



2012 OYSAN STATE CUP COMPETITION RULES

Part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series

Important NEW National Championship Rules, affecting 2012 Competition:

Because of the new CLUB-CARD guidelines and player eligibility rules set by US Youth Soccer, all players of a club who are of the correct age and gender are eligible to play in State Cup as part of a "pool" of players.

Any player who belongs to two CLUBS who are competing in State Cup MUST CONTACT OYSAN prior to APRIL 1, 2012 to declare their State Cup Club, or they are ineligible to participate.

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1. Tournament 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. In some cases, when there are an uneven number of teams registered in an age group, the two lowest seeds may be scheduled by the OYSAN State Cup Committee to compete in a 'play-in' game to ensure an even number of teams in specific age groups.
- 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**. Where possible, higher-seeded teams will hold home field advantage. The OYSAN State Cup Committee will approve all preliminary game fields.
- d) **Field Dimensions:**
U-10 (6v6) Recommended Size: 55x40 (Acceptable range = Length: 50x60 & Width: 35-45);
U-11/12 (8v8) Recommended: 80x55 (Acceptable range = Length: 75-85 & Width: 50-60);
U-13-18 (11v11) Recommended Size: 116x75 (Acceptable range = Length: 110-120 & Width: 70-80).

2. Competition Dates & Deadlines

*All dates Subject to Change with or without notice

Preliminary State Cup Rosters Due to OYSAN	Rosters due by 4 PM on April 27, 2012.
State Cup Application Deadline	January 13, 2012
Post final Schedule	Tentative date: February 11, 2012
Final OYSAN State Cup Roster Deadline (All Age Groups)	Day of Team's First Match
Deadline for Play-In Games to be completed	May 1, 2012
Prelim Games (Multiple Fields, TBD)	May 2 – May 20, 2012
Semi Finals (U17B and U17 G, Copley Soccer Complex)	May 22, 2012
Semi Finals (U18B and U18G, Copley Soccer Complex)	May 23, 2012
Finals (U17B, U17 G, Copley Soccer Complex)	June 5, 2012
Finals (U18B, U18G Copley Soccer Complex)	June 6, 2012
Complete Round Robin (Pacesetter Park, Sylvania OH)	June 1-3, 2012
Semis & Finals (U10 - U16 age groups)	See Addendum C – important dates & deadlines

3. Scheduling Conflicts

- a. ALL OYSAN State Cup games take precedence over any and 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 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. 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, Rosters & Acceptance

4.1. Team Eligibility

- a. All team officials must be Risk Management certified by the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North. (Visit www.oysan.org for more information on Risk Management)
- b. The OYSAN State Cup is for current OYSAN league affiliated teams and OYSAN league affiliated members only. 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.
- i. Qualifying Leagues include: OYSAN State League, MRL, National League, MSPSP Premier League
 - ii. Conditional qualification for teams U13 and above will be provided to teams that participate in the following leagues: AFL, AASL, GAASA, NOGSL, NWOYSL, OASL and YAYSL.

c. **Groups that advance to regional play this year are U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 & U19.** If a team enters the tournament, it is mandatory to continue as long as the team wins the next level. The highest finishing team in each age group will advance to the regional competitions.

d. 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 National 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.)

- i. **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 Qualifying 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 are scheduled through organizations not approved by or affiliated with OYSAN shall not be counted as OYSAN State Cup Qualifying Games.

e. At least 50% of the team's players must be residents of Ohio North.

4.2. Rosters

a. **Preliminary State Cup Rosters must be submitted to OYSAN on or before April 27, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

The team's **Preliminary State Cup Roster serves as the OYSAN State Cup Player Continuity Pool.**

