

# RULES

## Florida Coast Cup Showcase

(updated August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018)

### TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

Tournament Headquarters and team check-in will be at fields located at:

Gardens North County District Park  
5101 117th Ct N, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

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**TEAM CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION** – please go to forms on tournament website and click team check-in, due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Documentation required for team registration:

#### The United States

- The Players and bench personnel must present picture identification cards issued by the team's Federation Organization Member (USYS, USClub, AYSO, other)
- Identification cards must be verified, photo attached, and laminated (if your association does not allow lamination, cards must be encased in plastic sleeves).
- Teams must provide proof of approval of the team's tournament participation from the team's Federation Organization Member.
- Teams from a US Youth Soccer National State Association outside of Florida must provide proof of permission to travel.
- Teams must provide a certified/approved tournament roster from the team's Federation Organization.
- Teams not from USYS or US Club must provide proof of insurance.
- Teams must provide a completed Florida Costa Cup Release Forms for every player and bench personnel

#### Foreign Teams

- Players must present passports at registration or, if from a nation that the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States.
- Teams are required to have and present player picture identification cards.
- Teams must have a completed form from its Provincial, National Association or School approving the team's participation in the tournament.
- Teams must provide a tournament roster.
- Teams must provide a completed tournament waiver forms for every player and bench personnel
- Teams must provide proof of medical insurance.

### MANDATORY:

**All teams** except as noted below, are subject to book lodging through the Florida Coast Cup designated travel provider as a condition to compete at the event.

- Teams that are located within a 75 mile driving distance of Palm Beach and main fields are not required to book.
- Teams that are located within a 90 mile driving distance of the Palm Beach and its main fields and have a drive time of less than 90 minutes are not required to book.
- All teams over 90 miles are expected to book with the designated travel provider as a condition to compete - **NO EXCEPTIONS**

## Rules of Play:

FIFA Laws of the Game will apply as modified by USYSA and FYSA as described herein.

All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules. Law 11, Offside, will be enforced in all age divisions, including U9-U12.

U9 - U10 age group teams will play 7v7 and roster size cannot exceed 12 players. 4 maximum guest players.

U11 - U12 age group teams will play 9v9 and roster size cannot exceed 16 players. 5 maximum guest players.

All U13-U19 and older age groups will play 11v11 and be limited to a 22-player roster size from which the game day roster for a given game may not exceed 18 players. U13-U18 are allowed 6 maximum guest players.

Tournament Committee.

- All Divisions U9 - U19
- 25 - 35 Minute Halves – U12 (25 min halves), U13-U14 (30 min halves), U15-U19 (35 min halves)
- Championship Games played on Monday
- Games can end in a tie at the end of regulation play.
- Half Time: Half time will be exactly 5 minutes OR shortened/extended at referee discretion.

Age Group	Ball	Game Length
U9/U10	4	25 min. halves
U11/U12	4	25 min. halves
U13/U14	5	35 min. halves
U15/U16	5	35 min. halves
U17/U18/U19	5	35 min. halves

**Substitutions:** Free substitution will be allowed in all age groups. However, teams may substitute only with the referee's permission and only at the following times:

- Prior to a throw-in by the team in possession
- Prior to a goal kick, by either team
- After a goal, by either team
- After an injury on either team when the referee stops play
- At halftime
- On a caution, only the cautioned player may be substituted at that time

## Heading Rule:

- In conjunction with US Soccer and USYS, Florida Youth Soccer Association and in accordance with the recent U.S. Soccer recommendations on concussion risk management: FYSA has eliminated heading in matches for player's age 11u and younger, per the new calendar year registration guidelines. Since some U12 teams may have U11 players on the roster all U12 divisions will also be non-heading. Sanctions will be made against teams that do not follow this guideline.
- Deliberate heading is not allowed in age groups U12 and younger
- If a U12 or younger player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
- If the deliberate header of a U12 or younger player occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infraction occurred.

