



MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2012 JUNIOR STATE CUP

COMPETITION RULES



1. Competition Dates

- a. All preliminary games must be played between MARCH 31, 2012 and MAY 6, 2012. However, should a Quarterfinal round not be needed, the date in which preliminary games must be played shall be extended to MAY 20, 2012.
- b. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Quarterfinals (if needed) will be played MAY 20, 2012.
- c. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Semifinals will be played JUNE 2, 2012.
- d. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Finals will be played JUNE 3, 2012.
- e. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Committee reserves the right to alter competition dates as needed by weather or other extenuating circumstances.

2. Tournament Format

- a. The MSYSA Junior State Cup will have four distinct rounds – the Preliminary Games, Quarterfinals (if needed), Semifinals, and Finals. A Quarterfinal round will not be needed if there are four preliminary pools or fewer in a given age group.
- b. Teams will play a minimum of three (3) preliminary games.
- c. All preliminary games are scheduled by the teams involved.
- d. Teams may not be scheduled to play any more than two (2) MSYSA Junior State Cup games on any one day.
- e. The preliminary games round will be conducted using a “round robin” format.
- f. In the preliminary rounds, all age groups will consist of 4 team pools. A maximum of 8 pools will be allowed per age group.
- g. To ensure four (4) team pools in each age group, the MSYSA Junior State Cup Committee reserve the right to accept or deny teams based on prior MSYSA Junior State Cup history, prior league play history, team composition, prior tournament history, and/or adherence to application submission and payment deadlines.
- h. Winners of each pool in the preliminary rounds and wildcards (when applicable) will advance to the MSYSA Junior State Cup Quarterfinals (if needed) or the MSYSA Junior State Cup Semifinals.
- i. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Committee will schedule and host all Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final games.

3. Seeding

- a. In all age groups, the MSYSA Junior State Cup Committee shall seed and place teams into brackets.
- b. The seeding and bracketing process may take in to account the team’s league standings, prior MSYSA Junior State Cup results, team composition, and tournament records from the previous and current year.
- c. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Committee’s decision regarding seeding and bracketing is final. Teams may not appeal their decision.

4. Game Format

- a. FIFA Laws of the Game will govern **all** games unless modified by USSF, US Youth Soccer, or the MSYSA Juniors Cup Chair, Juniors Cup Chair Designee, or Juniors Cup Committee.
- b. Refer to the MSYSA Small-Sided Games Guidelines for rules specific to the U11 and U12 age groups.
- c. ***U13Y is an age group that consists of true U12 teams who choose to play full-sized games (11 v 11) rather than small-sided games (8 v 8). True U13 teams may not play U13Y in the MSYSA Junior State Cup.***
- d. Modification(s) may be made with or without notice.

e. Game format is detailed below:

Age	Game Length	Overtime	Format	Max. Roster Size	Ball Size	Offside
U11	30 Minute Halves	10 Minute Halves	8 v 8	14	4	Yes
U12	30 Minute Halves	10 Minute Halves	8 v 8	14	4	Yes
U13Y	30 Minute Halves	10 Minute Halves	11 v 11	18	4	Yes

- f. In the event of a tie game during Quarterfinal, Semifinal, or Final games, “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” will be conducted and the Laws of the Game will apply.
- g. For all games, referees may determine that a game is complete at any time after the commencement of the second half, provided no team is at fault for the delay.

5. MSYSA Junior State Cup Games Played Indoor

- a. A ball that comes in contact with the ceiling/roof/structure/etc. shall be restarted at the closest point of contact as an indirect free kick.

6. Substitutions

- a. For all games, including overtimes, all age groups shall be permitted unlimited substitutions
- b. Either team may make a substitution with the referee’s permission at any stoppage in play.
- c. Once the teams go into an overtime period, all players, excluding players who may have received a red card, are eligible to play.

7. Referees

- a. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Referee Assigning Committee will assign referees to ALL MSYSA Junior State Cup games, including Preliminary, Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final games.
- b. Teams must use the referees as assigned by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Referee Assigning Committee.
- c. Failure to do so may result in game forfeiture and applicable fees by one or both teams.
- d. With the exception of MSYSA Junior State Cup Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final games, referee fees shall be paid prior to the start of each game and the fees shall be divided equally among the teams playing.
- e. MSYSA is responsible for the payment of referee fees for the MSYSA Junior State Cup Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final games only.
- f. The center referee for each game should be at least one year older than the players and all referees should be USSF certified.
- g. For all age groups, games may be played with only two MSYSA assigned referees present.