- i. The continuity pool is defined as follows: In division U13-U19, teams must have at least nine (9) players from their preliminary State Cup Roster on their official State Cup Roster, and on every roster at every level of competition. In division U10, teams must use at least six (6) players from their preliminary roster. In U11-U12, teams must use at least eight (8) players from their preliminary roster.
 - a. **Per 2012 National Championship Guidelines:** at the regional and national levels of the National Championships competitions, a team of a club may have on its National Championship roster an eligible player of that club who was not on the team's National Championships roster at the **prior level** of the team's National Championships competition.
 - b. **Per 2012 National Championship Guidelines:** A player may be rostered to only one team's National Championships roster at **each level** of the National Championships competitions during the seasonal year. **Levels of competition are defined as follows:**
 - **Level 1 -- The OYSAN State Cup Tournament** (includes play-in games)
 - **Level 2 - Regional Competition-- US Youth Soccer Region II Championship**
 - **Level 3 – National Competition – US Youth Soccer National Championship**
 - Refer to the National Championship FAQ's and official guidelines for additional club eligibility at the regional and national levels.
- ii. Failure to submit a roster to the OYSAN State Office 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.
- iii. 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 then.
- iv. A "snapshot" of your club will be taken on April 27, 2012. Players are "frozen" to club at this point for the purposes of State Cup participation. A "transfer" is considered the movement of a player from one club to another club. Players transferred after April 27, 2012 are not eligible for State Cup participation.

b. **Official State Cup Rosters are due before a team's first match, and must contain:**

- i. At least nine **(9)** players from your preliminary roster (in U13 - U19 divisions)
- ii. At least six **(6)** players from your preliminary roster (in U10 division)
- iii. At least eight **(8)** players from your preliminary roster (U11-U12 divisions)

- iv. Players and team staff with current US Youth Soccer membership/OYSAN-membership cards
- v. Players only from within the team's CLUB (no guest players from other clubs are permitted)
- vi. Players who meet the age-criteria of the division of play as follows:
 - a. For teams in the U10 through U19 age groups, each player on a team must be of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year
 - b. OR, each player must be the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that season

Official US Youth Soccer Player Age Eligibility Chart:

AGE GROUP/Division	BORN BETWEEN DATES	
UNDER 19 / U19	8/1/92	7/31/93
UNDER 18 /U18	8/1/93	7/31/94
UNDER 17/U17	8/1/94	7/31/95
UNDER 16/U16	8/1/95	7/31/96
UNDER 15/U15	8/1/96	7/31/97
UNDER 14/U14	8/1/97	7/31/98
UNDER 13/U13	8/1/98	7/31/99
UNDER 12/U12	8/1/99	7/31/00
UNDER 11/U11	8/1/00	7/31/01
UNDER 10/U10	8/1/01	7/31/02
UNDER 9/U9	8/1/02	7/31/03
UNDER 8/U8	8/1/03	7/31/04

c. 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.**

d. 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.

e. Guest Players from outside the team's club are not allowed in the U-10 through U-19 divisions.

f. A player may only play for one (1) team in the OYSAN State Cup competition in any seasonal year or any other US Youth Soccer Association State Cup. 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.

g. In the U-13 through U-19 divisions, a team may not have more than five (5) players previously rostered to another club (transferred players) during the seasonal year.

- i. Your CLUB is frozen for State Cup participation at the time you submit your preliminary State Cup Roster.
- ii. Players in your club are not eligible for State Cup or Regionals or Nationals participation if they are added to your club AFTER the PRELIMINARY STATE CUP ROSTER deadline of April 27, 2012.

h. IMPORTANT: A player can only belong to ONE CLUB participating in State Cup/National Championship series.

- i. It is the sole responsibility of players, who belong to two (2) or more CLUBS to participate with the club to which they were first rostered and be releases off any other club roster.
- ii. If the player wishes to play on another team, or for another club, the player must be properly removed from the first roster and will count as a previously rostered or transferred player. Team Managers can assist in this process, but the request must be in writing by the player or player's

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.

- iii. A player can only be on ONE STATE CUP ROSTER of the club they choose to participate with at any level of the National Championship series.

i. State Cup Rosters, Game-day Rosters (Game Reports) and minimum and maximum players are as follows:

Division	Game Format	State Cup Roster Max.	State Cup Roster Min.	Number of players who must be on your official league roster	Game Roster Max. (May dress)	Game Roster Min. (must be dressed)
U10	6 v 6	12	6	6	12	4
U11	8 v 8	14	8	6	14	5
U12	8 v 8	14	8	6	14	5
U13	11 v 11	22	11	9	18	7
U14	11 v 11	22	11	9	18	7
U15	11 v 11	22	11	9	18	7
U16	11 v 11	22	11	9	18	7
U17	11 v 11	22	11	9	18	7
U18	11 v 11	22	11	9	18	7
U19	11 v 11	22	11	9	18	7

j. Teams in the U13, U14, U15 and U16, U17, U18, U-19 age groups are allowed an OYSAN State Cup team roster of up to 22 players. 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 State Cup Roster & Game Report.

r. The OYSAN Official State Cup Roster & Game Report with the 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.