## TOURNAMENT BRACKET CHAMPIONS

Teams have been assigned to bracket, winner in each bracket will proceed to the finals in each age group. Awards will be given out to the finalist and championship of each group. At the conclusion of matches, the

team in each division with most points, determined upon the point system below will determine placement into championship game.

For each match, a team will be awarded points, as follows:

- Three points for a win;
- One point for a tie;
- Zero points for a loss;

In any division where there is a tie, the following tie-breaker will be used to determine the champion:

- Winner of head-to-head competition;
- Team with most wins;
- Goal Differential
- Goals Against
- Goals For
- Most shut-outs

If teams remain tied, they will be declared co-champions.

## **FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS**

A team shall be allowed a fifteen (15) minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before the match is awarded to their opponent. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team and if (7) players are present, the game will not be delayed.

In no case shall a team, which forfeits a game, be declared a group winner. If an apparent group winner forfeits a game, the team in that group with the next best record shall be named the group winner. In addition, in divisions where the second place team of one group plays the first place team of another group in the semi-final game, in no case shall a team, which has forfeited a game, be declared the second place team in a group. The team with the next best record in the division shall be declared the second place team and play in the semi-final game.

If a team is the cause for termination of a game, that team will be considered to have forfeited that game. The determination as to which team is the cause for the termination shall be at the sole discretion of the referee on the field and the decision may not be protested.

A forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing team as three (3) points for a win. The score for all forfeited games will be recorded as a 2-0 result.

Forfeits of a semi-final or championship game shall be recorded as 1.0.

Playing a "red-carded player" (a player receiving either a red card or two yellow cards in one game) in the game following the receipt of a red card or two yellow cards in the same game is grounds for a forfeit.

## **HOME TEAM:**

The home team as appears first on the game schedule will supply the game ball, unless supplied by the Tournament. The game ball will be subject to Referee approval. The Home team will be required to switch to alternate jerseys to accommodate a color conflict as declared by the referee. If the Home team cannot supply alternate jerseys, the Home team will forfeit the game. The Home and Visiting teams will sit on the designated side of the field marked for teams

Spectators must side on the opposite side of the field across from their team's bench.

## **PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT:**

It will be at the Referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment including the wearing of an orthopedic cast or hard brace. Shin guards are mandatory for all players.

- Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team's roster.
- Where uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. Home team is listed first on the schedule.
- Both teams will take the same side of the field. All other supporters will take the opposite side. Only three (3) carded team officials are permitted on the sidelines with their players.
- No one is permitted behind either goal/end line.
- Spectators must remain behind the spectator line and coaches must remain in the coaches' area.
- All teams should arrive at their field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
- The home team will provide the game ball.

***Orthopedic casts are not permitted; however, soft braces can be worn with written approval from a doctor, and judgment as to safety is at the discretion of the referee, the ultimate authority is the referee.***

***It is the policy of FYSA that no player be allowed to wear ANY jewelry while participating in any FYSA sanctioned match. The only exception that may be allowed is a medical alert bracelet or necklace when taped to the body. The referee shall make the decision as to the safety of the player and the referee's decision is final.***

## **HALFTIME:**

Halftime will be exactly 5 minutes, unless the center referee or Site Director determines that halftime should be shortened/extended due to unforeseen delays in scheduled match start times, extended break due to injuries, weather conditions, etc.

## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

Weather permitting, each team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 matches, with a maximum of two matches per day but all teams are required to play one game per day. The following formats will be used. The Tournament Director may modify formats as necessary. Teams affected by such changes will be notified of the appropriate rules for the associated format.

## **EIGHT TEAM DIVISIONS:**

Divisions will consist of two groups of four teams. Each team will play the others within its group for a total of three matches. The group winners will then play in a Final. There is no consolation match.

## SIX TEAM DIVISIONS:

Divisions will consist of 2 groups of 3 teams. Each team will play the others within its group and one cross over game for a total of 3 games. The group winners will play in a Final. There is no consolation match.

### Odd Number Brackets

Due to odd number brackets, a Wild card will be awarded to play in the finals.

