

Arizona Soccer Association

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ARIZONA PRESIDENTS CUP FORMAT AND RULES

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DISCLAIMER

Arizona Soccer Association (ASA), in administering the Arizona Presidents Cup, reserves the right to make changes to these policies and rules as it deems necessary, and when needed, to provide interpretations of the policies and rules as to their intent. Typographical errors, omissions, and other errors do not change the scope, intent or spirit of the policies herein.

JURISDICTION

- 1.1 Arizona Presidents Cup (herein referred to as Arizona Presidents Cup) is part of the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup. The competition shall be under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Presidents Cup Committee (also known as the Tournament Committee) as authorized by the Arizona Soccer Association (ASA) Board of Directors. The ASA Board of Directors and the Arizona Presidents Cup Committee reserve the right to make all decisions concerning the Arizona Presidents Cup competitions, keeping in mind the best interest of US Youth Soccer and the safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators, and spectators.
- 1.2 Unless otherwise provided in this policy, the decisions of the Arizona Presidents Cup Committee are final.
- 1.3 Under US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Policy¹, each State Association will operate a qualifying event or competition that will provide a champion to represent them in each division to the Regional Presidents Cup Tournament. As such, the Rules of Competition are determined solely by the Arizona Presidents Cup Committee as authorized by ASA Board of Directors and are not bound to any other rules of competition.
- 1.4 Per US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Policy, the ASA Board of Directors shall determine which age groups, and whether boys or girls, or both, for which it will conduct Arizona Presidents Cup competitions.

2 MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

- 2.1 The mission of Arizona Presidents Cup is to provide a tournament for developmental teams of similar abilities that are seeking a competitive environment to develop the individual players and the team.
- 2.2 The goals of Arizona Presidents Cup include, but are not limited to:
 - 2.2.1 Determine a champion in each applicable age group and flight, within each gender.
 - 2.2.2 Advance and foster the development of soccer competition for youth players in the State of Arizona.
 - 2.2.3 Provide an equitable format for due process and adjudication within the competition through properly established rules and procedures for players, coaches, Referees, participants and spectators.

¹ <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/file.aspx?DocumentId=2788>

3 DEFINITION OF TERMS

- 3.1 Except as otherwise provided, the following definitions apply to this policy:
- 3.2 **Affiliation:** The process of associating as members of the successive organizations administering soccer programs for US Soccer Association (also known as US Soccer) and/or US Youth Soccer. ASA is an affiliate of US Soccer, and is therefore responsible for governing all affiliated soccer programs in the state and for collecting and forwarding national registration fees for all players registered with the clubs/teams under their jurisdiction.
- 3.3 **Club:** The basic organization providing soccer to youth players that is a member of a State Association; provided however, a “club” need not have the word “club” as part of its official name.
- 3.4 **League:** A scheduling entity responsible for the arrangement of games between teams.
- 3.4.1 **Affiliate League:** A league not run operationally by ASA but is run by an ASA member organization (PCJSL, FBSL Bimbo, Club In House League, etc.)
- 3.5 **Arizona Presidents Cup Committee (Tournament Committee):** A group of individuals appointed by ASA’s Executive Director, or Director of Tournaments, Leagues, or Cups, charged with the following:
- 3.5.1 Oversee the operations of the competition.
- 3.5.2 Provide clarification and/or interpretations to the competition’s policies and rules where no policies/rules exist or are otherwise unclear.
- 3.5.3 Provide recommendations to the policies and rules of the competition.
- 3.6 **Arizona Soccer Association (ASA):** The administrative body within Arizona determined by the National Council to carry out US Youth Soccer’s programs for youth players.
- 3.7 **Federation Internationale de Football League (FIFA):** The world governing organization for soccer, headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland. The highest authority for administration of international playing rules, international competitions, and technical/educational development programs.
- 3.8 **United States Soccer Federation, Inc. (USSF):** The national governing organization for soccer in the United States, headquartered in Chicago, IL. The USSF is affiliated with FIFA and is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

- 3.9 **United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (US Youth Soccer or USYS):** The division of US soccer which governs youth soccer, headquartered in Frisco, TX.
- 3.10 **US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup (National Presidents Cup):** The competitions provided under the US National Presidents Cup Policy for the Under 13 (13U), Under 14 (14U), Under 15 (15U), Under 16 (16U), Under 17 (17U) and Under 18 (18U). In some cases age groups may be required to combine due to the number of teams registered. (example: 18U Silver/19U) Note: Arizona Presidents Cup competition is also provided for the Under 11 (11U), Under 12 (12U) Under 19 (19U) age groups but is not provided at a Regional or National Presidents Cup level. *Region NPC and National NPC limit competition to 13U – 18U groups. States can expand those age groups to meet their desired targets but only the 13U-18U groups' advance.*
- 3.11 **Add:** The addition of a player to a team's roster.
- 3.12 **Age Division:** US Youth Soccer's method of organizing competition by grouping players by birth year.
- 3.13 **Club Pass:** US Youth Soccer pass which is –
- 3.13.1 Issued to a registered youth player by a club in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member;
 - 3.13.2 Issued as provided by this policy, and;
 - 3.13.3 Specifies the club of which the youth player is a registered member.
- 3.14 **Coed Team:** A team composed of both male and female players. For purposes of the Arizona Presidents Cup, a Coed Team is considered a Boys' Team, and must participate in a boys' division. A Coed Team may not participate in a girls' division.
- 3.15 **Drop:** A player may be released from a team by the coach only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons: *Reference: ASA bylaw 805.*
- 3.16 **Eligibility to Play:** A player or team which is properly registered, not under suspension or in bad standing, and which is eligible to participate according to the rules of the competition.
- 3.17 **Foul and Abusive Language:** Verbal abuse or threats, including racial or ethnic slurs, whether or not directed to one or more individuals.
- 3.18 **Game Roster:** The list of players who will participate in a particular match.
- 3.19 **Guest or Loan Player:** A properly registered player participating in a competition for a team to which the player is not rostered. Note: Guest or Loan Players are NOT permitted in the Arizona Presidents Cup.

- 3.20 **Involuntary Release:** The removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of the team authorities.
- 3.21 **Move:** Any player movement from one team to another within the club.
- 3.21.1 The number of player movements is unlimited, but must be within the same club.
- 3.21.2 A player moving to a team in a different club is considered a transfer.
- 3.22 **Participant:** Any player, coach, manager or other persons associated with a team.
- 3.23 **Roster:** A list of the players who will participate in the competition.
- 3.24 **Rostering:** Assignment of a registered player to a team.
- 3.25 **Sanction:** The authorization extended by USSF or one of its affiliates to conduct an official competition and/or travel out of state and/or out of country.
- 3.26 **Seasonal Year:** Established by US Soccer, extends from September 1st of a given calendar year through August 31st of the following calendar year.
- 3.27 **Spectator:** Any person who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team present at a youth soccer event who is not a participant or official. Spectators are subject to all competition rules and procedures applicable to participants.
- 3.28 **Suspension:** The temporary withdrawal of rights and privileges, such as the right to play, coach, or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in soccer, and the suspension is for the entire term of the suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.
- 3.29 **Team Roster:** A list of the registered players eligible to play for a team.
- 3.30 **Team Representative:** Any coach, manager, parent, or club official who has been delegated the right to represent a team.
- 3.31 **Transfer:** The process by which a player changes club affiliation, moving from one club to another.²
- 3.32 **Voluntary Release:** The removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of the player.

² <https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/979/15/NovTransfer.pdf>

4 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

4.1 Levels of Competition

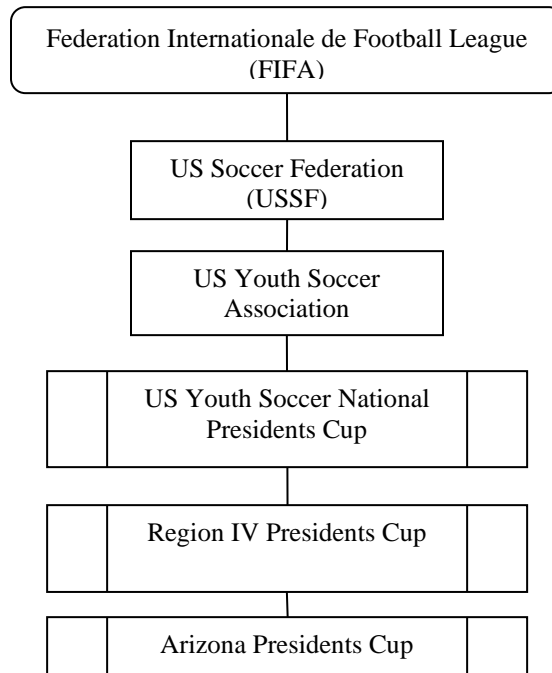
4.1.1 US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup shall be conducted at the following levels:

4.1.1.1 The first level of competition is at the State Association level (Arizona Presidents Cup).

4.1.1.2 The second level of competition is at the regional level (Far West Presidents Cup).

4.1.1.3 The third level of competition is at the national level (US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup).