4.3. 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:

- i. Protest fee of \$300.00 (cash, certified check, or money order made payable to OYSAN).
- ii. A written statement describing the specific grounds for the protest.
- iii. All information necessary to make a fair and just decision on the protest.
- iv. A clear and concise statement of the relief or action sought by the protesting party.
- v. Copies of all documents relevant to the appeal.

5. Scheduling & Bracketing

a. In all age groups, the OYSAN State Cup Committee will seed top teams. The seeding process is based on 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. All other teams will be drawn into age group divisions by the OYSAN State Cup Committee.

b. 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.

c. There may be quarter-finals scheduled for larger divisions of 14 or more teams, at the discretion of the State Cup Committee.

d. The Finals Schedule will be posted following the completion of preliminary games.

6. OYSAN State Cup Referee Fees

The OYSAN State Cup referees will be paid as follows, **AT THE END OF EACH MATCH**:

Division	Center Referee	AR1	AR2	TOTAL (Per Game)
U10	\$20			\$20
U11	\$27	\$20	\$20	\$67
U12	\$27	\$20	\$20	\$67
U13	\$30	\$22	\$22	\$74
U14	\$30	\$22	\$22	\$74
U15	\$35	\$25	\$25	\$85
U16	\$35	\$25	\$25	\$85
U17	\$40	\$27	\$27	\$94
U18	\$40	\$27	\$27	\$94
U19	\$40	\$27	\$27	\$94

7. Game Reports

a. The Home Team should be listed **FIRST** on the schedule.

b. Immediately following your game, the winning team's manager or coach (or the HOME team's manager or coach in case of a tie) must collect **both** game reports from the center referee and return **both** game reports to OYSAN's State Office.

i. **WHEN OYSAN TOURNAMENT STAFF IS OFF-SITE:**

(When a tournament headquarters is not available at the field location)

a. Fax immediately to 330-659-0993

b. Mail both team's game reports for both teams within 24 hours to:
OYSAN, 3554 Brecksville Rd, Ste. 100, Richfield, OH 44286

ii. **WHEN OYSAN TOURNAMENT STAFF IS ON-SITE:**

(When there is a tournament headquarters available at the field location) Return reports for both teams within a half hour to tournament headquarters tent or facility.

c. Failure to turn in the game reports as indicated 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.

8. Laws of the Game

FIFA Laws of the Game will govern **all** games unless modified by USSF, US Youth Soccer, or the OYSAN

State Cup Chairperson, (Refer to the OYSAN Small-Sided Games Guidelines for rules specific to the U10-U12 age groups.) **Please note that modification(s), of any kind, may be made with or without notice as deemed necessary**

8.1 Game Duration

a. game duration chart:

Division	Game Halves	Full Game Play Length	Preliminary Game Overtime	Quarter/Semi/ Final Game Overtime	Number of Overtimes	Quarter/Semi/ Final Game PKS
U10	25 min	50 min	n/a	n/a	n/a	If necessary
U11	30 min	60 min	n/a	n/a	n/a	If necessary
U12	30 min	60 min	n/a	n/a	n/a	If necessary
U13	35 min	70 min	n/a	10 min	2	If necessary
U14	35 min	70 min	n/a	10 min	2	If necessary
U15	40 min	80 min	n/a	15min	2	If necessary
U16	40 min	80 min	n/a	15 min	2	If necessary
U17	45 min	90 min	n/a	15 min	2	If necessary
U18	45 min	90 min	n/a	15 min	2	If necessary
U19	45 min	90 min	n/a	15 min	2	If necessary

b. Ties are permitted in preliminary game play. Overtimes shall only be used in Quarters, Semi-Finals and Final games only, and will be played as follows:

- i. **During Quarter, Semi-Final, or Final games in U13 and above**
 - a. Two (2) overtimes. (Overtimes must be completed.) U13-U14 will play two (2) 10 minute overtimes, U15-U19 will play two (2) 15 minute overtimes.
 - b. 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.
- ii. **During Quarter, Semi-Final, or Final games in U10 – U12**, “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. (For example, due to weather conditions, etc.)