## PLAYER AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

In no event will a player be allowed to participate who has not been certified by the Florida Coast Cup Committee.

**AGE DETERMINATION:** the player's playing age is determined by the following USYS guidelines for 2018/2019.

Age Division	Birth Year	Maximum Roster	Guest Player Limit**
Under 19 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2001	22	6
Under 18 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2002	22	6
Under 17 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2003	22	6
Under 16 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2004	22	6
Under 15 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2005	22	6
Under 14 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2006	22	6
Under 13 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2007	22	6
Under 12 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2008	16	5
Under 11 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2009	16	5
Under 10 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2010	12	4
Under 9 Girls/Boys	Born on/after 1/2/2011	12	4

\*All other U9-U12 Rules of Competition including no heading will apply.

\*Tournament Director can allow for more guest players due to injuries or other issues that arise with a team.

\*\*Each team will be allowed to have guest players, who are properly registered through their National and State Association, Federation or any other USSF affiliated organization. FYSA teams and players must follow FYSA Rule 208 "Guest Playing" and will not be allowed to guest play with or have guest players from a non USYS affiliate organization. Crossover between USSF affiliates and FIFA Federations will be allowed except as stated in FYSA Rule 208. Guest players must have permission to participate/travel from their National and State Association, Federation or any other USSF affiliated organization.

Players may **not** play for more than one team in the tournament.

## CONCUSSIONS:

Pursuant to Florida Statutes (FS 943.0438) Florida in 2012 enacted a very stringent Head injury and Concussion Law. If the referee (or assistant referee) believes that, in his/her opinion, a player has suffered a head injury or possible concussion, the match must be stopped IMMEDIATELY. The injured player if able to leave the field on their own must be escorted to their coach and the coach must be told that the player cannot return for the duration of the match. If a trainer is brought onto the field because the player is incapacitated, the referee must still notify the coach that the player cannot return to the game. It is the responsibility of the coach and the player's parent(s) or legal guardians to seek medical attention. The player may not resume participation until he/she has been cleared by a medical doctor. The Referee HAS NO FURTHER responsibility beyond removing the player from the match in which the player was injured. The referee crew must ensure, that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES or due to the appeal from any coaching staff that the player is allowed to return to the game.

## **COACHING:**

All Coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, substitutes, and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines, giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position, is permitted, provided:

1. No mechanical devices are used;
2. The tone of the voice is instructive and not derogatory;
3. Each coach or substitute remains within (10) yards on either side of the halfway line;
4. No coach, substitute, or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players, substitutes, or spectators;
5. No coach, substitute, or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior

## **CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS:**

A Player or coach receiving two cautions (yellow cards) in a single game is considered to have been given an ejection (red card) for the purposes of awarding points for the Tournament competition. A player who has been ejected (sent off) will not be replaced. A player or coach who has been ejected will not return for that game (The Tournament will follow the FYSA Red Card Standards & Procedures).

A player or coach who assaults a referee will be expelled from the Tournament. For the purpose of this Tournament a Coach can be carded. All Send Off Reports will be sent to FYSA following the tournament.

When a player receives a last game red card, the player pass must be pulled and sent, along with the referee report, to the State Office (FYSA).

For U.S. Teams, each State Association will be notified of any disciplinary action taken or required to be taken. For Foreign Teams, The Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to be taken to that team's provincial or national association.

The Tournament will conform to the established guidelines as set forth by the State sanctioning body (FYSA)

## **Showcase Offences:**

Second Caution – 1 game suspension

Foul or Abusive Language directed at anyone other than a game official – 1 game suspension

Serious Foul Play – 1 game suspension

A more Serious Foul Play – 2 game suspension

Violent Act – 3 game suspension

Foul or abusive act or language towards official – 3 game suspension

*Decisions by the head referee is final - THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND SITE DIRECTOR DO NOT HAVE ANY AUTHORITY OVER ANY DECISION MAKING NORMALLY DONE BY THE REFEREE DURING THE COURSE OF A GAME AND CANNOT OVERTURN ANY REFEREE DECISION*

## **SUSPENDED AND TERMINATED GAMES:**

If in the opinion of game officials a game must be suspended (for any reason), the game may be resumed, but is subject to being ended not less than (5) minutes prior to the start of the next scheduled game. If in the opinion of the game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, coaches, or spectators, the offending team could be suspended from further play and forfeits that game and all remaining games. All previous points earned remain as played. Additionally, the home league and State Association will be contacted as appropriate.