4.2 Arizona Presidents Cup is administered by the ASA. The ASA falls under the auspices of US Youth Soccer. Champions and “Wildcards” advancing out of the Arizona Presidents Cup are governed by additional rules and policies of the various higher organizations.



5 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

- 5.1 Arizona Presidents Cup will be managed by a Tournament Director (TD) appointed by ASA. The Tournament Director will administer the tournament under the oversight of the Arizona Presidents Cup Committee and ASA, and shall:
 - 5.1.1 Coordinate daily competition activities.
 - 5.1.2 Schedule games between teams participating in the competition.
 - 5.1.3 Assign Referees or otherwise arrange for the assigning of Referees for scheduled games.
 - 5.1.4 Track game results (scores) and team standings.
 - 5.1.5 Notify the Committee of any issues.
 - 5.1.6 Has the authority to make any decisions that are in the best interest of the Tournament.³

- 5.2 The Arizona Presidents Cup Committee will be appointed by ASA's Director of Tournaments or from members of the Cups Committee (no more than one member from the same club). The committee shall:
 - 5.2.1 Provide clarification and/or interpretations to competition policies and rules where no policies/rules exist or are otherwise unclear.
 - 5.2.2 Provide recommendations to the policies and rules of the competition.
 - 5.2.3 Oversee disciplinary matters, including, but not limited to:
 - 5.2.3.1 Participant and spectator behavior
 - 5.2.3.2 Game ejections
 - 5.2.3.3 Game protests
 - 5.2.4 Appeals of rulings by the Committee will be forwarded to the Discipline and Rules Committee (D&R Committee). The D&R Committee is appointed by ASA's Director of Tournaments.

- 5.3 ASA shall determine each year the dates for deadline for entry in Arizona Presidents Cup, as well as the entry fee for the competition.

6 ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 The Arizona Presidents Cup shall be open to all ASA Tier 1, 2 and 3 teams registered to ASA through one of its appropriately affiliated leagues in specific age groups.
 - 6.1.1 Exception: Teams that participate in Arizona Premier League for the following seasons will not be eligible for Presidents Cup:
 - 6.1.1.1 12U-18U: Arizona State League or Arizona Open League or other affiliate league are eligible.

³ For the 2021 Arizona Presidents Cup the TD will have the authority to implement any required changes to adhere to existing CDC and ASA COVID Protocols.

- 6.1.1.2 11U & 19U: Teams are not required to have participated in an ASA managed league (Advanced Leagues, MIMOL) or affiliate league.
- 6.1.1.3 A player must be properly registered and rostered in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer (Policy on Players and Playing Rules, 201 and 209) and State Association at the conclusion of the State's qualifying event.
- 6.1.1.4 A player who has participated in quarter, semi or final matches in a designated State NCS series or participated in the National League or the most competitive division of the respective regional league, is not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Presidents Cup. (Note: Any ASA player who participated in any of the leagues or competitions mentioned above, including FWRL Desert Conference League and Arizona State Cup are NOT eligible to participate in Presidents Cup on state, regional, or national level.
- 6.1.1.5 A team that is found guilty for any reason of having an ineligible player on its roster or using an ineligible player forfeits each game involving the ineligible player.
- 6.1.1.6 A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.
- 6.1.2 Competitions will be held for both male and female teams in the following age groups: 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U.
- 6.1.3 Where the Far West Presidents Cup has competitions for an age group, the Arizona Champion for that age group must advance to the Regional Presidents Cup. Should a team not attend the regional competitions, the team and club will be responsible for the Far West Presidents Cup tournament entry fee and the regional fine(s) plus a \$500 administrative fee.
- 6.1.4 Where the National Presidents Cup is held for an age group, the winner of the Region IV Presidents Cup must advance. Should a team not attend the National Presidents Cup, the team and club will be responsible for the National Presidents Cup tournament entry fee and the national fine(s). For 2021 the fine is at minimum \$5000.
- 6.2 Each team shall complete the application for Arizona Presidents Cup on or before the dates prescribed by ASA. Registration deadlines shall be established by ASA and shall be communicated to the Club Representatives via meetings, email, and/or ASA website.
- 6.3 The team must be entered in the competition of the State Association in which at least fifty percent (50%) of its players are registered.

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- 6.4 The ASA reserves the right to reject any club or team application to the competition, at its sole discretion, if it is determined that acceptance of the team would be detrimental to the competition, the ASA, and/or its mission statement.
- 6.5 A player may be registered on only one team at any time during Arizona Presidents Cup, (Far West) Region IV Presidents Cup, and US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup.
- 6.6 Players and/or teams that participate in the Arizona Presidents Cup are not eligible to participate in the Arizona State Cup.
- 6.7 Prior to participation in the Arizona Presidents Cup, each club, team and its players shall:
- 6.7.1 Be properly registered with ASA and rostered with the ASA in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer (Policy on Players and Playing Rules, 201 and 209), US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Policy (Rule 302, 303 and 304) and the ASA. Registration is required to a tier level in which player passes are issued (recreational or club-level only players/teams which do not have valid player passes are ineligible).
 - 6.7.2 Have paid the appropriate application fee and bond (where applicable) or have otherwise been approved by ASA for participation.
 - 6.7.3 Have paid the appropriate competition application fee and bond (where applicable) or have otherwise been approved by the ASA for participation.
 - 6.7.4 Have paid the appropriate ASA player registration fees or have otherwise been approved by ASA for participation.
 - 6.7.5 Are in good standing with ASA and are in compliance with, and has not violated, any of the bylaws and policies of US Youth Soccer.
- 6.8 The competition is not open to select teams which are defined as the official select (all-star) team of the USSF or any of its regions, affiliated National State Associations or any district or geographical sub-division thereof, or any league.
- 6.9 Organizations wishing to place any participating team in bad standing must do so at least 45 days prior to the first game of the Arizona Presidents Cup, to afford the team the time to appeal in accordance with US Soccer Rules.
- 6.10 Any team found guilty of using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the National Presidents Cup competitions in the current seasonal year.
- 6.10.1 Any coach, manager, or official found guilty of knowingly using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the National Presidents Cup competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year.

- 6.10.2 A player found guilty of submitting falsified birth information is prohibited from competing further in National Presidents Cup competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year.

7 CREDENTIALS

- 7.1 Each player and team official listed on the team's roster must carry the US Youth Soccer member pass issued by the ASA.
 - 7.1.1 The member pass issued to each player and team official shall identify the club by name.
 - 7.1.2 The member pass must carry a **current** photograph (from the current seasonal year) of the player or team official.
 - 7.1.3 The member pass must be signed by the appropriate official of the ASA.

- 7.2 Each team is required to have a minimum of one Coach/Administrator on the sideline of each game.
 - 7.2.1 A team may not have more than 4 individuals designated as team or club officials for the team in the technical area on the sideline of any game.
 - 7.2.2 Each team must have one Coach/Administrator that is identified as the Primary Coach in the technical on the sideline of each game.
 - 7.2.3 Each Coach/Administrator must be:
 - 7.2.3.1 Officially registered to the club
 - 7.2.3.2 Visibly wears his/her pass such as on a lanyard around the neck.
 - 7.2.3.3 Identified on the official game card prior to the start of the game (may be written in on the game card)
 - 7.2.4 Only four (4) properly credentialed persons will be allowed in the team technical area.
 - 7.2.4.1 A Director of Coaching (DOC) may be included as one of the four (4) persons.
 - 7.2.4.2 Properly credentialed persons include any coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, or administrator who:
 - 7.2.4.2.1.1 Is properly registered with the ASA and the club whose team is participating in the match.
 - 7.2.4.2.1.2 Is in good standing with both the ASA and the club whose team is participating in the match.
 - 7.2.4.2.1.3 Carries a current and valid US Youth Soccer member pass.
 - 7.2.5 Persons in the technical area, other than players, must have a credentialed pass for the club. Coaches/Administrators may not be added to the official game card once the game has begun.
 - 7.2.5.1 Failure to have an officially credentialed person with the team may result in the team forfeiting the game.

7.2.5.2 If a Coach/Administrator will be arriving late to a game, only three (3) persons would then be in the technical area prior to his/her arrival. Upon his/her arrival, he/she would then be the 4th Coach/Administrator allowed in the technical area.

