



**OHIO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION NORTH, INC.  
2009 OYSAN STATE CUP - COMPETITION RULES**

**1. Format**

- a. All age groups in the OYSAN State Cup will consist of teams placed into pools. The pools will consist of an even number of teams. When there are an uneven number of teams registered in an age group, the two lowest seeds will be scheduled by the OYSAN State Cup Committee to compete in a ‘play-in’ game to ensure an even number of teams in each age group.
- b. The OYSAN State Cup Committee reserves the right to accept or deny teams based on prior OYSAN State Cup history, prior OYSAN league affiliated play and/or OYSAN/US Youth Soccer tournament history or lack thereof.
- c. Teams in all age groups may be required to play home or away preliminary games in advance of the actual tournament due to limited field availability at Pacesetter Park in Toledo, Ohio. Where determined, higher-seeded teams will hold home field advantage.
- d. All teams entering the OYSAN State Cup must provide a list of proposed fields for preliminary game use. The OYSAN State Cup Committee will approve all preliminary game fields.
- e. U-10 (6v6) Recommended Size: 55x40 (Acceptable range = Length: 55x60 & Width: 40-45);  
U-11/12 (8v8) Recommended: 80x55 (Acceptable range = Length: 80-90 & Width: 50-60);  
U-13-18 (11v11) Recommended Size: 116x75 (Acceptable range = Length: 120-110 & Width: 65-80).
- f. In Age Groups U-16 and above, teams will play one game per day.

**2. Competition Dates**

DATE	LOCATION	AGE GROUP
<b>April 24-26, 2009</b>	<b>Prelim/Play-In Weekend (Sylvania &amp; Copley)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>May 1-10, 2009</b>	<b>Prelim/Self-Sch. Games (Sylvania &amp; Copley)</b>	<b>U-10 through U-18 Boys and Girls</b>
<b>May 15-17, 2009</b>	<b>Complete Prelim. Round Robin (Sylvania)</b>	<b>U-10 through U-18 Boys and Girls</b>
<b>May 19-20, 2009</b>	<b>Semis</b>	<b>U-17 G, U-18 G &amp; U-18 B</b>
<b>May 26-27, 2009</b>	<b>Finals</b>	<b>U-17 G, U-18 G, U-18 B</b>
<b>May 29-31, 2009</b>	<b>Semis &amp; Finals (Copley)</b>	<b>All other age groups</b>

**3. Scheduling Conflicts**

- a. ALL OYSAN State Cup games take precedence over any and all scheduled league games, including US Youth Soccer MRL games.
- b. By entering your team into OYSAN’s State Cup, the coaches/team officials understand that all games are scheduled with the understanding that the coaches/team officials for the team are expected to be available for all games. Thus, it is strongly recommended that each team have more than just one (1) coach registered with each team prior to

the OYSAN State Cup Roster deadline. Conflict requests by teams will not be entertained in advance of the tournament nor will requests for changes to the schedule (from coaches, team officials or team parents) be made after the schedule has been posted. It is impossible for OYSAN to accommodate the many conflicts teams may have.

- c. All games scheduled by member leagues are required to be rescheduled to permit all eligible teams to compete in the OYSAN State Cup.
- d. No member league can forfeit any game of any team for the day that the team is playing in the OYSAN State Cup Competition.