8. MSYSA Junior State Cup Referee Fees

Age	Center Referee	Asst. Referees	Total Cost	Individual Team Cost
U11	\$30.00	\$15.00 each	\$60.00 per game	\$30 per game
U12	\$30.00	\$15.00 each	\$60.00 per game	\$30 per game
U13Y	\$40.00	\$20.00 each	\$80.00 per game	\$40 per game

9. Team Eligibility

- a. The MSYSA Junior State Cup is for current MSYSA league affiliated teams and MSYSA league affiliated members only.
- b. All-star teams are not permitted. An all-star teams means the official select team of US Youth Soccer, a Region, a State Association, a district or geographical subdivision of a State Association, or any league.

- c. Teams that have participated or will participate in the 2012 MSYSA State Cup are not eligible to participate in the MSYSA Junior State Cup.
- d. Teams, players, and team officials must be in good standing with MSYSA and their respective MSYSA Affiliated League.
- e. Teams must play in a minimum of a four-team MSYSA affiliated league during the SPRING 2012 season. The team must play at least three (3) complete league games with a record of scores and standings during the Spring 2012 season. The league must be sanctioned or specifically approved by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.
- f. If teams from the same league are scheduled to play against each other in the MSYSA Junior State Cup, the league game between the two teams may NOT count as an official MSYSA Junior State Cup game and results from that league game may not be applied to the MSYSA Junior State Cup tournament.
- g. A player may only play for one team in the MSYSA Junior State Cup and MSYSA State Cup. Thus, a player may not play in both competitions.
- h. For all age groups, at least 51% of the players must have a birth date falling within the age group that the team will be playing in during the tournament
- i. At least 50% of the team's players must be residents of Michigan.
- j. Any player wishing to play for a team in the MSYSA Junior State Cup who is not a resident of Michigan must first receive written permission from the State Association where the player is registered (home state) and from MSYSA. Permission must be obtained each seasonal year, and permission must be obtained before the MSYSA Junior State Cup Roster Freeze Date of 4:30pm on MARCH 30, 2012.
- k. A team may not roster any player who was previously rostered during the seasonal year to another team or the same team, unless the player's release and transfer request has been approved by the MSYSA Leagues involved.
- l. If an illegal/ ineligible player appears on the MSYSA Junior State Cup Roster at the time of the roster freeze deadline or if a team uses an ineligible player at any point during the MSYSA Junior State Cup competition, the team shall face sanctions as determined by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair and/or Junior State Cup Chair Designee which may include forfeiture, fines, and/or disqualifications. Furthermore, the use of an ineligible player may be grounds to deny the team and/or team coach participation in future MSYSA Junior State Cups.
- m. All team officials must be Risk Management certified by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and must have a current MSYSA Risk Management Card at all of their MSYSA Junior State Cup games.

10. MSYSA Junior State Cup Rosters and Deadlines

- a. MSYSA Junior State Cup rosters are due into the MSYSA State Office no later than 4:30pm on MARCH 30, 2012. Rosters are frozen at that time for the remainder of the MSYSA Junior State Cup. Junior State Cup roster additions may not take place for any reason after the MSYSA Junior State Cup roster deadline of 4:30pm on MARCH 30, 2012.
- b. Failure to submit a team roster by the established deadline will result in a \$50 *per day* late fee for each day the roster is late. Teams will not be permitted to play MSYSA Junior State Cup games until the roster and payment is received. If teams play MSYSA Junior State Cup games without first submitting rosters and late fees (if applicable), they shall forfeit any and all games played until the roster and fees are received.
- c. For the U11-12 age groups, the maximum roster size is 14. For the U13Y age group, the maximum roster size is 18.

11. Club Passcarding Within the MSYSA Junior State Cup

- a. Club Passcarding is permitted within the MSYSA Junior State Cup as long as all subsequent rules are met.
- b. A player may only play for one team in the MSYSA Junior State Cup.
- c. A player may not play in the MSYSA Junior State Cup and also the MSYSA State Cup.

