



Illinois Cup Event Policies

In all matters provided or not provided in the Event Policies, the decision of the Cup Director, Cup Committee & IYSA shall be final and binding. The Cup Director & shall have the power to deal with all breaches of the Policies

The IYSA, the Cup Director and Cup Committee have the authority to modify any of the Policies as deemed necessary to ensure the orderly progression of the event.

1. Team Eligibility

- a. The Illinois Cup tournaments shall be open to any Team whose players are registered with Illinois Youth Soccer through one of the following member competitive leagues or are an Illinois Youth Soccer tournament only team:
 - i. Central Illinois Youth Soccer League (CIYSL)
 - ii. Illinois Women's Soccer League (IWSL)
 - iii. Illowa
 - iv. St Louis Youth Soccer Association – IL (SLYSA-IL)
 - v. Young Sportsmen's Soccer League (YSSL)
- b. The Team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered Youth Players (as defined by IYSA & US Youth Soccer).
- c. The Team must be in good standing with the IYSA member league they are registered to and the IYSA and must be in compliance with, and has not violated, any of the bylaws and policies of IYSA or USYS.

2. Player Eligibility

- a. A team may roster any Youth Player to their official Cup roster who is a registered Youth Player of the Club before the Team to which such Youth Player is rostered plays their first Cup match.
- b. The player must be registered to and carded to a club in Illinois Youth Soccer through one of the following:
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 - ii. Illinois Women's Soccer League (IWSL)
 - iii. Illowa
 - iv. St Louis Youth Soccer Association – IL (SLYSA-IL)
 - v. Young Sportsmen's Soccer League (YSSL)
 - vi. Illinois Youth Soccer Tournament Only Team
- c. Players that compete in any of the following competitions are ineligible to be on the roster of a team competing in Illinois Cup Silver Division
 - i. A, A/B or B Division of the IWSL
 - ii. 1st or 2nd Division of the YSSL
 - iii. Platinum Division of Central Illinois Youth Soccer League (CIYSL)
 - iv. Platinum Division of St Louis Youth Soccer Association Illinois (SLYSA)
 - v. Illinois State Cup

- vi. Illinois Presidents Cup
 - vii. State Premiership Division
 - viii. US Youth Soccer Midwest Conference
 - ix. US Youth Soccer National League
- d. 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 National Championships:
- i. For Teams competing in the 13 and Under, 14 and Under, and 15 and Under age groups, each player on the Team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the Team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the Team is participating in that seasonal year.
 - ii. For the Teams competing in the 16 and Under, 17 and Under, 18 and Under, each player on the Team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the Team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age of any younger age group, through the 14 and Under age group, of that age group competition in which the Team is participating in that seasonal year.
- e. A player may be rostered to only one Illinois Cup team during each season (Fall and Spring) of the year.

3. Scheduling Deadlines

Teams are required to meet specific schedule by and play by dates for Cup competitions. Teams that fail to meet those deadlines may be subject to

- a. \$50 per day fine
- b. Loss of home game
- c. Removal from event in the current and future years

4. Forfeits

- a. During group play, a team must forfeit any match where they fall below the required minimum number of players during a match. Subsequent matches will not be automatically forfeited.
- b. A team forfeiting a match for any other reason will result in all of their group play matches being recorded as forfeits including matches previously played except for unusual circumstances as determined by IYSA, the Cup Director and Cup Committee.
- c. Forfeited matches will be reported as 4-0 loss for scoring purposes
- d. Teams that forfeit matches or fail to complete all games may be subject to additional sanctions including but not limited to
 - i. \$250 Fine
 - ii. May not be considered for US Youth Soccer Midwest Conference the following year
 - iii. May not be accepted into a Cup competition the following year

5. Team or Club Trainers

A team may use their own Athletic Trainers as one of their three (3) team officials allowed on the sidelines. The competition Athletic Trainers are primary to any team trainers, who are deemed secondary.

6. Alcohol & Smoking

The drinking and/or dispensing of alcoholic beverages are not permitted at locations hosting Cup games. Smoking is only allowed in designated smoking areas at locations hosting Cup games. Smoking is not permitted on spectator sidelines or the technical area. Individuals found violating

the alcohol or smoking policy will be removed from the sideline and may result in sanctions for the club.

7. Pets

The allowance of pets is determined by the host facility. If a host facility allows pets on the premises ALL PETS must be leashed and kept off the playing fields. Pets are not allowed in the coaches and players sideline and Technical Area. Person with the pet(s) must pick-up after the pet(s).

8. Clean-Up Fine

Any team that has not cleaned up its bench, Technical Area, spectator side or other area used by the team for pre or post game, must pay an up to \$500 Clean-up Fee to the IYSA.

9. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (DRONES)

In compliance with US Youth Soccer's Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones), the use of drones is strictly prohibited at all Cup matches. It is the responsibility of the host to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced

10. Distribution of Flyers/Materials Strictly Prohibited - Minimum \$1000 Fine

Distribution of flyers/materials at State Cup events, facilities and parking lots is not permitted. No organization or individual on behalf of the organization is allowed to distribute or display flyers/materials including but not restricted to tryout and recruitment information, club promotions, solicitations, camps and tournaments at an Illinois Youth Soccer event without prior written consent from Illinois Youth Soccer Association. Violators will be charged at minimum \$1,000 for clean-up.

11. Matters Not Provided

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