#### 4. Team Eligibility and Rosters

- a. All team officials must be Risk Management certified by the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North. Visit [www.oysan.org](http://www.oysan.org) for more information.
- b. The OYSAN State Cup is for current OYSAN league affiliated teams and OYSAN league affiliated members only.
- c. All teams in the OYSAN State Cup must play in a US YOUTH SOCCER or OYSAN affiliated league to qualify for OYSAN State Cup participation.
- d. Groups that advance to regional play this year are U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 and U18. If a team enters the tournament, it is mandatory to continue as long as the team wins the next level. Also, the highest finishing team in each age group will advance to the regional competitions.
- e. With the submission of the OYSAN State Cup Application Form, the coach, manager and team certify that they are registered, in good standing, and will play in, at least, a four-team OYSAN affiliated league (or the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional League) or in another league specifically approved by OYSAN with at least **THREE (3)** complete OYSAN affiliated league games with a record of standings and scores during the current seasonal year. (This shall be referred to as State Cup Qualifying Games.) **NOTE:** OYSAN State Cup Qualifying Games must consist of official league games against other US YOUTH SOCCER affiliated or OYSAN affiliated teams in the same division in the same league. (If, by chance, teams in the same league are scheduled to play one another in league play, that league game may not count as a State Cup Game if the teams are scheduled to play one another in the State Cup.) State Cup Qualifying games must be officially scheduled through US YOUTH SOCCER affiliated or OYSAN affiliated leagues. Games that may be played against non-members (or against OYSAN members) but are scheduled through organizations not approved by or affiliated with OYSAN shall not be counted as OYSAN State Cup Qualifying Games.
- f. Leagues and the league play must be sanctioned by the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North and at least 50% of the team's players are residents of Ohio North.
- g. The team's original, OYSAN affiliated, league roster serves as the OYSAN State Cup roster.
- h. Teams, in the U-13 through U-15 divisions, that can have a maximum of 18 players must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and the National Championships competition by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to the roster of both competitions, and teams, in the U-16 through U-18 divisions, that can have a maximum of 22 players must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and National Championships by maintaining a minimum of 11 players common to the roster of both competitions.
- i. **Roster additions may not take place after the APRIL 13, 2009 OYSAN State Cup Roster deadline. All OYSAN State Cup Rosters are frozen on APRIL 13, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. (U13**

**& U14 Initial Rosters are due September 30, 2008.) OYSAN WILL NOT ACCEPT FAXED COPIES OF TEAM ROSTERS.**

- j. Failure to submit a 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 OYSAN State Cup games until their roster and payment is received. If teams play OYSAN 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.
- k. All challenges as to player and/or team eligibility must be raised in writing after the player and/or team in question has participated in a match. Such challenges must be filed with the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson, or in his absence the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee, within 30 minutes of the conclusion of a match by a Coach or Team Manager of the opposing team. **A \$300 cash challenge, that shall be forfeited in the event the challenge is not upheld, must accompany each and every challenge.**
- l. Any team found to have used an ineligible player or overage player in any game shall forfeit all State Cup matches by 0-4 scores. Such teams will not be permitted to continue play in the tournament and such teams will also be fined.
- m. Guest Players are not allowed in the U-13 through U-18 divisions. In the U-10 through U-12 divisions, guest players (maximum of 7) are permitted this year. However, guest players may not be rostered on other teams participating in the OYSAN State Cup competition. Additionally, an 'OYSAN State Cup Guest Player Roster Form' must be submitted to OYSAN on or before 4 PM on April 13, 2009. (There is no additional fee for U-10 through U-12 teams utilizing guest players.) Guest players may not be more than 2 years younger than the age group they wish to participate in.
- n. A player may only play for one (1) team in the OYSAN State Cup competition in any seasonal year. If a player is on the roster of a team when the roster is frozen, the player may not be on the roster of any other team for the OYSAN State Cup competition.
- o. A team may not roster any player who was previously rostered during the seasonal year to another team, or the same team, unless a written request, stating the reason why this action has been requested, has been made to and approved by the appropriate league registrar, State Registrar or Executive Director. Player/Team Status Forms are available at the OYSAN State Office or online at [www.oysan.org](http://www.oysan.org); Forms & Resources.
- p. In the U-13 through U-18 divisions, a team may not have more than five (5) previously rostered players (transferred players) on their roster at the time the roster is frozen. Also, no player may be involuntarily dropped from a team to be replaced with another player unless ineligible due to suspension, he/she has moved too far away to participate, or is injured to such an extent he/she is out for the season.
- q. It is the sole responsibility of players, who are on two (2) or more rosters to play on the team to which they were first rostered and have the name struck off of any other roster. If the player wishes to play on another team, the player must be properly removed from the first roster and will count as a previously rostered player. Team Managers can assist in this process, but the request must be in writing by the player or parents by using the Player/Team Status Form (available online) and faxed to the state office at 330-659-0993 prior to the first game of any team involved. **TEAMS MUST BE COGNIZANT OF THIS RULE!**
- r. For teams U13 to U15, the team roster shall not have more than 18 youth players or fewer than 7 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. U11 and U12 teams will play 8v8 and have no more than 14 or less than 5 on their roster during the seasonal year. U10 teams will play 6v6, with no more than 12 or less

than 4 on the roster during the seasonal year. For U16 and older teams, the roster may have up to 22 youth players and not less than 7 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year.

