



**SOUTHERN OHIO ADULT
SOCCER ASSOCIATION**



FOUNDER' S CUP RULES

FAIRBORN, OHIO

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STATE CUP CHAIRMAN

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I

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. The Cup Chairman will distribute invitations no less than sixty (60) days prior to the tournament to all teams participating in regular, scheduled league competition.
2. The tournament will be open to only teams **participating in leagues** affiliated with SOASA, in good standing with their respective leagues and with the state association. (2-11)
3. The Tournament Committee will attempt to provide competition in Men's Open and Women's Open brackets. There must be a minimum of four (4) teams to form a bracket. Additional competitions will be provided as warranted.
4. Where there are a sufficient number of entries, the Tournament Committee will divide the brackets into divisions.
5. Teams will enter through the State Cup Chairman.
6. No player may be named on the roster of more than one team.
7. Each team is allowed up to five (5) guest players. (2-11)
8. Teams entering the competition must submit a non-refundable entry fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be charged for a returned check. (2-09)

II

MANAGEMENT

1. The President will appoint a Tournament Administrator.
2. The Tournament Administrator, with the advice and consent of the President, will appoint a Tournament Committee.
3. The Tournament Committee will be responsible for the management of this tournament, including seeding, scheduling, player eligibility, protests, and disciplinary matters. The decisions of this committee will be final.
4. The teams must have proper player passes and rosters ready for check-in by the Tournament Committee at Tournament Headquarters no less than sixty (60) minutes prior to the scheduled start of their first match. Each team must submit its Tournament Roster (up to 26 players) to the Tournament Committee for certification. Guest players must be identified on the roster. Game officials will check passes at field side prior to each match. (2-09)

5. The State Referee Assignor will assign and coordinate the referees.
6. There will be no admission charge for players, coaches or administrators.

III

SCHEDULE

1. Teams are to be drawn into groups that play a round robin, or other form of elimination, to determine a finalist.
2. All preliminary games are to be played on Saturday.
3. Semi and/or Final games are to be played on Sunday.
4. The Tournament Committee will determine the length of all games. The minimum length will be fifty (50) minutes.
5. A team that fails to field at least seven (7) players at the scheduled kick-off time will forfeit the game by a score of 3:0. The Tournament Committee may use its discretion in enforcing this rule. (2-09)

IV

ELIMINATION RULES

1. Teams are to be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no points for a loss. Should teams be tied at the end of the round robin, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:
 - a. The winner of "Head-to-Head" competition between tied teams will advance.
 - b. The team with the fewest card points - 1 point for each caution (Yellow Card), 3 points for each send-off (Red Card) will advance.
 - c. The team with the greater goal difference (goals scored minus goals allowed) will advance - Three maximum per match. (2-09)
 - d. The team that scored the greater number of goals will advance.
 - e. Teams that are still tied after applying the above criteria will be required to use "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" to determine which team will advance. If due to lack of daylight or artificial lighting this is not possible, a coin toss or drawing of lots will determine the winner

V

GAME RULES

1. Teams must be at their match site, ready for player check-in, no less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled match time.
2. Teams shall sit on the opposite side of the field from spectators.
3. Teams must police their bench areas after each match. (6-08)
4. Team Managers or Coaches will be entitled to verify the eligibility of their opponent's players.
5. Teams must bring two sets of numbered jerseys of different colors to each game. If a game referee decides that the colors of opposing teams are too similar, the home team (named first on the schedule) will be required to change its jersey. All teams must wear matching color jerseys with numbers, matching shorts and socks. Guest players must wear the uniform of the team with which they are playing.
5. Unlimited substitutions will be permitted. Both teams will be permitted to substitute at a goal kick, after a goal is scored, at half time or when the referee stops the game for an injury.

At a throw-in, the team awarded the throw-in will be permitted to substitute. If the team with possession exercises its right to a substitution, the other team may also substitute. (2-06)

6. If a semi-final game should result in a draw, "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" will be used to determine the winner. If due to a lack of daylight or artificial lighting this is not possible, a coin toss or drawing of lots will determine the winner.
6. If a final game should result in a draw, two (2) fifteen (15) minute sudden victory (Golden Goal) overtime periods will be played, and if necessary, "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" will be used to determine the winner. If due to a lack of daylight or artificial lighting this is not possible, a coin toss or drawing of lots will determine the winner.
7. Matches halted by lightning may resume thirty (30) minutes after the last lightning strike is seen if the Tournament Committee agrees. The game is restarted at the time remaining on the clock when it was halted.
8. A match halted by weather related conditions is considered complete after one (1) half has been played if the Tournament Committee determines it cannot be resumed. The score stands. If a game is terminated during the second half and cannot be resumed, the score stands.

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9. The result of a match halted for any reason other than weather related conditions will be determined by the Tournament Committee.
10. The Tournament Committee may reduce the length of games halted for any reason. Length of the remaining games in the tournament may also be reduced as determined by the Tournament Committee.

VI

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. Teams that fail to complete all of their scheduled games will be considered "in bad standing" by the state association. The team will be eligible to be reinstated to "good standing" by submitting a one hundred dollar (\$100) reinstatement fee to SOASA.
2. A team that forfeits a preliminary game may not advance to the next round.
3. Players sent off the field by the referee will be suspended from the next scheduled game played as a minimal penalty. The Tournament Committee will have the authority to suspend such players from the remainder of the competition. A named COACH/player sent off as a player may coach in the next scheduled game but not play. (6-08)
4. Any player sent off by the referee for a second time during the tournament will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
5. A note indicating a protest, accompanied by a one hundred dollar (\$100) cash fee must be submitted to the Tournament Committee within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the match. Only matters of fact may be protested. Referee decisions may not be protested.
6. The cash fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
7. Forfeited bonds, protest and bad check fees for this event go to the state association.
8. The state association has the right to prohibit a team from participating in the next year's tournament.

VII

AWARDS

1. A trophy will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Other awards may be issued at the discretion of the state association.