- d. A player may only club passcard for a team in the MSYSA Junior State Cup if that team belongs to the same club as the player's primary team. (See "Club" definition below).
- e. A club passcarded player must appear on a team's frozen MSYSA Junior State Cup roster.
- f. A team must be able to demonstrate continuity between their league roster and MSYSA Junior State Cup roster by having a minimum of 7 players common to both rosters for the U11-U12 teams, and a minimum of 9 players common to both rosters for the U13Y teams.

12. Definition of "Club"

- a. A "Club" is defined as an organization providing soccer to youth players that is either a direct member of MSYSA or that registers players MSYSA through an affiliated member.
- b. As no time shall an affiliated member who functions as a "scheduling" league also be considered a club.
- c. In the case where a club sets up one or more satellite clubs in the state, those satellite clubs may only be considered part of the main club for the purposes of the MSYSA Junior State Cup if all of the following criteria is met:
 - i. The main club and satellite club have the same Board of Directors
 - ii. The main club and satellite club have the same Tax ID Number
 - iii. The main club and satellite club are in the same MSYSA District as determined by the MSYSA Board of Directors

13. Age Groups and Birth Date Eligibility

- a. Players eligible to play in the age groups corresponding to their date of birth or in an older age group:

Age Group	Dates of Birth
U11	8-1-00 to 7-31-01
U12/U13Y	8-1-99 to 7-31-00

14. Preliminary Games Scheduling / Preliminary Game Inclement Weather

- a. Preliminary games are self-scheduled by the teams involved.
- b. All teams must schedule their respective preliminary games immediately upon receipt of the release of MSYSA Junior State Cup bracketing information and prior to attending any of their league scheduling meetings.
- c. Preliminary game dates and times must be mutually agreed upon by both coaches. Games that are more than 60 miles one way must be played on a Saturday or a Sunday unless it is otherwise mutually agreed upon to play on another day.
- d. Teams may not be scheduled to play any more than two (2) MSYSA Junior State Cup games on any one day.
- e. If both coaches cannot agree on game date(s), time(s), and location(s) for their preliminary games, the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or Junior State Cup Chair Designee will schedule the game(s). The game(s) must be played as scheduled by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee.
- f. **Preliminary game logistics (date, time, field, etc) are due in to MSYSA no later than 4:30pm on MARCH 9, 2012.** The home team is responsible for reporting the preliminary game logistics.
- g. Failure to report preliminary game logistics by the deadline may include sanctions, including but not limited to, forfeiture of home field advantage, game forfeiture, and/or fines.
- h. Games may NOT be rescheduled for any reason other than weather. In instances where games must be rescheduled due to weather, **the home team AND organization canceling the fields must notify MSYSA as soon as possible.** The home team is responsible for submitting new game logistics to MSYSA within 3 days of the cancelled game. Furthermore, the rescheduled game must take place at least 3 days after the new game logistics are received.

- i. In the event that the home team and organization canceling the fields does not notify MSYSA in time to cancel the assigned referees, the referee fees shall be paid by the home team. The fees must be paid before the rescheduled game will be permitted to be played.

15. Preliminary Games Scheduling Conflicts

- a. MSYSA Junior State Cup games take precedence over all scheduled league games.
- b. All games scheduled by member leagues are required to be rescheduled in order to allow teams to compete in the MSYSA Junior State Cup.
- c. No member league can forfeit any game of any team for the day that the team is playing in the MSYSA Junior State Cup competition (see exception below).
- d. Teams must not schedule league games on the dates of MSYSA Junior State Cup Quarterfinals, Semifinals, or Finals. If a conflict arises because of failure to adhere to the rule, ability to reschedule league games is at the discretion of the League.