7.3 **Proof of Age**

- 7.3.1 All players must submit proof of age documents to be eligible for play in the Arizona Presidents Cup.
- 7.3.2 Proof of age shall consist of one of the following:
 - 7.3.2.1 Birth Certificate (photocopies are acceptable)
 - 7.3.2.2 Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the Uniformed Services of the United States
 - 7.3.2.3 Birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, and/or board of health record
 - 7.3.2.4 Passport
 - 7.3.2.5 Alien registration card issued by the United States Government
 - 7.3.2.6 Certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age or a certification of an American citizen born abroad by the appropriate government agency.
 - 7.3.2.7 Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.
- 7.3.3 Proof of age documents in a language other than English must have an English translation attached to the original document.
 - 7.3.3.1 The US Youth Soccer Region IV Foreign Translation Form must be used for this purpose.
 - 7.3.3.2 Translations may be provided by anyone recognized as an official translator.
 - 7.3.3.2.1 No person affiliated with the team, such as a coach, team manager, parent, or other family member, may translate a proof of age document for any player of the team.
 - 7.3.3.3 All translations will be dated and include the signature, address, and telephone number of the translator.
- 7.3.4 If a player has had a name change during the season, where the player's legal name no longer matches that on his/her player pass or birth certificate, the player will need to present an original legal affidavit (Court Order) showing such a change.
 - 7.3.4.1 Affidavits showing that a player is going by another name (but not legally changed) will not be accepted.
- 7.3.5 Credentials Challenge
 - 7.3.5.1 At any point prior to or during the competition, ASA may request a team to verify a player's age. Teams will have 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) to produce the original (no copies) proof-of-age documents to ASA office.

7.3.5.2 If an illegal player is found to be on a roster, regardless if the player did not participate in a game, all games are to be considered a forfeit.

7.4 **Foreign Born Players**

7.4.1 **Foreign Born Players** must follow the US Soccer International Clearance Process. <http://www.ussoccer.com/about/federation-services/intl-clearance>

7.5 **Medical Release Form**

7.5.1 A medical release form must be completed, signed by a parent or legal guardian, and submitted during the credentials verification prior to the competition.

7.5.1.1 Note: If the player has turned 18, a parent signature is not required.

7.5.2 Medical release forms do not need to be notarized for this competition.

7.5.3 Teams advancing to the Region IV Presidents Cup must have the medical releases notarized.

7.6 **Rosters**

7.6.1 All players participating in the Arizona Presidents Cup must be officially registered to the team and listed on the official roster.

7.6.2 Every team in the Arizona Presidents Cup shall have a team roster for the competition and a game roster for every match of the competition.

7.6.3 A player may be rostered to only one team's President's Cup roster at each level of the National Championship competitions during the seasonal year.

7.6.3.1 Team Roster

7.6.3.1.1 The ASA will utilize GotSoccer a software program, to maintain the official roster. The team's official roster will be held by ASA in GotSoccer. GotSoccer will be used to schedule the tournament and must replicate roster data that is in GotSoccer

7.6.3.1.2 The GotSoccer roster must include each player's name, ID number, Date of Birth, and jersey number.

7.6.3.1.3 A team roster shall have a minimum of nine (9) registered players on its roster at all times.

7.6.3.2 A team may release involuntarily a player from its roster if the player has violated bylaws, policies, or requirements of the USSF, USYS, ASA, or the member of the State Association through whom the player is registered.

7.6.3.3 All information listed on the roster must be verified by the appropriate ASA official and signed by that official prior to

the start of the competition. The verification process will occur during the Credentials Submittal.

7.6.3.4 Game Roster

7.6.3.5 The Game Roster will be the GotSoccer roster that will be printed onto the scorecard of each game to be played.

7.6.3.6 At game day check-in, each team must notify the competition authority of any players who will not be participating in the match.

7.6.3.7 Every player listed on the Game Roster must be listed on the Team Roster to be eligible to participate with the team in the Arizona Presidents Cup competitions. **Note: Loan players are not allowed.**

7.6.3.8 Players on the Game Roster that are identified as ineligible should be reviewed prior to kickoff with a Tournament Director or delegate if needed.

7.6.4 Roster Deadline (Freeze Date)

7.6.4.1 The deadline for final rosters, including transfers, releases, and additions (adds) shall be 12:00pm (noon), no earlier than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the Arizona Presidents Cup for each age group.

7.6.4.2 The deadlines will be posted in advance of the competition.

7.6.5 Roster Size Limitations

7.6.5.1 Players rostered on the Team Roster but not listed on the Game Roster for a specific game can sit on the sidelines as long as they aren't suited up.

7.6.5.2 Non-Rostered individuals are not permitted on the team/player sideline area.

Age Group	Minimum on the Team Roster	Maximum on the Team Roster	Minimum on the Game Roster	Maximum on the Game Roster
11U	7 Players	16 Players	7 Players	16 Players
12U	7 Players	16 Players	7 Players	16 Players
13U	9 Players	22 Players	7 Players	18 Players
14U	9 Players	22 Players	7 Players	18 Players
15U	9 Players	22 Players	7 Players	18 Players
16U	9 Players	22 Players	7 Players	18 Players
17U	9 Players	22 Players	7 Players	18 Players
18U	9 Players	22 Players	7 Players	18 Players
19U	9 Players	22 Players	7 Players	18 Players

7.7 Credentials Submittal (Tournament Check-In)

7.7.1 After the roster deadline (freeze date), ASA will post on its website or notify in writing, dates for teams to submit their credentials (similar to the check-in process for a tournament). Teams must schedule an

appointment with a designated ASA representative on one of the listed dates. Teams must bring the following to the appointment:

- 7.7.1.1 Player pass with recent photograph for each player
- 7.7.1.2 Coach/Administrator pass for each coach and administrator
- 7.7.1.3 Proof-of-age document for each player
- 7.7.1.4 US Youth Soccer Region IV Foreign Translation Form (if applicable)
- 7.7.1.5 Original Legal Affidavits (Court Orders) for any players with name changes (if applicable)
- 7.7.1.6 Medical release form for each player
- 7.7.2 ASA will bring the following to the appointment:
 - 7.7.2.1 Copy of the official team roster from GotSoccer.
- 7.7.3 Any changes to the GotSoccer roster will be made by ASA.
- 7.7.4 The team may not request changes to the roster after the final roster freeze date.

8 TEAM FORMATION

- 8.1 Teams in **Arizona State League (current season) or Open League Division 1 may apply for an age group 1 year up in the GOLD Division.**
 - 8.1.1 Those teams may not apply for the Silver Division an age up.**
 - 8.1.2 Teams in Open League Division 2 or lower may apply for the Silver Division a year up.**
 - 8.1.3 Exception:** 18U teams may play up in the 19U age group upon written request and subsequent approval by the Arizona Tournament Committee.
- 8.2 A team may compete in only one age group of the National Championships competitions during the seasonal year.
- 8.3 Age Minimums
 - 8.3.1 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 in the Arizona Championships:
 - 8.3.1.1 For teams competing in the 13U, 14U, and 15U age groups, each player must be:
 - 8.3.1.1.1 Of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year; OR
 - 8.3.1.1.2 Of the age in either of the next two (2) younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year
 - 8.3.1.2 For teams competing in the 16U, 17U, 18U, and 19U age groups, each player on the team must be:

- 8.3.1.2.1.1 Of the age group of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year; OR
- 8.3.1.2.1.2 Of the age of any younger age group, through the 14U age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

8.4 Age Limits

8.4.1 Play in the Arizona Championships shall be divided among teams by the age divisions established by US Youth Soccer.

8.4.2 Maximum age requirements for each age group are as follows:

8.4.2.1 **11U**: 2010 and younger

8.4.2.2 **12U**: 2009 and younger

8.4.2.3 **13U**: 2008 and younger

8.4.2.4 **14U**: 2007 and younger

8.4.2.5 **15U**: 2006 and younger

8.4.2.6 **16U**: 2005 and younger

8.4.2.7 **17U**: 2004 and younger

8.4.2.8 **18U**: 2003 and younger⁴

8.4.2.9 **19U/20U**: August 1, 2002 and younger

8.4.3 GOLD DIVISION WINNERS of the age groups highlighted in **RED** will advance to Presidents Cup Regionals.

8.5 Continuity of Rosters

8.4.4 Teams advancing to the Region IV Presidents Cup must maintain a minimum of nine (9) players common to the team roster that was used in the Arizona Presidents Cup.

9 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

9.1 These provisions shall govern all participants and spectators of the competition.

9.2 Each club shall designate the following representatives. One individual may serve in multiple capacities.

9.2.1 **Club Representative**: Shall be responsible for attending competition meetings and disseminating information from the competition to the club's teams, players, parents, and other officials.

9.2.2 **Club Registrar**: Shall be responsible for the proper registration of its players, teams, and club officials; proper accounting of fiscal transactions and accurate reporting to ASA.