**5. Rosters for U16, U17 and U18 age groups**

- a. Teams in the U16, U17 and U18 age groups are allowed an OYSAN State Cup team roster of up to 22 players. **This team roster is frozen on the APRIL 13, 2009 OYSAN State Cup Roster deadline.**
- b. Prior to each OYSAN State Cup game, a team may select up to 18 players to play in that game. This selection must be documented for each game on the OYSAN Official Game Report. Only players appearing on the FINAL OYSAN State Cup Team Roster are eligible to appear on the OYSAN State Cup Official Game Report and are eligible to compete in the OYSAN State Cup.
- c. The OYSAN Official Game Report with the 18 player game roster selection must be submitted to the referees at the time of check-in. No changes will be allowed to the game roster after the team has checked-in.

**6. Scheduling and Bracketing**

- a. Teams in age groups U-10 through U-15 should not be scheduled to play any more than two (2) OYSAN State Cup games on any one day but this cannot be guaranteed.
- b. In all age groups, the OYSAN State Cup Committee will seed teams. The seeding process may take into account standings of teams that participate in the State League, other affiliated league standings, team information forms, prior OYSAN State Cup results, and tournament records from the previous and current year. Coaches are strongly encouraged to provide input on the top teams in each age group on the OYSAN State Cup Application. (Using previous year’s Finals, Semi-Finalists and State League results first.) All other non-seeded teams will be placed into age group divisions by blind draw by the OYSAN State Cup Committee.
- c. In case of withdrawal of any team going to regional competition, or a bracket with no entries, the OYSAN Board of Directors will choose the replacement team or devise a system to choose a replacement team, which may come from a younger aged team.
- d. There will be semi-finals in all age groups.
- e. There may be quarter-finals scheduled for larger divisions at the discretion of the state cup committee.
- f. The Finals Schedule will be posted following the completion of preliminary games.

**7. OYSAN State Cup Referee Fees**

Age	Center Referee	Asst. Referees	Total
U-10	\$20	--	\$20
U-11, U-12	\$27	\$20	\$67
U-13, U-14	\$30	\$22	\$74
U15, U-16	\$35	\$25	\$85
U17 & U18	\$40	\$27	\$94

**8. Preliminary Game Reports**

- a. The Home Team, the higher seeded team, is always the first team listed.

- b. Immediately following your game, the winning team’s manager or coach must collect both game reports from the center referee and fax both game reports to OYSAN’s State Office. (Fax # 330-659-0993).
- c. **Mail the game reports** for both teams to **OYSAN, 3554 Brecksville Rd, S-100, Richfield, OH 44286 within 24 hours following the day of the game.**
- d. Failure to report the scores online 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 for each offense.

**9. Game Reports (Toledo & Akron)**

- a. The Home Team, the higher seeded team, is always the first team listed on the schedule.
- b. The winning coach or team manager (or the coach or team manager of the Home Team, in the event of a tie) of each game shall **return the game reports to any OYSAN tournament official at the headquarters tent within 1 hour following the game.**
- c. Failure to return the game reports to either of the tournament site headquarter tents within 1 hour following each game may result in disqualification of the winning team (or the home team in the event of a tie) and/or a \$100 fine for each offense.

**10. Laws of the Game**

- a. FIFA Laws of the Game will govern **all** games unless modified by USSF, US Youth Soccer, or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson, OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee, or OYSAN State Cup Committee.
- b. Refer to the OYSAN Small-Sided Games Guidelines for rules specific to the U10-U12 age groups.
- c. Note that modification(s), of any kind, may be made with or without notice.

**11. Game Duration**

- a. Length of games are detailed below:

Age	Game Length	Overtime	Still Tied
<b>U-10</b>	<b>30 Minute Games</b>	<b>No Overtime</b>	<b>FIFA PK</b>
<b>U11-12</b>	<b>30 Minute Halves</b>	<b>No Overtime</b>	<b>FIFA PK</b>
<b>U13-14</b>	<b>35 Minute Halves</b>	<b>10 Minute Halves</b>	<b>FIFA PK</b>
<b>U15-16</b>	<b>40 Minute Halves</b>	<b>15 Minute Halves</b>	<b>FIFA PK</b>
<b>U17-18</b>	<b>45 Minute Halves</b>	<b>15 Minute Halves</b>	<b>FIFA PK</b>

- b. Overtime shall only be used in Quarters, Semi-Finals and Final games in U13 and above.
- c. In the event of a tie game during Semi-Final, or Final games in U13 and above, you will have two (2) overtimes.
- d. Overtimes shall be completed.
- e. If after two (2) overtimes, the game is still tied, “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” will be conducted and the Laws of the Game shall apply.
- e. 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.