16. Preliminary Game Score Reporting

- a. The Home Team is always the first team listed.
- b. The winning coach (or the coach of the Home Team, in the event of a tie) of each preliminary game must **report the score** within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- c. The winning coach (or the coach of the Home Team, in the event of a tie) of each preliminary game must **mail the game report** to MSYSA at 9401 General Drive, Suite 120, Plymouth, MI 48170 within 24 hours of the completion of the game.
- d. Failure to report the game scores and mail in the game reports may result in disqualification of the winning team (or the home team in the event of a tie) and/or a \$100 fine

17. Forfeitures

- a. A minimum of five players constitutes a team for the U11-U12 teams. A minimum of seven players constitutes a team for the U13Y teams.
- b. A fifteen-minute grace period shall be allowed beyond the official start time of the game if the minimum number of players is not available at start time. If the minimum number of players is available, then the game can commence. If at the end of the 15-minute grace period the team still does not have the minimum number of players; the referee will suspend the game and report the failure of the team to take the field on the MSYSA Junior State Cup game reports.
- c. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or Junior State Cup Chair Designee may determine the game to be forfeited after examining the game report and conducting an investigation.
- d. In the event that any team is suspected of forfeiting a game with the design or purpose of controlling the advancement of any team from its own bracket or any other bracket, the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or Junior State Cup Chair Designee may require such an advancing team to play another qualifying game against the next highest ranking team that would otherwise be eligible to advance.
- e. A team that fails to take the field because of withdrawal from the MSYSA Junior State Cup (or game) after the deadline may be subject to sanctions levied by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair, Junior State Cup Chair Designee, Junior State Cup Committee, or the MSYSA Board of Directors.
- f. All leagues will be responsible for their teams' compliance of MSYSA Junior State Cup rules.
- g. The score awarded to the winning team resulting from a forfeiture is 4 - 0.
- h. **A forfeiting team and/or its affiliating MSYSA league will be fined a minimum of \$500.00 per game forfeited.** Any teams and/or MSYSA League that does pay the fine(2) will be considered in bad standing and the team will not be permitted to play in any future MSYSA activities until MSYSA receives payment.

18. Field Status

- a. Teams may only play their MSYSA Junior State Cup games on fields approved by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or Junior State Cup Chair Designee. A list of these fields shall be made

available to teams. Any game played on a field that has not received prior approval from MSYSA shall be forfeited by BOTH teams and all forfeit rules shall apply.

- b. Determination of field status as to its playing condition rests with the organization providing the fields and the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair and/or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee.
- c. Prior to any decision to close fields, they MUST consult with the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee. Their decision is final.
- d. If the host organization approves the field for play, the field may be cancelled at a later time if the host organization, the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair, or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee deem the conditions to have changed.
- e. The referee, MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair, and/or Junior State Cup Chair Designee may suspend games when he/she considers the field unsafe or unplayable.
- f. In the event of inclement weather, everything possible will be done to provide games to teams that travel. However, games cannot be guaranteed.
- g. Teams that travel to MSYSA Junior State Cup locations do so at their own risk of games being cancelled due to inclement weather.
- h. A game may be considered complete and the results may stand if the second half has commenced but the game is stopped due to inclement weather or any other reason approved by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair and/or Junior State Cup Designee.

19. Field of Play

- a. Teams will report to the “field of play” at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of game to allow for the check in of players.
- b. Both teams are to be seated on the same side of the field.
- c. All team personnel who are not players must have a US Youth Soccer MSYSA Passcard and be listed on the MSYSA Junior State Cup Game Report. All team personnel without a US Youth Soccer MSYSA Passcard must remain on the spectator side.

15. Spectators

- a. Coaches are responsible for the spectators that accompany his or her team.
- b. Spectators will occupy the side of the field opposite the side the teams are located.
- c. No artificial noisemakers of any kind are permitted. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or Junior State Cup Chair Designee has the final decision in case of any discrepancies.
- d. If it becomes evident that the spectator(s) become unruly and cannot be controlled, the field sidelines will be cleared of all spectators. If spectators refuse to leave the field of play, the game will be suspended and perhaps forfeited upon an investigation by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee.
- e. If a game must be replayed because of a spectator’s behavior, no spectators will be allowed at the game site of the replayed game.
- f. A coach and/or team may be fined a maximum of \$1,000 as a result of unacceptable spectator behavior or referee abuse.
- g. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Chairperson or Junior State Cup Designee reserves the right to remove any spectator from the fields or facility whose behavior is deemed inappropriate and/or whose presence imposes a threat to any member of the MSYSA membership, board, or staff.