⁴ For the 2021 Presidents Cup, players born 2002 are eligible to participate in the U18 age group due to US Youth allowance from COVID impacts

- 9.3 Each club is responsible for its players, coaches, managers, team representatives and spectator's adherence to the competition's provisions, policies and rules. Each club shall ensure that the actions of all associated individuals, on and off the field, do not bring the Arizona Presidents Cup into disrepute.

10 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 10.1 The playing rules of the Arizona Presidents Cup shall conform to the FIFA "Laws of the Game" and US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Rules, and ASA Rules & Regulations, except as provided by the Arizona Presidents Cup Rules.
- 10.2 The Arizona Presidents Cup is a state-wide competition. Games may be held anywhere in the state as designated by ASA.
- 10.2.1 All placement matches (those determining 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place) will be held at a single location.
- 10.2.2 The location and times of games will be assigned at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director with advisement from the Cup Committee.
- 10.2.3 The Tournament Director will attempt to schedule games at fields that, in the Committee's opinion, are central to the teams playing (excepting placement matches), are of suitable quality for tournament play (including regulation sized goals), and which the ASA is readily able to operate with regards to cost and personnel.
- 10.2.4 For the 2021 competition, games may be held in Tucson, the greater Phoenix area, and Maricopa.
- 10.3 Flights and brackets will be formed based upon the number of entries in the specific age group.
- 10.4 All age groups shall be divided into brackets such that each team will play all other teams in its bracket one time (pool play). Depending upon the size of the age group, either the top team or the top two teams in each bracket will advance to the knockout phase. The knockout phase will, depending upon the size of the age group, commence with quarterfinals, semifinals, or directly to the finals. At any time during the knockout phase, should a team lose a match, the team will advance no further. The final two teams remaining in the knockout phase will play a single match for the championship.

10.5 Team Seeding and Bracket Positioning

- 10.5.1 The ASA Cup Committee will determine bracket format based on participating teams.⁵

⁵ See Appendix B for 2019 Seeding Format

10.5.2 Teams participating will be seeded according to their final standings in Advanced Leagues.

10.5.2.1.1 For the 12U – 18U age groups, seeding will be done accordingly based on State League 1 finish and then State League 2 finish respectively.

10.5.2.1.2 Seeding for the 19U age group will be a blind draw except for spots based on Advanced League finish.

10.5.2.1.3 Placements from other Affiliate Leagues will only be considered if seedings up to #8 are not filled by State League applicants.

10.5.2.1.3.1 Arizona Open League Division 1 finish is the highest affiliate league to be considered for seedings up to the 8th position.

10.5.3 All other team positions in the tournament brackets will be decided by a “blind draw” by the Cup Committee. One Cup Committee member will randomly draw teams for the remaining open spots in the bracket.

10.5.4 Teams are required to review their election of Preferred Division prior to the Seeding and Bracket formation date established on the ASA website.

10.5.5 Changing Divisions once Brackets are released will not be permitted.

10.5.6 Brackets will not be changed due to a team withdrawing or found ineligible after Brackets are formed. If a team withdraws from the bracket prior to the start of competition the remaining teams would be awarded a BYE.

10.5.7 Teams which withdraw from the competition or are found ineligible after March 1, 2021 will forfeit their entry fee including any administration fee(s). Additionally, the team’s club will be fined \$500.

10.5.8 Teams withdrawing after the schedules have been released will be subject to forfeiting their scheduled games.

10.5.9 Teams which withdraw from the competition or forfeit a Championship Match that is subject to a berth at Regionals as Champion or as Wildcard will result in an additional fine of \$1500 minimum.

10.6 During Group Play, the higher seed will be awarded home field advantage when teams in a match are located in Tucson and the greater Phoenix area.

- 10.6.1 Group Play games will be located in the areas that make up the majority of teams such as the Phoenix or Tucson areas.
- 10.6.2 Teams must agree to play at the location and times scheduled at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director with advisement from the Cup Committee.
- 10.6.3 If a match between a team outside of the greater Phoenix or Tucson area is scheduled, the Tournament Director has the authority to place the match in a location that is geographically more practical between opponents.
- 10.6.4 The Tournament Director will attempt to schedule games at fields that are of suitable quality for cup play (including regulation sized goals) and which the ASA is readily able to operate with regards to cost and personnel.
- 10.6.5 For the 2021 competition, games may be held in Tucson, the greater Phoenix area, and Maricopa.

11 MATCH RULES AND POLICIES

11.1 Scheduling of Games⁶

- 11.1.1 All games are to be played as scheduled.
 - 11.1.1.1 Schedules will be updated weekly and posted to the ASA website on Tuesdays by 4:00 pm.
 - 11.1.1.2 It is the team's responsibility to verify game dates, times and locations from the most current version of the schedule.
 - 11.1.1.3 In the event schedule changes are made after Tuesdays at 4:00 pm, affected teams involved will be notified through email, text, or phone call.
- 11.1.2 The Tournament Director will make every effort, but will not guarantee, to schedule games around the following (in order of precedence):
 - 11.1.2.1 **SAT or ACT Tests**
 - 11.1.2.1.1 Teams must be prepared to play if scheduled start times conflict with SAT or ACT tests.
 - 11.1.2.2 **Coaches with Multiple Teams (2 teams max will be considered)**
 - 11.1.2.2.1 Coaches must be under the same GotSoccer account for both teams.
 - 11.1.2.2.2 Coach Conflicts will only be considered if teams are in the same event.
 - 11.1.2.2.3 Teams must be prepared to have substitute coaches available should the primary coach have a scheduling conflict.
 - 11.1.2.3 **High School Proms** (for 17U and 18U/19U players only)

⁶ See Appendix D for COVID Protocols

- 11.1.2.3.1 The Tournament Director will try, but not guarantee, to end games by 2:00pm the day of any known prom.
- 11.1.2.3.2 The Tournament Director will try, but not guarantee, to start games no earlier than 12:00 pm the day after any known prom.
- 11.1.2.3.3 Teams must notify the Tournament Director, in writing in the tournament application at the time of registration, of prom dates prior to the start of the Arizona Championships which will impact their team. If notification is not furnished, games will be scheduled as standard for any age group.
- 11.1.2.4 Teams must notify the Tournament Director, in writing in the cup application at the time of registration, of conflicts such as SAT or ACT tests, prom dates, or other identified exceptions prior to the start of the Arizona President’s Cup which will impact their team. If notification is not furnished, games will be scheduled as standard for any age group.
- 11.1.3 Once the schedule has been published, the dates and times of games may not be changed except for the following reasons:
 - 11.1.3.1 The field is closed by the city or other governing entity.
 - 11.1.3.2 Inclement weather.
 - 11.1.3.3 Scheduling errors made by ASA.
 - 11.1.3.4 Changes resulting from a protest decision.
 - 11.1.3.5 Coaching conflicts in the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals – to be determined by the Tournament Director.
 - 11.1.3.6 When the Tournament Director/ASA determines it is in the best interest of Arizona soccer.
- 11.2 Check-In (Game Day)**
 - 11.2.1 ASA will print game scorecards complete with rosters for each team and bring them to the fields.
 - 11.2.1.1 It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that each coach/administrator (up to 4 total) are listed (**typed or written**) on the scorecard. It is not required that the DOC is listed on the scorecard.
 - 11.2.2 Each team, with their player passes, must check in at the field at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match.
 - 11.2.2.1 A team must have at least 7 players in order to check in.
 - 11.2.2.2 A coach/administrator (one who has an official pass for the club) is required to be with the team during check in. Teams will not be checked in without a coach/administrator.