## **FIGHTING**

Any player who is involved in a fight for any reason will be ejected from the tournament. Any player, coach, or spectator who enters the field during a fight will be ejected from the tournament regardless of the reason for entering the field. If more people are involved in a fight than the referee can clearly identify, the match will be terminated and the entire team or teams will be ejected from the tournament.

Any player who removes their shirt or does anything else to avoid identification before, during, or after an altercation will be identified by whatever means possible, will be ejected from the tournament and may cause his/her team to forfeit the match and face expulsion from the tournament.

**ANY PLAYER, COACH, OR SPECTATOR WHO ASSAULTS A REFEREE WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO LEGAL ACTION.**

## **CONDUCT, SPORTSMANSHIP and VERBAL ABUSE**

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. Referees have complete authority during all matches and will not allow abusive or profane language or threats. If, in the opinion of the referee, a match must be terminated due to serious or persistent misconduct, the match will be abandoned. The team or teams at fault may be suspended from further play and/or required to forfeit all points previously earned, according to the judgment of the Tournament Director. Tournament Representatives, referees, and other volunteers are not expected to accept verbal abuse from anyone. If the Tournament Director determines that there has been excessive verbal abuse, he may expel a team from the tournament. An expelled team has no right to refunds, awards, or other considerations.

Additionally, upon check-in, each team will be required sign a code of conduct.

There will be trash barrels at each field.

It is the coaches' responsibility to make sure that both sidelines are cleaned up after each match.

No alcoholic beverages or glass containers will be allowed on or near any of the tournament fields.

## ***CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE***

It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, etc. is the responsibility of the team to notify the Tournament Director of this suspension at the time of the player's check in.

Per Florida Youth Soccer Association Rule 504.1 - Red Card suspension or send off suspensions can only be served with the team with which the suspension was earned in games played by their team. Players may not serve suspensions as "guest players."

Florida Coast Cup Tournaments will have a Discipline Committee of no less than three (3) members. The Discipline Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, manager,

coaches, referees, spectators, etc. using the Florida Youth Soccer Association standards as set by Rule Section 502.

All players and managers/coaches shall be subject to Florida Youth Soccer Association Section 502 - Discipline and Sanctions.

A player, manager, or coach ejected will have an automatic minimum one (1) game suspension regardless of the cause of the ejection. Duration of suspension is cumulative based on further misconduct after receiving the initial dismissal.

The referee(s) are in jurisdiction of the match while in the vicinity of the game. Players and bench personnel may be issued a Red Card either before or after a game.

A coach or spectator who is ejected must leave the field of play area a minimum of 100 yards immediately. Failure to comply will result in suspension from the entire event and jeopardize inclusion into future events.

Coaches serving suspensions may be located on the spectator side of the field but may not coach or communicate with the team in any manner; players serving suspensions may sit with the team but may not be in uniform.

Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend the suspension of up to the duration of the tournament with further disciplinary action by the appropriate National and State Association, Federation or any other USSF affiliated organization. The Discipline Committee recommendations will be available to the affected parties no later than before their next scheduled game.

A complete report will be sent to the Florida Youth Soccer Association Review & Discipline Committee within seventy-two (72) hours of the conclusion of the tournament for possible further discipline and/or forwarding to the appropriate State and National Association.

#### **INJURY:**

Delays of the game due to injury will result in appropriate time being added to the full game time, based on the judgment of the referee. However, all preliminary games will be terminated not less than (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game. Florida State Youth Soccer Association rules state:

“No player shall be allowed to play in any match with an injury which can be aggravated by playing or which constitutes a danger to others. No player wearing an orthopedic cast shall be permitted to play in any match. No player shall be permitted to wear anything in a match that could cause or aggravate injury to either the player himself/herself or to any other player.” The referees have responsibility for the safety of players on the field. If a referee determines that a cast, splint, bandage, or dressing is unsafe, the wrapping must be changed and approved by the referee or else the player will not be allowed to play.