16. Coaching from the Sidelines

- a. Per MSYSA Rules, Regulations, and Policies, a coach may coach his/her own team from the sidelines provided that mechanical devices are not used, tone of voice is informative and not a harangue, and he/she stays between the top of the penalty area and the half field mark during the game.
- b. Failure to abide by the aforementioned criteria in coaching from the sidelines may result in sanctions by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Committee such as game suspensions, game forfeitures, and fees.

17. Uniforms

- a. With the exception of the goalkeeper, each player shall wear differently numbered and similarly designed jerseys.
- b. Goalkeepers must wear colors that differentiate them from the field players.
- c. Unless otherwise specified, all MSYSA and US Youth Soccer rules regarding uniform acceptability will apply.
- d. In cases of dispute over color, socks, or shorts; the referee will decide. The home team shall wear light jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys.
- e. In addition to team, club, league, or sponsor logos, only US Youth Soccer and MSYSA logos are permitted on the uniform. At no point during the MSYSA Junior State Cup will logos from competing organizations be permitted. Any team not adhering to this rule may be fined, face game forfeitures, be disqualified from the tournament, and/or not be permitted to participate in future tournaments.

18. Scoring Method

- a. The standings of teams within a bracket or pool are based upon the number of points earned in a preliminary game. Team points shall be awarded as follows:
 - Three points for a win (including forfeits, but subject to the rule on forfeitures).
 - One point for a tie.
 - Zero points for a loss.

19. Tie Breakers

- a. In the event teams are tied on the basis of points earned during preliminary games, the team's advancement shall be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:
 - Winner of head to head competition. However, this criterion shall not be used when more than two teams are tied in points for their respective pool.
 - Winner of most games in their respective pool.
 - Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum goal differential of four per game.
 - Fewest goals allowed.
 - Fewest Red Cards received.
 - Kicks from the penalty mark.
- b. If more than two teams are tied in points in the pool of play, the sequence shall be followed until one team is eliminated.
- c. Once one team has been eliminated, the remaining teams shall then restart the sequence above at "winner of most games in their respective pool" until the tie is broken.

20. Wild Card Team Selection

- a. For age groups requiring a wildcard for Quarterfinal or Semifinal play, wildcard qualification shall be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:
 - Teams with the most points.
 - Winner of head to head competition. However, this criterion shall not be used when more than two teams are tied in points.
 - Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum goal differential of four goals per game.
 - Fewest goals allowed.
 - Fewest Red Cards received.
 - Kicks from the penalty mark.
- b. If more than two teams are tied, the sequence shall be followed until one team is eliminated.
- c. Once one team has been eliminated, the remaining teams shall then restart the sequence above until the tie is broken.

- d. Following the criteria above, it is acceptable for two teams from the same preliminary pool to play against each other in the Quarterfinal round and all other subsequent rounds.
- e. Wildcard placement shall be at the discretion of the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair and/or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee.

21. Warnings, Sendoffs, and Disciplinary Actions

- a. A team receiving three red cards (or more) or five yellow cards (or more) in one game may result in the team coach to appear before the MSYSA Board for review and/or sanctions.
- b. Game suspensions due to red cards received in the MSYSA Junior State Cup must be served during the next MSYSA Junior State Cup or Junior State Cup game.
- c. If a player or coach receives a suspension in a MSYSA Junior State Cup game and that suspension is not fulfilled during that seasonal year, it will follow the player or coach to the next MSYSA Junior State Cup or Junior State Cup game that the player or coach participates in.
- d. In order for a player to officially serve their suspension, the player's name must appear on the game roster and there must be an indication that the player did not play due to suspension.
- e. The MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee will decide on the length of suspensions.
- f. Minimum Disciplinary Sanctions:
 - Player, Coach, or Team Official Ejection for Foul & Abusive Language: Minimum two game suspension
 - Player Ejection for Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play: Minimum two game suspension
 - Player, Coach, or Team Official Ejection for Accumulation of Two Yellow Cards: Minimum one game suspension
 - Player Fighting: Minimum two game suspension.
 - Player, Coach, or Team Official Striking an Official: Immediate and minimum one-year suspension from all soccer activities (separate hearing).
 - Coach Threats: Minimum two game suspension.
 - Coach Fighting: Minimum two game suspension.
- g. If considered serious enough, a player, coach, or team official may face additional sanctions for other offenses as determined by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair and/or by the Junior State Cup Chair Designee.