- 11.2.2.3 At check-in, the team must identify one person to be the primary coach for that game.
- 11.2.2.4 Except for the DOC, all coaches/administrators who will be in the technical area for a game must:
 - 11.2.2.4.1 Have a current US Youth Soccer pass of the participating club.
 - 11.2.2.4.2 Identify his/her self to the Referee and/or appropriate tournament administrator.
 - 11.2.2.4.3 Be listed on the game roster.
- 11.2.2.5 Coaches/Administrators must notify game official of any player not participating in the match. Game official must cross off the name(s) of any player not participating on the official scorecard.
- 11.2.2.6 Passes for players not participating in the game or who are arriving late must be removed from the ring and retained by the coach/administrator.
- 11.2.2.7 Players arriving late must check in individually with the match Referee at the field. Player must present in full uniform with player pass.
- 11.2.3 All players, including the goalkeeper, must be dressed to play at the time of check-in.
 - 11.2.3.1 Uniforms (including jerseys, shorts and socks) must be identical. Minor variations may be allowed, subject to approval by tournament staff.
 - 11.2.3.2 Each player shall have a number on his/her jersey. The number shall be permanently affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible and legible. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional; however are recommended. Duplicate and/or taped numbers are not permitted.
 - 11.2.3.3 Player and substitutes may not change or remove their jersey/numbers during the match (an exception is made when substituting for a goalkeeper) without approval from the referee (example: blood on jersey).
 - 11.2.3.4 Each player, team, and team official may only have on his/her/their apparel the name, logo, or other identifying mark of US Youth Soccer or a member directly or indirectly of US Youth Soccer.
 - 11.2.3.4.1 A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any youth soccer organization other than US Youth Soccer or its member must be removed, replaced, or covered before a player, team, or team official may enter or

- remain at a field complex where the competition is being held.
- 11.2.3.4.2 After an initial warning pursuant to the above, the name, logo, or other identifying mark of any youth soccer organization other than US Youth Soccer or its member must be removed before the player, team, or team official may enter or continue in the competition.
- 11.2.3.5 Socks/stockings must be pulled up to cover the shin guards completely. Teams will not be allowed to wear one color sock on one leg and another color sock on the other. Tape or any other material applied or worn externally must be the same color as that part of the sock it is applied to or covers.
- 11.2.3.6 Only undergarments /undershirts (sliders, long sleeves, etc.) must be the same color as the predominant/main color of the shirtsleeves; undershorts must be the same color of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts – players of the same team must wear the same color.
- 11.2.3.7 The home team as designated in the schedule, regardless of the actual physical location of the game, will wear the team’s lightest colored jersey and socks. The visiting team will wear the team’s darkest colored jersey and socks. If both teams are wearing similar colored jerseys and/or socks, the visiting team must change to its alternate jersey and/or sock. If an alternate jersey is unavailable, the visiting team may wear pinnies to differentiate the two teams.
- 11.2.3.8 Goalkeepers must wear colors that distinguish them from other players and game officials.
- 11.2.3.9 At the direction of the Referee, a goalkeeper may be required to change jerseys, regardless of home/visitor status.
- 11.2.3.10 Jerseys shall be neatly tucked into the shorts.
- 11.2.3.11 Players will not be allowed to wear jewelry of any kind, including wrist bands. Exception: Allowances may be made for medical alert bracelets and necklaces approved by the Referee. These must be taped down.
- 11.2.3.12 Hair control devices made of metal, plastic, or other hard material will not be allowed.
- 11.2.3.13 Metal Studded Cleats are not allowed.
- 11.2.3.14 Non-dangerous protective equipment, for example headgear, facemasks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material is permitted, as are goalkeepers caps and sports spectacles.
- 11.2.4 Players will line up in single file, each facing the Referee and/or tournament administrator. The Referee/administrator will:

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- 11.2.4.1 Inspect the equipment and uniform of each player.
- 11.2.4.2 Read the players' names, one by one, from the roster noted on the scorecard.
- 11.2.4.3 Upon hearing his/her name, the player will raise his/her hand to allow the Referee/administrator to identify the player with the corresponding player pass picture.
- 11.2.4.4 The player will then turn around to allow the Referee/administrator to read his/her jersey number. The Referee/administrator will then check off the player on the game roster/scorecard as being present and ready to play.
- 11.2.4.5 Players listed on the game roster but not present at check-in, will be crossed off the game roster if not participating or noted as coming late.
- 11.2.4.6 Players may not change jerseys upon completion of the check-in. Exception: Goalkeepers coming off the field may provide their keeper jersey to the substitute player coming on in his/her place.
 - 11.2.4.6.1 If a player changes jerseys after the check-in process, the entire team may be required to go through the check-in process again.

11.3 Game Officials

- 11.3.1 Any Referee appointed to officiate in any Arizona Championships competition game may not be a past or present member or have an immediate family member of either of the competing teams.

11.4 During the Game

- 11.4.1 Both teams will sit according to the seating layout in Appendix B.
 - 11.4.1.1 Only coaching from the technical area will be permitted, provided the guidelines are followed.
 - 11.4.1.1.1 Coaching is defined as “giving direction to one’s own team on points of strategy and position”.
 - 11.4.1.1.2 Continuous and/or non-stop direction will not be permitted.
 - 11.4.1.1.3 Coaches must remain within the technical area, defined as 15 yards on the team’s side of the halfway or midfield line.
 - 11.4.1.1.4 Spectators are not permitted to coach.

11.4.2 Substitutions

- 11.4.2.1 Substitutions shall be unlimited and made with the consent of the Referee during any stoppage of play as detailed below;

11.4.2.1.1 Substitute players must be stationed and ready to play at the halfway line when the call for substitution is made,

11.4.2.1.2 Players may not exchange jersey with a player coming off the field,

11.4.2.2 If a player is suspected of suffering a head injury may be substituted for evaluation. If the player with the suspected head injury has received clearance from the events' Health Care Professional, the player may re-enter at any stoppage of play with the permission of the Referee

11.4.3 A team may forfeit if seven (7) players are not ready to play within 15 minutes of the scheduled game time. Team forfeitures will result in that team being removed from the tournament.

11.4.4 After the match has ended, the Tournament Committee asks that as a mutual courtesy, teams congratulate each other for a game well played. This is not mandatory. Teams/Parents are required to clean their bench and spectator area after the game.

11.4.5 Spectators

11.4.5.1 Spectators shall be seated according to the seating layout in Appendix B. Spectators should remain at least three (3) feet or as indicated by field markings behind the touchline.

11.4.5.2 The Tournament Committee and Tournament Director reserves the right to restrict where spectators may sit depending on the field situation.

11.4.5.3 Coaches or Team Administrators are responsible for the behavior of their spectators. Referee and Tournament officials have full authority to remove spectators and the Referee may caution and/or eject a coach or team administrator for spectator behavior.

11.4.6 Duration of games and ball sizes shall be as follows:

Age Group	Game Length	Overtime	Ball Size	Ball Circumference	Ball Weight
17U, 18U, 19U	Two 45' halves	Two 15' periods	No. 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz..
15U, 16U	Two 40' halves	Two 15' periods	No. 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
13U, 14U	Two 35' halves	Two 10' periods	No. 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
11U, 12U	Two 30' halves	Two 10' periods	No. 4	25-26 in.	14-16 oz.

- 11.4.6.1 Halftime for all age groups will be 10 minutes.
- 11.4.6.2 Bracket play will end at regulation time. During bracket play, tie games at the end of regulation time will stand. During quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, if a game is tied at the end of regulation play, two (2) complete overtime periods will be played. If the game is still tied after the end of the 2 overtime periods, FIFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” rules will apply in order to determine the winner.
- 11.4.6.3 If the score of a consolation game is tied at the end of regulation time, the game will be declared a tie. There will be no overtime periods or FIFA “Kicks From The Penalty Mark”

11.4.7 Inclement Weather

- 11.4.7.1 If, as determined by the Tournament Director and/or ASA, inclement weather or unforeseen circumstance affects the Presidents Cup competition, the following rules will apply regarding play and the determination of the winning team, in the order stated:
 - 11.4.7.2 If play is suspended or the start of play is delayed, the Tournament Director may eliminate overtime periods during quarterfinals, semifinals and finals (bracket play can end in a tie). If the game is tied at the conclusion of regulation playing time, the game will go immediately to FIFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark”.
 - 11.4.7.2 The game length may be reduced to 70 minutes for the 17U, 18U, and 19U age groups, 60 minutes for the 15U and 16U age groups, 50 minutes for the 13U and 14U age groups and 40 minutes for the 11U and 12U age groups. If the game is terminated beyond these times, the result of the game will stand. If the game is tied or does not reach those times, then advancement in the competition will be determined by FIFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark”.
 - 11.4.7.2 A game cancelled after the completion of 10 minutes into the second half will be considered a complete game and the score at the point of the cancellation will be recorded.

11.5 Unfinished Games

11.5.2 Unfinished games due to any cause shall be replayed if neither team is at fault and play has not completed a minimum of ten (10) minutes in the second half. If play is stopped during the second half and play cannot be resumed and if neither team is at fault, the Tournament Committee may deem the game complete. However, if play is stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.

11.6 Game Conclusion

- 11.6.2 At the conclusion of the match, if there are no send offs or head injuries, the Referee will have the team representative sign the scorecards, return the player passes to the team, and submit the completed scorecard to the tournament headquarters. If there are send offs or head injuries, the pass will be pulled and turned into headquarters along with the scorecard.
- 11.6.3 Upon receipt of the completed scorecard and verification that no send offs were made, and no head injuries noted, the coach/administrator will:
- 11.6.3.1 Sign the scorecard, acknowledging the score.
 - 11.6.3.2 By signing the scorecard, acknowledge that player passes have been returned to the team.
 - 11.6.3.3 At the conclusion of the match, both coaches must sign the original score card, and copies, if presented. The Referee will keep the original score card and present it to the field marshal or tournament official, if one is available. The tournament staff shall report the score in the scheduling system, noting yellow/red cards.
- 11.6.4 Score cards shall be kept on file at the ASA office until the end of the Arizona Presidents Cup for that seasonal year.

