team (if entered in the competition) will advance to the President's Cup State Tournament in May. President's Cup Champions in the Under-13 through Under-17 age groups will advance to the Region III President's Cup Championships in June.

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** There are three payment options available to teams entering the Cup competition – credit card, electronic check or personal check.

- Credit Card Payment - there will be a 2.7 percent processing fee charge added to the total credit card charge. This processing fee is not paid to the State or District but is a non-refundable standard fee charged when paying by credit card.
- Electronic checks - there will be a flat fee of \$5 for electronic checks. As with credit cards, the processing fee is not paid to the State or District but is a non-refundable service charge.
- Check – make check payable to **STYSA** and mail with the payment coupon to the address below. In order to properly credit the payment, it is extremely important that you include the payment coupon or the name, age group, and gender of the team for which payment is being made.

**REMEMBER:** Checks must be received in the State Office **ON OR BEFORE** the entry deadline stated above.

### **IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:**

Your credit card will **NOT** be charged at the time you register for the competition. After verifying that the team is eligible for the competition, an administrator will designate that the credit card is to be charged. The administrator will not have access to the credit card information.

### **IF PAYING BY ELECTRONIC CHECK:**

Funds for payment by electronic check will be deducted from your account upon authorization by the bank.

## **TO ENTER THE PRESIDENT'S CUP COMPETITION:**

- ◆ Go to <http://stx.affinitysoccer.com> and log in with your username and password.
- ◆ If you do not have a user name or password, contact your Club Registrar who can assign you one.
- ◆ Only individuals designated as a coach or manager on the team roster are eligible to register the team.
- ◆ On the **"My Account"** page, scroll down to the Teams Section. If account information does not appear on the page, click on the "My Account" button in the upper left corner of the page to open the file.
- ◆ **Click on the word "Tournament"** next to the team name / id# and season (Spring 12) of the team you wish to register for the competition.
- ◆ On the next screen, click on the "Select a Tournament" to see a dropdown list of available tournaments.
- ◆ **Select 2012 President's Cup and click the register button.** This will allow your registration roster with players and administrators to automatically pull into the tournament application assuring that your team roster is linked to the competition.
- ◆ The system will then take you to the **Team Info** page. Designate the **"Playing Age Group"** you are entering. A team's entry fee will be determined by the playing age group/flight choice. Example: If you are registering a BU16 team and play in Eastern District, you would select BU16 Eastern as your Playing Age Group.
- ◆ Click on the **Review tab** to complete your application into the competition. Click on **"Submit Application."** Failure submit the application and designate the payment method will result in your application not being date stamped and the possible disqualification of the team for not having registered by the designated entry deadline.
- ◆ *If your team is submitting a challenge into a higher level competition, please be sure that the "challenge fee" box is checked so that the fee is added to your invoice. If you are NOT challenging, be sure the box is unchecked so that you are only charged the entry fee.*
- ◆ Indicate the method of payment and click the **"Submit for Payment"** button. You may pay by credit card, electronic check or check. If paying by check, you will need to enter a check number. If your check number is not available, enter the number "1" – this information will be updated when your check is received.
- ◆ After completing the payment process, **IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER print the Payment Coupon and mail** to the address indicated above. **REMEMBER:** the check must be received prior to the entry deadline so don't wait until February 1<sup>st</sup> to register if you plan to pay by check.

## **FINAL ROSTER DEADLINES / RELATED INFORMATION**



**REMINDER: FINAL PAPERWORK / ROSTER FREEZE DATES**  
**Rosters freeze at 11:59 pm March 14, 2012 for all age groups**

### **HOW TO MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR ROSTER**

All changes to rosters of teams entered in the President's Cup competition must be processed in the Affinity system prior to the final roster deadline indicated above. It is the responsibility of the team to provide the required documentation for changes to the Association Registrar, allowing sufficient time for the registrar to process the change in the registration system. All signed transfer / release forms must be forwarded to the State Office within 48 hours of the roster freeze deadline. Please mail or deliver all final paperwork to:

**STYSA STATE OFFICE - 15209 Hwy 290 East - Manor, TX 78653**

**REMEMBER: All teams must have a roster consistency between the Fall 2011 and 2012 President's Cup rosters.**

- **U11 through U12 teams – maximum roster is 14 players - 7 of the same players must appear on both rosters**
- **U13 through U15 teams – maximum roster is 18 players - 9 of the same players must appear on both rosters**
- **U16 through U19 teams – maximum roster is 22 players - 9 of the same players must appear on both rosters**

### **Roster Changes**

- A 'previously rostered player' is defined as a player who transfers on to a team from a different club. A player who changes teams within the same club is not considered a previously rostered player and does not count towards the transfer limit of 5.
- U11 and older teams may have no more than 5 previously rostered player transfers on the team at the roster freeze deadline.
- There is no limit to the number of new players that can be added to a roster as long as the team retains the roster consistency identified above.
- Any player rostered to the team in the Fall who is not returning is required to submit a signed Release form prior to being removed from the team.

**Transfer** – For the purposes of President's Cup play, any player who was rostered to another team for the fall season must complete the STYSA Transfer/Release form in order to move to a different team; however, only those players who were previously rostered to a team in a different club will be counted toward the maximum transfer limit of 5.

The Transfer form must include the following:

- ✓ Player's name (as it appears on the roster), address, ID number, date of birth, and signature of the player/parent.
- ✓ Club Name, Team Name, and Team Number of the team the player is leaving.
- ✓ Club Name, Team Name, and Team Number of the team the player is joining.

**New Player** – A "new player" is one who has not played with any STYSA or US Youth Soccer league or association during the current seasonal year. The team manager or coach is responsible for the following:

- ✓ Registering the player with the local club or association in the Affinity registration program.
- ✓ Paying any required registration fees to the **local club or association**. (The association will pay fees for the player when submitting their entire Spring registration information to STYSA)

**Release** – Any player who was rostered to the team in the fall remains rostered to the team for spring. A player must request in writing (signed by the parent), a release from the team prior to being removed from the roster. Coaches or managers may not release a player involuntarily unless they meet the criteria stated in the rules. For any player to be released under the involuntary rules, documentation must be provided with the release that verifies the situation meets the requirements. **Any player for whom a form is not submitted will remain on the roster for the spring competition.** Not registering for the spring season is not a valid reason for removing a player from the roster.

Any roster change made in the Affinity system after the stated deadline will result in the player being ineligible to participate with the team in the Cup competition. Game cards used by teams in the competition will be compiled from the team's roster as of the final roster deadline.

## **STATE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMPETITION DATES**

### **President's Cup State**

Date: May 19-20, 2012  
Host: South Texas Youth Soccer Association  
Site: 5 Mile Dam Park  
4400 Old Stage Coach Road  
San Marcos

### **Region III President's Cup Regional Tournament**

Date: June 7-10, 2012  
Host: North Carolina Youth Soccer Association  
Site: Greensboro, North Carolina  
Ages: Under-13 through Under-17

### **US Youth Soccer President's Cup Championships**

Date: July 11-15, 2012  
Host: US Youth Soccer  
Site: Cherry Island Soccer Park  
Sacramento, California  
Ages: Under-13 through Under-17