22. Protests/Appeals

- a. Misapplication of the Laws of the Game may be a valid basis for a protest.
- b. A Referee's judgment shall not be a basis for protests.
- c. A protest regarding the use of an ineligible player may be made by anyone at any time during the current year's MSYSA Junior State Cup.
- d. Any protest must be presented in writing to the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in protest.
- e. If the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee is unavailable at the site of the game, protests may be submitted via e-mail to the MSYSA Junior State Cup Committee at StateCup@michiganyouthsoccer.org within four (4) hours of the completion of the game that is being protested.
- f. All protests must be accompanied with a \$500.00 bond. If the protest is being submitted via e-mail, the protest must include a statement acknowledging that the required bond will be submitted to the MSYSA State Junior State Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee within 24 hours of the protest.
- g. If a protest is upheld, the bond will be returned.
- h. Any protest against any team that has already been eliminated for the current year's MSYSA Junior State Cup will not be entertained.
- i. Although a protest may not be entertained by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chairperson or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee due to the lateness of the filing of the protest, the MSYSA Junior

State Cup Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee may report any misconduct by any MSYSA player, coach, or team, including the use of an ineligible player, during any portion of the MSYSA Junior State Cup to the MSYSA Board of Directors or a higher authority for their consideration

24. Protest of MSYSA Junior State Cup Team Application Rejection.

- a. The protest must be postmarked within three (3) business days of notification of rejection with a certificate of mailing to the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chairperson and all involved parties.
- b. Notification of protesting a rejection will include the following:
 - Protest fee of \$250.00 (cash, certified check, or money order made payable to MSYSA).
 - A written statement describing the specific grounds for the protest.
 - All information necessary to make a fair and just decision on the protest.
 - A clear and concise statement of the relief or action sought by the protesting party.
 - Copies of all documents relevant to the protest.

25. Appeals

- a. All decisions by the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair and/or Junior State Cup Chair Designee are final.
- b. Such decisions may be appealed to the MSYSA Junior State Cup Appeals Committee. Any appeals must be physically received in writing by the MSYSA State Office and must be accompanied by a \$500 bond. The written appeal and payment must be received within 48 hours of the initial decision from the MSYSA Junior State Cup Committee. If the appeal is upheld, the bond will be returned.

26. ANY DECISION MADE BY THE MSYSA JUNIOR STATE CUP CHAIR, JUNIOR STATE CUP CHAIR DESIGNEE, AND/OR US YOUTH SOCCER SHALL NOT BE THE BASIS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM FROM THE MSYSA JUNIOR STATE CUP OR THE REFUND OF A TEAM'S APPLICATION FEE.

27. Spirit of the Game

- a. If the MSYSA Junior State Cup Chair or the Junior State Cup Chair Designee determines that a particular action by a team or any of its members or spectators is deemed unacceptable for any reason, the team may be disqualified, sanctioned, and/or face forfeiture of one or more games.

28. Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

- a. Players and coaches in the MSYSA Junior State Cup competition are prohibited from consuming alcohol or using illegal drugs.
- b. Players and coaches are also prohibited from using any form of tobacco at the playing site of the MSYSA Junior State Cup competition. The penalty for violation by player and/or coach may be disqualification from the MSYSA Junior State Cup competition.

29. THE MSYSA JUNIOR STATE CUP COMPETITION RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE.

Dates To Remember

February 1, 2012 at 4:30PM	MSYSA Junior State Cup Application Deadline
March 9, 2012 at 4:30PM	Preliminary Game Logistics Due
March 30, 2012 at 4:30PM	MSYSA Junior State Cup Roster and League Roster Deadline
March 31, 2012	First Day Preliminary Games Can Begin
May 6, 2012	Preliminary Games Must Be Completed (w/ Quarterfinal Round)
May 20, 2012	Preliminary Games Must Be Completed (w/o Quarterfinal Round)
May 20, 2012	Quarterfinals (if needed) – TBA
June 2-3, 2012	Semifinals & Finals (All Age Groups) – TBA