11.7 Team Scoring

- 11.7.2 For purposes of defining team standings during bracket play, teams will earn the following points during bracket play:
- 11.7.2.1 Win or Win by Forfeit= 3 points⁷
 - 11.7.2.2 Tie = 1 point
 - 11.7.2.3 Loss = 0 points
- 11.7.3 Tie Breakers. The following criteria shall be used, as tie breakers when two or more teams are tied in points in divisional standings, tie-breaker will be considered in order until the tie is broken, then restarted to break the remaining tie.
- 11.7.3.1 Two Way Tie Breaker.

⁷ Forfeits are considered a 4-0 victory

- 11.7.3.1.1 A) Head-to-head competition between the tied teams
 - 11.7.3.1.2 B) Most wins.
 - 11.7.3.1.3 C) Goals differential (goals scored minus goals allowed) with a maximum differential of four (4) goals different per match.
 - 11.7.3.1.4 D) Least goals allowed in all games within the team's flight. The team with the fewest total goals allowed advances.
 - 11.7.3.1.5 E) Kicks from the penalty. These will be scheduled, if needed, by the ASA Presidents Cup Tournament Director. Teams involved will be notified as soon as a time and location is set.
 - 11.7.3.1.6 F) If, in the opinion of the event ASA Presidents Cup Tournament Director, additional steps are required to ensure the safe conclusion of the competition are needed, those decisions will be communicated to all affected teams before they are implemented.
- 11.7.3.2 More than Two Teams Tied. If more than two teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tie-breaking criteria listed in this section will be used in the order shown, beginning at 11.7.3.1.2 B), to either advance or eliminate one team. The remaining teams will then be compared beginning with 11.7.3.1.2 B) to determine the final placement.
Example as follows:
- 11.7.3.2.1 Most wins.
 - 11.7.3.2.2 Goals differential (goals scored minus goals allowed). A limit of four will be counted per match.
 - 11.7.3.2.2.1 IF two teams will have the same high differential and one will be lower. Eliminate the team with the lowest differential.
 - 11.7.3.2.2.2 IF two teams will have the same low differential and one will be higher. ADVANCE the team with the highest differential.
 - 11.7.3.2.2.3 IF each of the three teams will have a different differential. ELIMNATE the team with the lowest differential since that is the team that would go away under the current policy of only eliminating a team.
 - 11.7.3.2.3 Least goals allowed in all games.

- 11.7.3.2.4 Coin toss per FIFA regulation – Drawing of Lots (if more than 3 teams still tied). Kicks from the penalty mark per FIFA law (if 2 teams still tied). These will be scheduled, if needed, by the ASA’s Tournament Director. Teams will be notified as soon as time and location are set.
 - 11.7.3.2.4.1 The first team drawn will receive the bye
 - 11.7.3.2.4.2 The next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of penalty kicks.
 - 11.7.3.2.4.3 The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in penalty kicks to determine the round robin winner. The bye team will be the home team.

11.8 Forfeits

- 11.8.3 A team shall forfeit each game of the team in which:
 - 11.8.3.1 An unregistered player was with the team at the game in a uniform.
 - 11.8.3.2 A player was improperly entered on the team’s roster.
 - 11.8.3.3 The team no longer has a recognized team official on the team bench.
 - 11.8.3.4 The team has withdrawn from the competition once schedules have been released or are unable to field the minimum number of players needed for the game.
- 11.8.4 A forfeit from any match will result in the removal of the team from the competition and the club being fined \$500 and will forfeit its entry fee in the competition.
- 11.8.5 Forfeits and failure to compete at the state level shall be a matter of review by the ASA Board of Directors. The ASA Board of Directors shall have the authority to take additional action against the team and/or club as the Board considers appropriate.
- 11.8.6 Any team or club failing to give adequate notice of intention to forfeit (as defined by the ASA) may, at the discretion of the ASA Board of Directors, have additional penalties imposed on it.
- 11.8.7 Any team intending to forfeit games at the level of the Regional or National Presidents Cup must give notice to the ASA and to its Regional Director and the Chairman of its Regional Presidents Cup Committee in accordance with the region’s policies and procedures. The notice shall include the reason for the forfeit. The Team and Club will be responsible for any Fines at the Regional or National Championships.

- 11.8.8 At the discretion of the ASA Board of Directors or its designee, any team proven guilty of violating this policy or any other requirement of US Youth Soccer shall be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, forfeiture of all games and the preceding competition and fines and suspensions.
- 11.8.9 Match Manipulation at all levels. Teams failing to compete in the spirit of the competition or are involved in the manipulation of a game result are subject to forfeiture and disqualification from all levels of the competition.
 - 11.8.9.1 If failing to compete is observed and confirmed, the competition authority representative will give notice to the offending team or teams.
 - 11.8.9.2 If corrective action is not taken, the team or teams will be subject to forfeiture and/or disqualification.

12 DISCIPLINE

12.1 Committee

- 12.1.3 The Tournament Director shall appoint the Site Coordinator as Chairman of the Discipline Committee at each game site.
 - 12.1.3.1 The Chairman shall convene a Committee that shall be made up of at least three individuals not connected with the club, team, or age group of any parties involved in the discipline.
 - 12.1.3.2 The Discipline Committee's will review possible disciplinary action based on reports received from Referees involving teams, coaches, players, or other individuals.

12.2 Discipline

12.2.1 MINIMUM Red Card Suspensions Standards

- 12.2.1.1 **Suspension Table (APPENDIX A)** ASA reserves the right to add additional suspensions as warranted.

12.3 Player Ejections and Suspensions

- 12.3.1 Players dismissed/sent off from a match are required to leave the team bench area immediately.
 - 12.3.1.1 It is suggested that an assistant coach/trainer escort the ejected player from the team bench area.
 - 12.3.1.2 If the player becomes unruly, the Referee will note the behavior on the match report and the Discipline Committee

- will be advised so that the appropriate punishment will be given.
- 12.3.2** A player who is dismissed/sent off from any Arizona Presidents Cup game is prohibited from participating in the next immediately following Presidents Cup Series or State Cup Championship Series game played by the player's team. A player may receive more than a one-game suspension.
- 12.3.2.1** Forfeitures or bye games do not count towards fulfillment of suspension.
- 12.3.2.2** Suspensions not completed during the current Arizona Presidents Cup, Region IV Presidents Cup, or National Presidents Cup Tournament will be served the following year during State Cup or Presidents Cup.
- 12.3.2.3** A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.
- 12.3.3** Players serving a suspension must check-in with the team and inform the tournament staff that they will be serving a suspension in the upcoming game.
- 12.3.3.1** Players that are suspended may NOT sit with the team during games while serving the suspension.
- 12.3.3.2** Players must check-in with the Referee at the field to confirm that the player will not be participating in the game.
- 12.3.4** Any team whose coaches/players receive three (3) Red Cards and/or ejections throughout this competition shall be immediately placed on probationary status. Upon receipt of a fourth (4th) Red Card that team may be eliminated from this competition.
- 12.4** Players involved in fights will be suspended from Arizona Presidents Cup competition immediately.
- 12.4.1** If entire teams or portions of teams are involved in a fight, a determination will be made as to the guilty team.
- 12.4.2** If it is found that one or both teams are at fault, the guilty team(s) may be removed from the Arizona Presidents Cup competition.
- 12.5** Only the Head Coach (upon given permission by the referee) may leave the technical area or the team area and enter the field of play to stop or prevent an altercation.
- 12.5.1** The Head Coach
- 12.5.2** Any other Players/Coaches that leave the sideline or the team area and enter the field to join an altercation shall immediately be removed from the Arizona Presidents Cup competition and shall not be allowed to participate further until the incident is reviewed by the Discipline Committee. Any suspension/removal shall carry over into the Regional and National competitions.

12.5.3 Penalty for violating 12.5.2 is a minimum of 3 game suspension for each player, Coach, or Team Official that enters the field without permission of the referee. Club of the team is fined \$500.

12.6 Coach Ejections and Suspensions

12.6.1 Coaches dismissed/sent off from a match are required to leave the vicinity of the field.

12.6.1.1 The Coach will be given 3 minutes to leave the field area to the satisfaction of the Referee.

12.6.1.2 A coach dismissed/sent off must cease his coaching duties immediately. No other information regarding match strategy may be disseminated to coaches, players or other individuals. Match strategy cannot be disseminated via phone, cell phone, messengers or any other means.

12.6.1.3 Failure to adhere to this policy could result in further suspension to the coach and forfeiture of the match for the team.

12.6.2 Coaches and team administrators who are dismissed/sent off from a match will be subjected to the minimum suspensions listed on Appendix A.

12.6.2.1 Suspensions not completed during the current Arizona Presidents Cup, Region IV Presidents Cup, or National Presidents Cup will be served the following year during State Cup or Presidents Cup.

12.6.2.2 A coach or team administrator who has been suspended may resume coaching/administrating duties after the term of the suspension has expired.

12.6.2.3 A primary coach who as been suspended must serve his/her suspension with the team he/she received the red card suspension.

12.6.2.4 A Coach who is rostered to multiple teams must serve his/her red card suspension at their next scheduled game regardless of team.

12.6.3 Coaches facing a suspension of more than three (3) games shall be excluded from participating with any and all teams until the suspension has been served. Coaches receiving multiple ejections/suspensions will be reviewed by the ASA Discipline Committee to determine if additional sanctions are necessary.

12.6.4 If an assistant coach, or other coach not listed as the primary coach for that team, is dismissed/sent off, the assistant coach will serve the suspension with his/her primary team.

12.6.4.1 Note: The primary coach of the team will be suspended for the same amount of time as the assistant coach. The primary coach will be allowed to remain in the game at which the assistant coach was ejected.

- 12.6.5** If a player or coach participates in a game in which they should have been suspended, the team will be deemed to have used an ineligible player and will forfeit the game and could be removed from the Arizona Presidents Cup competition.
- 12.6.6** This incident will be forwarded to the ASA Protest and Appeals Committee for appropriate action, suspensions and penalties.
- 12.6.7** Coaches and team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained in this policy, including cautions, ejections, and standard suspension. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, are also subject to the jurisdiction and authority of US Youth Soccer. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the Referee, is a supporter of that team.
- 12.6.8** Individuals may be suspended indefinitely by the Tournament Director or Tournament Discipline Committee until additional investigation is completed.

12.7 Directors of Coaching and Technical Directors

- 12.7.1** Suspensions will be served for the remainder of the day in which the ejection occurred and the following day of competition, provided that director's club has teams playing the next competition day.
 - 12.7.1.1** If the director's club does not have any games on the next competition day, the suspension will be served on the next competition day that the director's club has teams playing games.
 - 12.7.1.2** During the suspension, the director may not assist in **any** of the games registered with the director's club.
- 12.7.2** If a director is dismissed/sent off while on the sideline for a game in which the director is not the head coach, the head coach of that team will also receive a one game suspension to be served in the team's next game. The head coach will be allowed to remain in the game at which the director was ejected.

13 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

13.2 Committee

- 13.2.1** The Protest and Appeals Committee shall be chaired by ASA Director of Tournaments or his/her designate.
 - 13.2.1.1** The Committee, appointed by the Chairman, shall be made up of at least three (3) persons not connected with the club, team, or age group of any parties involved in the protest/appeal.

13.2.1.2 The Protest/Appeals Committee’s primary responsibility will be to hear game protests as well as appeals received from actions taken by the Discipline Committee.

13.3 Protests

13.3.1 Only protests of misapplication of the Laws of the Game will be considered.

13.3.1.1 NOTE: PROTESTS OF JUDGEMENT CALLS BY THE REFEREE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

13.3.2 Except where otherwise provided, at the conclusion of the match, if a protest is to be filed by either team.

13.3.2.1 Notification must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the Referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site

13.3.2.2 The protest must be filed by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the Tournament Director within **two (2) hours** after the completion of the game being protested, accompanied by:

13.3.2.3 A fee in the amount of \$250.00

13.3.2.4 (3) written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged; and

13.3.2.5 (3) written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses

13.3.2.6 Protests may be submitted in person or sent via email. If sent via email, the team lodging the protest must contact Headquarters for the email address in which to send the protest.

13.3.3 Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained only if a written objection has been lodged with the Referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.

13.3.4 The chairman of the committee with which the protest is properly lodged shall immediately on receipt of the protest notify the team against which the protest is made and shall send a copy of the protest and all particulars to that team, which will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses.

13.3.5 A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the Arizona, Regional, and/or National Presidents Cup competitions is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by the ASA.

13.3.6 It is the responsibility of the Tournament Committee, Protest and Appeals Committee, and/or the ASA to investigate a properly protested violation immediately following its receipt. Failure to cooperate with

that investigation shall result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

13.3.7 Hearings regarding protests will be closed.

13.3.7.1 See ASA Bylaw 712, Section 2, for the definition and requirement of this type of hearing.

13.3.7.2 To facilitate the tournament timetables, the hearing guidelines as defined in Bylaw 711 and 712 are modified.

13.3.7.3 Notice of specific charges or alleged violations may be in writing, via e-mail, via phone or via cell phone or fax.

13.3.7.4 All decisions rendered by the Protest and Appeals will be communicated to the party/or designee either via writing, e-mail, via phone, cell phone or fax.

13.4 Appeals

13.4.1 An appeal of the Protest and Appeals Committee decisions must be in writing and filed with the Tournament Director, Tournament Committee, or ASA State Office (normal business hours only) within 24 hours of written notification of the decision. The appeal must be accompanied by:

13.4.1.1 A fee in the amount of \$250.00 (Non Red Card) & \$100.00 for Red Card Appeals.

13.4.1.2 (3) written copies of the appeal

13.4.1.3 (3) written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses

13.4.1.3.1 Red Cards: Judgment Calls cannot be appealed

13.4.2 Immediately following the filing of an appeal ASA:

13.4.2.1 Will inform all parties involved of the appeal.

13.4.2.2 Provide all parties with copies of any documentation filed in the appeal.

13.4.2.2.1 The initiator of the protest will have 24 hours to respond to the appeal.

13.4.3 Appeals of the Discipline Committee decisions must be in writing and filed with the Tournament Director, Site Director, Tournament Committee, or ASA State Office (normal business hours only) within 24 hours of written notification of the decision.

13.4.4 The Protest and Appeals Committee will meet in closed session within a reasonable time to decide on the appeal.

13.4.5 Per US Soccer, decisions made on protests and appeals by the ASA Protest and Appeals Committee are binding and allow that competition to proceed.

13.4.6 Regional and National Appeals Committees will NOT accept appeals related to State competition.

13.4.7 In instances where the ASA Rules and Regulations and the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Rules differ, the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Rules will prevail.

13.5 The Tournament Committee and/or ASA, upon finding grounds for a protest or appeal, may elect to:

13.5.1 Replay the match in its entirety

13.5.2 Restart play at the beginning of the second half

13.5.3 Restart play at the beginning of any overtime period

13.5.4 Restart play from the point at which the protest/appeal references

13.5.5 Let the match result stand.

13.6 Any part to a protest or appeal shall be accorded the right to be assisted in the presentation of the party's case at the protest or appeal proceeding.

14 RIGHT TO CHANGE

14.2 **The ASA Board of Directors reserves the right to change any rule during the competition and such changes will take effect twenty-four (24) hours after written notification has been mailed and/or emailed to all teams entered/remaining in this competition and/or posted to the website.**

14.3 Any matters not provided for in this policy shall be decided by the Tournament Committee and/or the ASA Board of Directors, and its decisions are final.

15 AWARDS

15.2 The 1st and 2nd place teams for each boys and girls age group at the state level each year will be presented with a team plaque or team trophy.

15.3 The players and coaches of each of the teams that are in the 1st and 2nd place in the Arizona Presidents Cup in each of the boys and girls age groups shall be given individual awards (maximum of 18 individual awards per team for 11U and 12U; maximum of 22 individual awards per team for 13U through 19U).

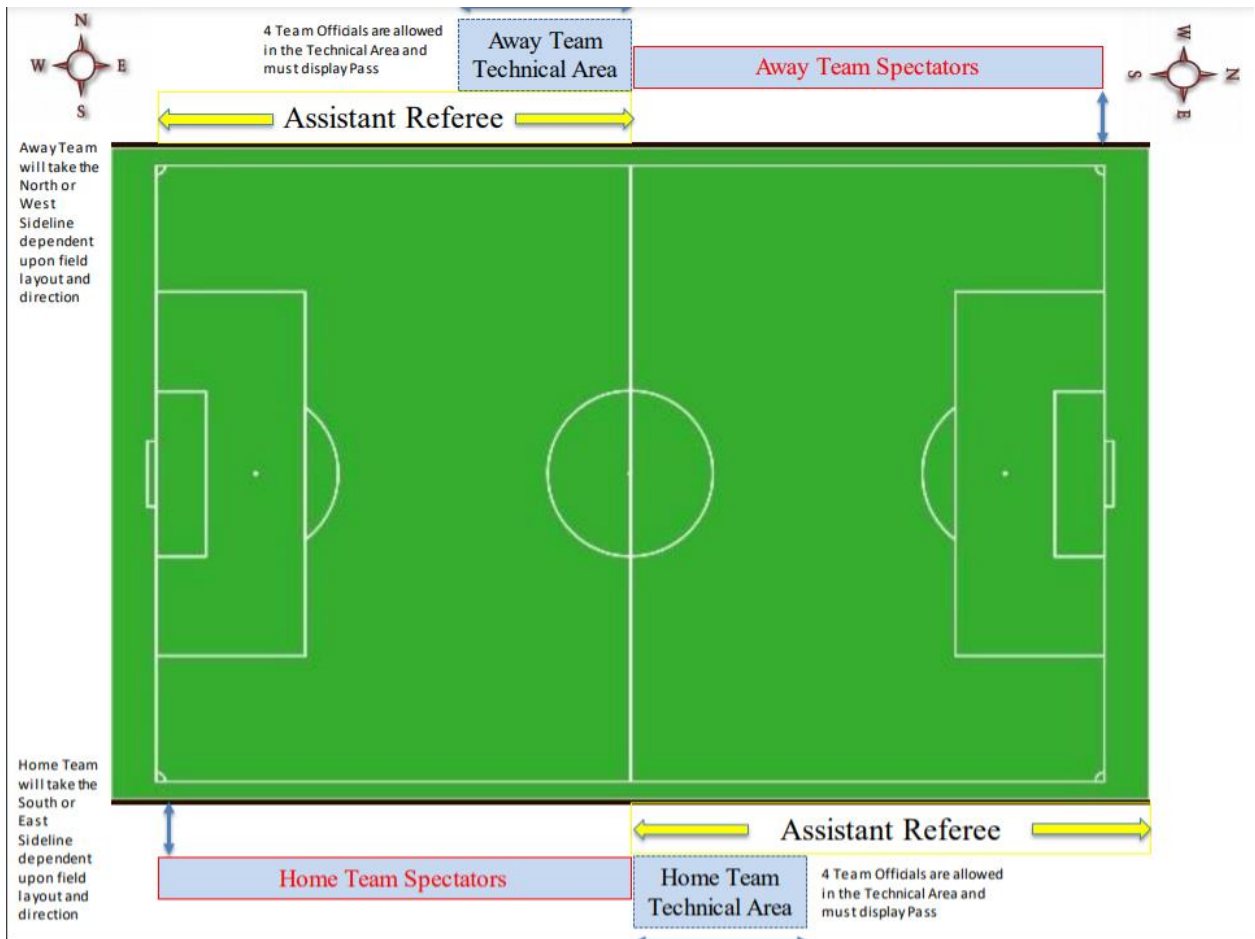
*****Appendix below*****

Appendix A

OFFENSE	MINIMUM SUSPENSION FOR PLAYERS	MINIMUM SUSPENSION FOR COACH/TEAM OFFICIALS
Second Caution	1 game	2 games
Foul or Abusive Language directed at someone other than a match official	1 game	2 games
Serious Foul Play- Denies a goal or an opponent a goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	1 game	N/A
Serious Foul Play- Denies a goal or an opponent a goal scoring opportunity by committing a foul punishable by a free kick committed in a non-dangerous way (example pulling a jersey)	1 game	N/A
Serious Foul Play- other than above	2 games	N/A
Violent Conduct- Pushing, Striking, Spitting or retaliation	3 games	4 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
Foul or abusive language directed at a match official	3 games	4 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
Abusive language (Discrimination)- prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, sex, or religion	3 games	4 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
2nd Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play (<u>other</u> category)	4 games & referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee	5 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
3rd Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play (<u>other</u> category)	5 games & referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee	6 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
Pushing, Striking or Spitting at a Match Official (A Match Official shall be defined as referee, assistant referee, referee assignor, referee administrator, tournament staff including volunteers, tournament director, or ASA staff/board member.)	3 games & referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee	4 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
Coaches/team officials who are ejected from a match for Irresponsible Team/Bench Behavior	N/A	2 games

APPENDIX B

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APPENDIX C

Sample Seeding format for 12U to 18U

Seeding	Sample Applicant Placement	
#1	ASL1 1 st Place	Seeded position
#2	ASL 1 4 th Place	Seeded position
#3	ASL 1 6 th Place	Seeded position
#4	ASL 2 1 st Place	Seeded position
#5	ASL 2 5 th Place	Seeded position
#6	MIMOL D1 2 nd Place	Seeded position
#7	MIMOL D1 3 rd Place	Seeded position
#8	Affiliate League placement	OPEN Position from Blind Draw
#9	MIMOL D3 4 th Place	OPEN Position from Blind Draw

APPENDIX D

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COVID PROTOCOLS

COVID REFERENCES

- [LINK](https://www.azsoccerassociation.org/return-to-play/return-to-play/) TO THE ASA COVID INFORMATION FOR RETURN TO PLAY:
- [LINK](https://www.azsoccerassociation.org/return-to-play/covid-protocols/) TO THE ASA COVID PROTOCOLS:
- [LINK](https://www.azsoccerassociation.org/assets/77/6/game_protocols_for_cups_final.pdf) TO THE ASA CUP PROTOCOLS:

COVID CASE REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES: ⁸

- Teams are required to follow ASA COVID protocols and notify ASA if an individual has SYMPTOMS or has tested POSITIVE.
- Medical proof must be submitted to cups@azyouthsoccer.org
- [LINK](https://www.gotsport.com/forms/open/?FormID=3142) TO NOTIFICATION FORM FOR SYMPTOMS:
- [LINK](https://www.gotsport.com/forms/open/?FormID=3143) TO NOTIFICATION FORM FOR POSITIVE:
- FAILURE TO PROPERLY REPORT/SUBMIT EITHER A SYMPTOMS OR POSITIVE CASE IMMEDIATELY USING THE ABOVE FORMS WILL RESULT IN BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:
 - Disqualification of the team for the remainder of the event including advancement to regional participation.
 - Forfeiture of remaining games and associated fine of \$500/game charged to the club.
 - Additional Fine of \$2500 to the club if it is discovered that a COVID Protocol was not followed in reporting per incident.

RESCHEDULING OF GAMES DUE TO COVID PROTOCOLS

⁸ CDC and ASA Protocols are subject to change and will be enforced based on current requirements at the time.

- IF ASA is notified of a COVID Symptoms or Positive case, ASA suspends all players and team officials following ASA protocols.
- ASA will notify all impacted teams following COVID Protocols.
- IF all Team Officials or Coaches are quarantined and identified, a club may use another Coach in their absence to cover a game for example if a coach also has another team in the event. Substitute coach will need to visibly display his/her current coach pass even though it is not assigned to that specific team.
- During the Arizona State Cup and Presidents Cup event, all submissions must include medical proof of symptoms or a positive case. Proof must be emailed in conjunction with the submission of the Notification Form to cups@azyouthsoccer.org. Allowable forms of proof include:
 - Note, form, letter, or other written or electronic correspondence dated and signed or acknowledged by a medical professional.
 - Personal information (Identification of the player/coach/team official) such as name can be masked or removed as long as other data such as Date of Birth, Address, etc. remain to identify the individual.
- IF Notification occurs before Group Play begins, ASA may be able to reschedule a group play game depending upon timing of the quarantine period or the game may result in a forfeit and cannot be rescheduled.
- IF Notification occurs once Group Play has started, games that occur during quarantine period **will result in a forfeit of the match and cannot be rescheduled**. Forfeiture fee will not be applied.
- IF Notification occurs prior to or during quarter-finals or semi-finals, games that occur during quarantine period **will result in a forfeit of the match and cannot be rescheduled**. Forfeiture fee will not be applied.
- IF Notification occurs after any group play games or quarter-finals or semi-finals and before the Finals of the event, that Finals game **will be postponed one time** to allow for the game to be played once quarantine protocols are followed.
 - That exact date, location, and time will be communicated on a case by case basis.
 - IF a second notification occurs during the quarantine period or up to the rescheduled game, the finals **will not be rescheduled for a second date** and the tie breaker process will be followed regardless of which team submitted the first or second notification.

- Kicks from the penalty mark per FIFA law. These will be scheduled, if needed, by the ASA Arizona Championships Tournament Director. Teams involved will be notified as soon as a date, time, and location are set.
- IF COVID protocols prevent the ability to schedule Kicks from the penalty mark....Coin toss: Coin toss may be done virtually online with all participants involved. Teams involved will be notified as soon as a date and time are set.
- Game may not be rescheduled due to various constraints as determined by the Tournament Director.