**CONCUSSION/HEAD INJURY:** Report immediately to closest field marshal and/or athletic therapist for examining, ambulance/hospital will be on call.

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In no case shall a team, which forfeits a game, be declared a group winner. If an apparent group winner forfeits a game, the team in that group with the next best record shall be named the group winner. In addition, in divisions where the second place team of one group plays the first place team of another group in the semi-final game, in no case shall a team, which has forfeited a game, be declared the second place team in a group.



The team with the next best record in the division shall be declared the second place team and play in the semi-final game.

If a team is the cause for termination of a game, that team will be considered to have forfeited that game. The determination as to which team is the cause for the termination shall be at the sole discretion of the referee on the field and the decision may not be protested.

A forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing team as three (3) points for a win. The score for all forfeited games will be recorded as a 2-0 result.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN**

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director reserves the right to modify all tournament rules to fairly and safely complete the tournament. The health and safety of players is our first priority. The Tournament has an obligation to protect the fields and facilities that are being used for tournament play. All decisions will be based on field conditions with input from the Parks and Recreation departments of the City of Palm Beach. DO NOT CALL FOR INFORMATION. We will work diligently to keep you informed.

Regardless of weather conditions, players and coaches must be on the field at the scheduled time, ready to play.

### ***In case of inclement weather or field conditions, games may:***

**Be shortened** - The Tournament Director may reduce the length of matches due to weather conditions before the start of a match; all such matches will be considered official.

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**Be re-scheduled** (time and location determined by Tournament Director)

Go to "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark." (time and location determined by Tournament Director)

**Be canceled** - the tournament committee has the right to cancel any match that has no bearing on the scoring and progression of tournament play.

If the Tournament Director rules that during the preliminary round "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark." will be done due to inclement weather or field conditions, the following rule will apply:

- Each team will take a maximum of five (5) penalty kicks.
- At the end of five (5) kicks the game will be scored as a 1-0 win for the team that has scored more penalty kicks, or a 0-0 tie if both teams are tied in penalty kicks at the end of five (5) kicks
- In the overall standings, 3 points will be given for the win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss
- The 1-0 win in penalty kicks will not be counted for or against to determine the tie breaker for advancement
- If regular games have been played in the bracket and the Tournament Director has determined that other games go to penalty kicks due to inclement weather or field conditions, the regular games score will revert back to a 1-0 win or a 0-0 tie.

Only referees or duty manager can suspend a match already started due to weather conditions. Duration of any suspension will be determined by the Tournament Director.

In case of extreme weather (heat/humidity), a break will be given at the midpoint of each half of regulation time and at the end of each overtime period (if played) for player hydration. This break will be given at a normal stoppage of play and it is mandatory for any FYSA sanctioned match during which the air temperature is or is expected to reach eighty-five (85) degrees. (FYSA Bylaw 402.4)

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE RETURNS/REFUNDS AS FOLLOWS:**

- Within five (5) days after notification that the team is not accepted by their application.
- Within five (5) days upon cancellation of the tournament.
- Within ten (10) days of withdrawal request of the application by a team prior to acceptance of that application by the tournament.
- FYSA Rules 902.10 Any team that will not be permitted to play in the contracted age group shall have the option to withdraw and receive a full refund of all entry fees. All tournaments shall notify any participant not less than fifteen days prior to the beginning of the tournament if any age group advertised will not be offered.
- Any teams accepted and paid and decides to withdraw at any point will not receive a refund.

**ADDITIONAL REMINDERS**

- PICK UP ALL TRASH AND BELONGINGS FROM THE SIDELINE AFTER EACH GAME.
- NO ALCHOL PERMITTED!
- SPORTSMANSHIP ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY