



2012 SOUTH TEXAS CUP

South Texas Cup is a restricted entry competition designed to provide Division III (recreational) and lower level Division II (competitive) Under-11 through Under-19 boys and girls' teams an opportunity to participate in a state-sponsored spring tournament. Lower level Division II teams are defined as teams having finished in the lower 50% of the standings of the Division II league in which they played in the Fall 2011 season. Designed to operate similar to the fall season, teams play through their local club or association during the spring season and then advance to a District Tournament based on an allocation process.

In order to be eligible for South Texas Cup, teams must:

- ✓ have been registered Division II or Division III in the Fall 2011 season
- ✓ be a newly formed team for the Spring season made up of previously registered Division II and/or Division III players from the fall season with no more than two (2) previously registered Super II and two (2) previously registered Division I players on the roster.
- ✓ have played 8v8 if they are U11 or U12
- ✓ meet the maximum roster requirements as established by the STYSA rules
 - 14 players – U11 and U12
 - 18 players – U13 through U15
 - 22 players – U16 through U19

Teams identified as "Qualifying" teams in U11, U12 and U13 age groups playing in Eastern District are classified as Super II teams and are **NOT** eligible for this competition

Under-18 and Under-19 age groups will play in a combined age group. Teams will be scheduled together at both the District and State level.

Teams interested in participating in this competition should contact their local Club or Association to determine local requirements.

Local clubs and associations will determine whether teams from the two competition levels will be scheduled together or placed in separate brackets for league play during the spring. If separate brackets are offered at the local level, it will be the responsibility of the club or association to determine how advancing teams will be identified. At the District and State level, there will **NOT** be separate brackets for Division II and Division III teams.

On or before Monday, April 2nd, each Member Association with teams interested in participating will report the number of teams per age group eligible for South Texas Cup. Team counts will be provided to the District Vice Presidents who will prepare allocations, awarding a percentage of the teams in each age group to participating associations. Each participating Member Association is guaranteed a minimum of one allocation per age group in which they reported having a team. Allocations will then be distributed to each Member Association President and posted on the District page of the STYSA website at www.stxsoccer.org.

Each participating Member Association will be responsible for the \$475 entry fee per team allocated to their association. Associations are responsible for collecting the entry fee from the team and forwarding payment to the State Office upon receipt of an invoice. A team roster including all players

eligible to participate with the team and a Penalty Point Report showing any cards issued to coaches and/or players during the spring season should be provided to each team and sent to the State Office on or before Monday, April 30th. Although associations can set an earlier deadline on which rosters are frozen, the date can be no later than April 30th.

District Tournaments

The size of the tournament will be identified at the time allocations are determined. Medals will be presented to first and second place winners of each age group at the District Tournaments. All teams are encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony to be held shortly after the final game of each age group. Any team qualifying to advance to the South Texas Cup State Tournament will be expected to fulfill their commitment to participate. Teams not committed to playing in the District and, if they qualify, the State Tournament should not enter the competition.

MAY 5 – 6, 2012

Eastern District

Boys: TBD

Girls: TBD

Western District

**Boys: Williamson County Regional Park
3005 County Road 175
Leander, TX**

**Girls: 5 Mile Dam Park
4400 Old Stage Coach Rd
San Marcos, TX**

State Tournament

Each age group will include a maximum of 4 or 5 teams –first and second place winners from each District and 1 team from El Paso, if participating. In the event that El Paso is participating in an age group, the District Championship game or the game played by the two advancing teams at the District Tournament will count as the first game of the State Tournament for those teams. The tournament will be a round-robin format with standings determined by points (using the 10 point system defined previously). Awards will be presented to all places.

SOUTH TEXAS CUP STATE TOURNAMENT MAY 12 – 13, 2012

**Site: 5 Mile Dam Park
4400 Old Stage Coach Rd
San Marcos, TX**

SOUTH TEXAS TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Each team must have a roster signed by a responsible officer of the Member Association that identifies all players eligible to participate with the team as of the association's roster freeze deadline. Although associations can set an earlier deadline on which rosters are frozen, the date can be no later than April 30th.
- No guest players are allowed.
- Club Passes cannot be used during District or State Tournament play.
- Each player must have an ID Card that is laminated and contains a recent photo of the player named on the card.
- Each coach, assistant coach, trainer or manager wishing to be allowed on the team sideline must have an Adult Participation (Kidsafe) Pass. This year's color is **green**. Passes of any other color will not be accepted.
- Each team must have a Penalty Point Report showing a report of all cards issued to players and coaches on the team during the spring season. If any player or coach has received a red card or three yellow cards requiring a suspension, the report must indicate whether the suspension was served and when.
- Although not required, it is strongly recommended that each team have an alternate jersey or t-shirt of an opposite color in the event there is a color conflict requiring one team to change jerseys.

All Rules of the competition can be found on the STYSA website at www.stxsoccer.org under Publications / Administrative Handbook in the sections titled Registration Rules and Procedures, District & State Playoffs, Discipline & Protest Procedures or General Rules of Play. A few of the key rules to keep in mind are:

- Coaches must play each registered player present one-half of the game unless unable to do so due to a player's illness or injury or for disciplinary reasons. In the event a player present will not be playing, the coach must inform the referee and opposing coach prior to the start of the game.
- No player will be allowed to play with a hard cast (padded or otherwise); nor will a player be allowed to play with any brace (knee or otherwise) that contains exposed metal or hard plastics unless it is wrapped with a minimum of ½-inch high-density wrapping or the manufacturer's recommended protective coating.
- Scoring will be by the 10-point system: 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, and 0 points for a loss plus 1 point for each goal to a maximum of 3 goals and 1 point for a win by shutout.
- A forfeit will be scored as a 3-0 win; however, a forfeit is only allowed if the game is played and then declared a forfeit for some reason. See the following item for teams that fail to play a scheduled game.
- Any team that fails to play a scheduled game will be considered to have abandoned the tournament. Their games will not count in the standings nor shall the team be eligible for any awards. The team is subject to sanctions by STYSA and the Member Association.
- Protests will be allowed only if the protest is made known to the referee and the opposing coach immediately after the game in question. Both the opposing coach and referee must be advised of the basis of the protest and must remain on the site until resolution of the protest. Within 30 minutes, the protesting coach must provide the Tournament Coordinator with a written report stating the purpose of the protest and the \$200 protest fee in the form of cash, cashier's check or money order.