

**OHIO YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION NORTH  
2010 BOTHWELL CUP COMPETITION**



**1. Format**

- a. All age groups will consist of pools. The OYSAN Bothwell Cup Committee reserves the right to accept or deny teams based on prior OYSAN Bothwell Cup history, prior league play and/or tournament history.

**2. Competition Dates: October 22-24, 2010**

**3. Scheduling Conflicts**

- a. OYSAN Bothwell Cup games take precedence over all scheduled league games.
- b. Conflict requests by teams will not be entertained in advance of the tournament nor will requests for changes to the schedule (from 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 Bothwell Cup.
- d. No member league can forfeit any game of any team for the day that the team is playing in the OYSAN Bothwell 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 Bothwell Cup is for current US Youth Soccer league affiliated teams and/or OYSAN league affiliated members only.
- c. **Teams that participated in the 2010 OYSAN State Cup Tournament are not eligible to participate in the OYSAN Bothwell Cup unless otherwise approved by the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Committee.**
- d. With the submission of the OYSAN Bothwell 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 US Youth Soccer affiliated league (at least three (3) complete league games with standings and scores) during the Fall 2010 season, in another league specifically approved by OYSAN or in a US Youth Soccer affiliated league that has adopted the Academy League Format. Academy League Teams (U9-U10) must provide OYSAN with an Event Roster (tournament roster) on or before 4 PM on September 14, 2010 from their specific Academy registered members listing the players and coaches participating in Bothwell Cup Tournament); academy teams will have no more than 12 players on the roster and players cannot play up more than two years. Eligibility requires that the academy team has participated in academy play for at least three weekends prior to the Bothwell Cup Tournament.
- e. Leagues must be sanctioned by the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North. Also, players may not 'play-up' more than 2 years.
- f. All team's US Youth Soccer affiliated, league roster serves as the OYSAN Bothwell Cup roster.
- g. Roster additions may not take place after the **September 14, 2010** OYSAN Bothwell Cup roster deadline. **All OYSAN Bothwell Cup rosters are frozen on September 14, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**
- h. **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 Bothwell Cup games until their roster and payment is received.
- i. 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 Bothwell Cup Chairman, or in his absence the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairman Designee, within 30 minutes of the conclusion of a match by a Coach or Team Manager of the opposing team. A \$250 cash challenge that shall be forfeited in the event the challenge is not upheld must accompany each and every challenge.
- j. Any team found to have used an ineligible player in any game shall forfeit all games by a 0-4 score. Such teams will also be fined and not permitted to continue tournament play.

- k. Guest Players are allowed this year. However, only 3 per team are permitted and they must come from the same club.
- l. A player may play for one team only in the OYSAN Bothwell Cup competition.
- m. An OYSAN Bothwell Cup roster for U9-U10 teams can have a maximum of 12 players, the roster for U11-12 teams can have a maximum of 14 players and teams U13 and older shall have no more than 18 players on its roster.
- n. A team may not have more than five (5) previously rostered (transferred players) on their roster at the time the roster is frozen.

#### 5. Scheduling and Bracketing

- a. Teams should not be scheduled to play any more than two OYSAN Bothwell Cup games on any one day but this cannot be guaranteed.
- b. In all age groups, the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Committee will seed teams. The seeding process may take into account the team's league standings, team information forms, OYSAN Bothwell Cup results, and tournament records from the previous and current year.
- c. The top Competitive Division will be comprised of teams that play in the OYSAN State League and with teams that play in the first division of larger competitive leagues affiliated with OYSAN.
- d. All other teams will be placed into other divisions of play at the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Committee's discretion.

#### 6. Referees

- a. The OYSAN Bothwell Cup Committee designated assignors will schedule referees for all OYSAN Bothwell Cup Games.
- b. The Center Referee for each game should be at least one year older than the players and all referees must be USSF certified.

#### 7. Game Reports

- a. The Home 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 30 minutes following the game.**
- c. Failure to return the game reports to either of the tournament site headquarter tents within 30 minutes 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 score not reported.

#### 8. Laws of the Game

- a. FIFA Laws of the Game will govern all games unless modified by USSF, US Youth Soccer, or the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson, Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee, or Bothwell Cup Committee.
- b. Refer to the OYSAN Small-Sided Games Guidelines for rules specific to the U9-U12 age groups.
- c. Modification(s) may be made with or without notice.

## 9. Game Duration

- a. Length of games are detailed below:

Age	Game Length	Overtime	Format
U9 B & G	30 Minute Games	No Overtime	6 v 6 Festival
U10 B & G	25 Minute Halves	No Overtime	6 v 6
U11 B & G	30 Minute Halves	No Overtime	8 v 8
U12 B & G	30 Minute Halves	No Overtime	8 v 8
U13 B & G	35 Minute Halves	No Overtime	11 v 11
U14 B & G	35 Minute Halves	No Overtime	11 v 11

- b. If after two halves during Quarter-Final, Semi-Final or Final games, the game is still tied, "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" will be conducted and the Laws of the Game shall apply.
- c. 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.

## 10. Substitutions

- a. For all games 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.