**12. Substitutions**

- a. For games **U-14** and below, these age groups shall be permitted unlimited substitutions.
- b. For games **U-15** and above, a maximum of 7 substitutions for each team shall be allowed in each game during each half of play and during overtime play. After leaving the game during a half of play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game during the same half of play. After leaving the game during overtime play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game.
- c. Either team may make a substitution with the referee's permission at any stoppage in play.
- d. Once the teams go into overtime, all players, excluding players who may have received a red card, are eligible to play.

### **13. Forfeitures**

- a. A minimum of four players, one of which must be a goalie, constitutes a team for the U10 teams.
- b. A minimum of five players, one of which must be a goalie, constitutes a team for the U11-12 teams.
- c. A minimum of seven players, one of which must be a goalie, constitutes a team for the U13 & above teams.
- d. 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 OYSAN State Cup game reports.
- e. The OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee may determine the game to be forfeited after examining the game report and conducting an investigation.
- f. 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 OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson 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.
- g. A team that fails to take the field because of withdrawal from the OYSAN State Cup (or game) after the deadline may be subject to sanctions levied by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson, OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee, OYSAN State Cup Committee, or the OYSAN Board of Directors.
- h. All leagues will be responsible for their teams' compliance of OYSAN State Cup Rules.
- i. The score awarded to the winning team resulting from a forfeiture is 4 - 0.
- j. Any team that forfeits a game for any reason shall forfeit all OYSAN State Cup matches and will not be permitted to continue play in the tournament and will be fined.

**PENALTIES:** A FORFEITING TEAM AND/OR ITS AFFILIATING OYSAN LEAGUE WILL BE FINED UP TO \$500.00 PER GAME FORFEITED. Any team and/or OYSAN League that does not pay the fine(s) will be placed in BAD STANDING and the team(s) will not be permitted to play in any future OYSAN State Cup games and OYSAN sanctioned leagues and activities until OYSAN receives the appropriate payment(s).

#### **14. 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. 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.
- d. In addition to team, club, or league, or sponsor logos, only US Youth Soccer and OYSAN logos are permitted on the uniform. At no point during the OYSAN State Cup, US Youth Soccer Region II Championships, or US Youth Soccer National Championships 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.

#### **15. 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 OYSAN Board for review and/or sanctions.
- b. The OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee shall hold all pass-cards for suspended participants during OYSAN State Cup games.
- c. Game suspensions received in "Cup Game(s)" will be served during the next "Cup Game(s)." "Cup Game(s)" includes games played at the State, Regional and National level.
- d. If a player or coach receives a suspension in a Cup Game(s) and the suspension is not fulfilled during that year it will follow the player or coach to the next Cup Game(s) that the player or coach participates in.
- e. In order for a player or team official to officially serve their suspension, the player or team official's name must appear on the game roster and there must be an indication that the player or team official did not play/participate due to suspension. For U16 ,U17 & U18 teams, a player serving a suspension MUST BE COUNTED in the 18 player game roster.
- f. The OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee shall decide on the length of suspensions using the 'minimum disciplinary sanctions' below as the guideline.
- g. 'Minimum Disciplinary Sanctions':
  - Deliberate hand-ball in the penalty box: Minimum one game suspension
  - Player Ejection for Foul & Abusive Language: Minimum one 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.

- h. If considered serious enough, a player, coach, or team official may face additional sanctions for other offenses as determined by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson and/or by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee.
- i. Threatening or fighting violations at Regional or National Games shall be dealt with in the following year's play.
- j. Coaches, Team Officials or Players who receive a red-card or are otherwise ejected from an OYSAN State Cup Game are required to leave the area as directed by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee.
- k. Coaches and/or Team Officials who receive a red-card or are otherwise ejected from an OYSAN State Cup Game shall not be provided the privilege of coaching the next two (2) State Cup games with any & all teams he or she may coach or is a team official for. Also, the Coach/Team Official may not be on either the parents or players sidelines during the suspension.

#### **16. 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. If it becomes evident that the spectator(s) become unruly and cannot be controlled, the field sidelines will be cleared of all spectators. If the spectators refuse to leave the field of play, the game will be suspended and perhaps forfeited upon an investigation by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee.
- d. 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.
- e. Coaches should advise their team's spectators of the \$1,000 fine OYSAN will levy against a team as a result of unacceptable spectator behavior or referee abuse.

#### **17. Field of Play**

- a. Teams will report to the "field of play" at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of game.
- 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 laminated pass and be listed on the OYSAN State Cup lineup sheet. All team personnel without a US Youth Soccer laminated pass shall remain on the spectator side
- d. All players must have US Youth Soccer laminated passes at each and every game they participate in. Players or Teams that do not have their laminated passes prior to the start of a match must receive the OYSAN State Cup Tournament Committee's approval prior to playing in any match.
- e. For the U16, U17 and U18 age groups, players who are on the OYSAN State Cup team roster but are NOT selected to the eighteen (18) member game roster may remain in the bench area, but may not wear the match jersey. These players are permitted to wear the alternate team jersey.
- f. On occasion, the OYSAN State Cup Committee may move teams from one location to another or from one field to another to accommodate changes in schedules, because fields have or will be closed, or in an effort not to damage fields.

#### **18. Field Status**

- a. The determination of field status as to its playing condition rests with the organization providing the fields and the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson and/or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee.

- b. Prior to any decision to close fields, they must consult with the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee. Their decision is final.
- c. If the host organization approves the field for play, games may be canceled and/or the fields may be closed at a later time if the host organization, the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson, or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee deems the conditions to have changed.
- d. The Referee, OYSAN State Cup Chairperson, and/or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee may suspend games when he/she considers the field unsafe or unplayable.
- e. In the event of inclement weather, everything possible will be done to provide games to teams that traveled a significant distance. However, games cannot and will not be guaranteed. There are no refunds for games that could not be played due to inclement weather.
- f. Teams that travel to OYSAN State Cup locations do so at their own risk of games being cancelled due to inclement weather.
- g. In OYSAN State Cup Preliminary & Round Robin Play, if a match is stopped during the first half, all players must remain available at the site until a resolution is determined by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee. Every effort will be made to complete the match that day. However, if, at the discretion of the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee, time and/or weather does not permit completion of a game that did not reach half-time, a tie will be declared, the score will be recorded as a 2-2 tie, and each team will receive 1 point towards advancing. If a game is stopped at any point in the second half and if, at the discretion of the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee, time and/or weather does not permit completion of the second half, the score of the game at that time the game was stopped in the second half stands.
- h. In OYSAN State Cup Semi-Final and Final matches, if a game is stopped during the first half, all players must remain available at the site and an effort will be made to complete the match that day. If, in OYSAN State Cup Final matches and if at the discretion of the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee, time and/or weather does not permit the completion of a game that has not reached half-time, the game shall be resumed at a date, time and location as determined by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee. If, in OYSAN State Cup Semi-Final and Final matches, a game is stopped at any point in the second half, the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee shall make the determination as to when and where the game shall be resumed and completed. If, in OYSAN State Cup Final matches, the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee determines that time and/or weather does not permit the completion of the second half, the score of the game at the time the game was stopped in the second half stands.

#### **19. Scoring Method**

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

- The maximum goal differential shall be 4. (Goals scored less goals allowed with maximum of 4 goal differential.)

## **20. Tie Breakers**

- a. In the event teams are tied on the basis of points earned during bracket or pool 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 of four per game.
  - Fewest goals allowed.
  - 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 or more teams are eliminated.
- c. Once one or more teams have been eliminated, the remaining teams still tied shall then restart the sequence above until the tie is broken.

## **21. Wild Card Team Selection**

- a. For age groups requiring a wild card for Semi-Final play, wild card 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 of four goals per game.
  - Fewest goals allowed.
  - Kicks from the penalty mark.
- b. If more than two teams are tied, the sequence shall be followed until one or more teams are eliminated.
- c. Once one or more teams have been eliminated, the remaining teams still tied shall then restart the sequence above until the tie is broken.
- d. Wild card placement shall be at the discretion of the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson and/or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee.

## **22. Protests/Appeals**

- a. Any protest must be presented in writing to the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in protest.
- b. If the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee is unavailable at the site of the game, protests may be submitted via e-mail to the OYSAN State Office at [tomfaro@oysan.org](mailto:tomfaro@oysan.org) within four (4) hours of the completion of the game that is being protested.
- c. All protests must be accompanied with a \$300.00 cash challenge. If the protest is being submitted via e-mail, the protest must include a specific statement acknowledging that

the required \$300 cash challenge will be submitted to the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee within 24 hours of the protest.

- d. If a protest is upheld, the bond will be returned.
- e. A Referee's judgment shall not be a basis for protests.
- f. Misapplication of the Laws of the Game may be a valid basis for a protest.
- g. Although a protest may not be entertained by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee due to the lateness of the filing of the protest, the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee may report any misconduct by any OYSAN player, coach or team, including the use of an ineligible player, during any portion of the OYSAN State Cup to the OYSAN Board of Directors or a higher authority for their consideration.

### **23. Spirit of the Game**

- a. Teams are required to keep their parents and team player sidelines clean. Immediately following each game, if it is determined by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee that a team has left their sidelines with debris, the OYSAN State Cup Committee may fine offending teams up to \$50 per incident.
- b. Animals (dogs, cats, other pets, etc) are not permitted on the grounds or parking lots at Copley or Pacesetter Parks. Failure to remove dogs, cats and other pets from either Park will initiate OYSAN immediately calling local law enforcement to remove the animals/pets from the area and may subject offenders to possible legal actions.
- c. If the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson 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 fined, disqualified, sanctioned, and/or face forfeiture of one or more games.
- d. The Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN), its Board of Directors, staff, employees, volunteers, OYSAN State Cup Tournament Committee, OYSAN State Cup Tournament Director and/or US Youth Soccer will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team, club or person if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part.
- e. By your entering this tournament, your team and all participants agree to accept the jurisdiction of the OYSAN State Cup Tournament Committee and OYSAN. No official, coach, club, league, referee, player, team or their representative(s) may invoke the aid of the Courts of any political or governmental entity with the first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate affiliated soccer organizations as set forth in these rules, the Constitution and Bylaws of OYSAN and of US Youth Soccer. For violation of this rule, the offending parties shall be subject to the sanctions of suspensions and fines, and shall be liable to OYSAN for all expenses incurred by these Associations and/or their officers as appropriate, in defending each court action, including but not limited to, Court costs, attorney(s) fees and reasonable compensation for all time and expenses.

### **24. Alcohol and Illegal Drugs**

- a. Players and coaches in the OYSAN 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 OYSAN State Cup competition. The penalty for violation by player and/or coach may be disqualification from the OYSAN State Cup competition.

**25. Notice**

- a. All decisions by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson and/or the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee are final and shall not be the basis of a protest or an appeal nor shall any such decision be the basis for the withdrawal of a team or the refund of a team's application fee.
- b. **The OYSAN State Cup Competition rules are subject to change with or without notice.**

**26. Protest of OYSAN State Cup Team Application Rejection.**

- a. If fines or discipline is involved, a letter will include proper steps to protest a fine or discipline. The Discipline and Appeals committee will hear all appeals.
- b. The protest must be postmarked within three (3) days of notification of rejection, with certificate of mailing, to the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson and all involved parties.
- c. Notification of protesting a rejection will include the following:
  - Protest fee of \$300.00 (cash, certified check, or money order made payable to OYSAN).
  - 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 appeal.

## AGE GROUP ELIGIBILITY CHART

### 2008-2009 SEASONAL YEAR

Under 18	Born Between	8-1-90 through 7-31-91
Under 17	Born Between	8-1-91 through 7-31-92
Under 16	Born Between	8-1-92 through 7-31-93
Under 15	Born Between	8-1-93 through 7-31-94
Under 14	Born Between	8-1-94 through 7-31-95
Under 13	Born Between	8-1-95 through 7-31-96
Under 12	Born Between	8-1-96 through 7-31-97
Under 11	Born Between	8-1-97 through 7-31-98
Under 10	Born Between	8-1-98 through 7-31-99

#### Dates to Remember:

<b>January 15, 2009 by 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>OYSAN State Cup Application Deadline</b>
<b>February 13, 2009</b>	<b>OYSAN to post Final Schedule</b>
<b>April 13, 2009, 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Final OYSAN State Cup Roster Deadline (All Age Groups)</b>
<b>April 24-26, 2009</b>	<b>Play-In Games (Copley Fields or Pacesetter Park)</b>
<b>May 1-10, 2009</b>	<b>Preliminary Games</b>
<b>May 15-17, 2009</b>	<b>Complete Round Robin (Pacesetter Park, Sylvania, OH)</b>
<b>May 19-20, 2009</b>	<b>Semi Finals (U-17G, U-18G &amp; U-18 B) TBA</b>
<b>May 26-27, 2009</b>	<b>Finals (U17G, U18G &amp; U-18B) TBA</b>
<b>May 29-31, 2009</b>	<b>Semi Finals &amp; Finals (All other age groups) Copley Fields</b>