## 11. Forfeitures

- a. A minimum of six players constitutes a team for U9-U10 teams.
- b. A minimum of seven players constitutes a team for the U11-12 teams.
- c. A minimum of nine players 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 Bothwell Cup game reports.
- e. The OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson or Bothwell 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 Bothwell Cup Chairperson or Bothwell 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 Bothwell Cup (or game) after the deadline may be subject to sanctions levied by the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson, OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee, Bothwell Cup Committee, or the OYSAN Board of Directors.
- h. All leagues will be responsible for their teams' compliance of OYSAN Bothwell 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 will not be allowed to continue tournament participation. (All opponents would receive a score of 4-0.)

**PENALTIES: A FORFEITING TEAM AND/OR ITS AFFILIATING OYSAN LEAGUE WILL BE FINED UP TO \$500.00 PER GAME FORFEITED. Any team and/or 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 Bothwell Cup games and OYSAN sanctioned leagues and activities until OYSAN receives the appropriate payment(s).**

## 12. 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.

### **13. 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 Bothwell Cup Chairperson or Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee shall hold all pass-cards for suspended participants.
- c. Game suspensions received in "Cup Game(s)" will be served during the next "Cup Game(s)." "Cup Game(s)" refer to Preliminary, Quarterfinal, Semifinal, and Final games of the OYSAN Bothwell Cup.
- d. The OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee will decide on the length of suspensions.
- e. 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.
- f. If considered serious enough, a player, coach, or team official may face additional sanctions for other offenses as determined by the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson and/or by the Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee.

### **14. 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 Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell 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 may levy against a team as a result of unacceptable spectator behavior or referee abuse.

### **15. 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 Pass and be listed on the US Youth Soccer OYSAN Bothwell Cup lineup sheet. All team personnel without a US Youth Soccer Pass shall remain on the spectator side
- d. All players must have US Youth Soccer passes at each and every game they participate in. Players or Teams that do not have their passes prior to the start of a match must receive the Bothwell Tournament Cup Committee's approval prior to playing in any match.
- e. On occasion, the Bothwell 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.

### **16. Field Status**

- a. The determination of field status as to its playing condition rests with the organization providing the fields and the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson and/or the Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee.
- b. Prior to any decision to close fields, they must consult with the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee. Their decision is final.

- c. If the host organization approves the field for play, games may be cancelled and/or the fields may be closed at a later time if the host organization, the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson, or the Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee deems the conditions to have changed.
- d. The Referee, OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson, and/or Bothwell 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 Bothwell Cup locations do so at their own risk of games being cancelled due to inclement weather.
- g. In the event any match is stopped before full time, all players must remain available at the site until a resolution is determined. If the game is stopped during the first half, if time permits, the game will be completed. As a second alternative, the first half will be completed. If time does not permit completion of a game that is not reached 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 the game is stopped in the second half, the score of the game at that time stands.

### **17. 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 goals OYSAN will record for each team in each game is 4.
  - The maximum goal differential shall be 4. (Goals scored less goals allowed with maximum of 4 goal differential.)

### **18. 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.

### **20. Wild Card Team Selection**

- a. For age groups requiring a wild card for Quarter-Final or 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 Bothwell Cup Chairperson and/or the Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee.

## **21. Protests/Appeals**

- a. Any protest must be presented in writing to the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in protest.
- b. If the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell 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 bond. If the protest is being submitted via e-mail, the protest must include a specific statement acknowledging that the required \$300.00 bond will be submitted to the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell 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 Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell Cup Chairperson Designee due to the lateness of the filing of the protest, the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell 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 Bothwell Cup to the OYSAN Board of Directors or a higher authority for their consideration.

## **22. Spirit of the Game**

- a. If the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson or the Bothwell 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 disqualified, sanctioned, and/or face forfeiture of one or more games.
- b. The Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN), its Board of Directors, staff, employees, volunteers, Bothwell Cup Tournament Committee, Bothwell 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 cancelled in whole or in part.
- c. By your entering this tournament, your team and all participants agree to accept the jurisdiction of the OYSAN Bothwell 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.

## **23. Alcohol and Illegal Drugs**

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

## **24. ALL DECISIONS BY THE OYSAN BOTHWELL CUP CHAIRPERSON AND/OR THE OYSAN BOTHWELL 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.**

## **25. Protest of OYSAN Bothwell 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 a certificate of mailing to the OYSAN Bothwell Cup Chairperson and all involved parties.
- c. Notification of protesting a rejection will include the following:
  - Protest bond of \$250.00 (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.

**26. THE OYSAN BOTHWELL CUP COMPETITION RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE.**

## AGE GROUP ELIGIBILITY CHART

### 2010-2011 SEASONAL YEAR

Under 14	Born Between	8-1-96 through 7-31-97
Under 13	Born Between	8-1-97 through 7-31-98
Under 12	Born Between	8-1-98 through 7-31-99
Under 11	Born Between	8-1-99 through 7-31-00
Under 10	Born Between	8-1-00 through 7-31-01
Under 9	Born Between	8-1-2001 through 7-31-02
Under 8	Born Between	8-1-2002 through 7-31-03

### Dates to Remember

<b>September 14, 2010</b>	<b>OYSAN Bothwell Cup Application Deadline @ 4 p.m.</b>
<b>September 14, 2010</b>	<b>OYSAN Bothwell Cup Roster Deadline</b>
<b>October 22, 23, and 24, 2010</b>	<b>Tournament Play (All Age Groups) – Plain Township, Diamond Soccer Complex</b>