8.2 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.

8.3. Forfeitures

a. Game minimum players:

- i. A minimum of four players, one of which must be a goalie, constitutes a team for the U10 teams.
 - ii. A minimum of five players, one of which must be a goalie, constitutes a team for the U11-12 teams.
 - iii. A minimum of seven players, one of which must be a goalie, constitutes a team for the U13-U19 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 OYSAN State Cup game reports.
- c. The OYSAN State Cup Chairperson 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 OYSAN State Cup Chairperson 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 OYSAN State Cup (or game) after the deadline may be subject to sanctions levied by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson or the OYSAN Board of Directors.
- f. The score awarded to the winning team resulting from a forfeiture is 4 - 0.
- g. 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.
- i. PENALTIES: A FORFEITING TEAM AND/OR ITS AFFILIATING OYSAN LEAGUE WILL BE FINED \$500.00 PER GAME FORFEITED.
 - ii. 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).

8.4. Uniforms

- a. With the exception of the goalkeeper, each player shall wear differently numbered and similarly designed jersey.
- b. Goalkeepers must wear colors that differentiate them from the field players.
- c. In cases of dispute over color, socks, or shorts, 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 other 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.

8.5. 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 shall hold all pass-cards for suspended participants during OYSAN State Cup games. **It is the responsibility of the team to obtain the card back after the suspension is served.**

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 State Cup Game(s) and the suspension is not fulfilled during that tournament, it will follow the player or coach to the next level of the competition (if applicable) or to the following year's State Cup Game(s) that the player or coach participates in. **Note:** Threatening or fighting violations at Regional or National-level National Championship Series games shall also be dealt with in the following year's play.

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 U13 through U19 teams, a player serving a suspension MUST BE COUNTED in the 18 player game roster to count the suspension as served.**

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:

i. **One game minimum suspensions:**

- a. Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity by hand or foul
- b. Player Ejection for Foul & Abusive Language
- c. Player Ejection for Accumulation of Two Yellow Cards
- d. Coach/team staff ejection

ii. **Two game minimum suspensions:**

- a. Player Fighting
- b. Coach Threats
- c. Coach Fighting
- d. Player Ejection for Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play

iii. **Separate Hearing and immediate suspension:**

- a. Player, Coach, or Team Official Striking an Official or Official Abuse is an immediate and minimum one-year suspension from all soccer activities. (A separate hearing will be conducted)
- b. If considered serious enough, a player, coach, or team official may face additional sanctions for **any other offenses** as determined by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson and/or by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson Designee.

g. 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.

h. When serving a suspension, those players are allowed to be on their team bench; however they may not be dressed to play, unless otherwise directed by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson.

i. 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 (at minimum) the next ONE (1) full State Cup games with any & all teams he or she may coach or is a team official for. The Coach/Team Official may not be on either the parents or players sidelines while serving the suspension.

8.6. 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.

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.

8.7. 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 players and coaches must have US Youth Soccer laminated passes for the CLUB, at each and every game they participate in.** Coaches, Players or Teams that do not have their laminated passes prior to the start of a match must remain on the spectator side.

- i. For the U13 through the U19 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.)

d. On occasion, the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson may move teams from one location to another or from one field location to another field location to accommodate changes in schedules, because fields have or will be closed, or in an effort not to damage fields.

8.8. 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. Their decision is final.

b. 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 deems the conditions to have changed.

c. The Referee and/or OYSAN State Cup Chairperson may suspend games when he/she considers the field unsafe or unplayable.

d. 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.

e. Teams that travel to OYSAN State Cup locations do so at their own risk of games being cancelled due to inclement weather.

f. 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. Every effort will be made to complete the match that day.

i. In Round Robin/Preliminary matches:

- a. 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 reached halftime, a tie will be declared, the score will be recorded as a 2-2 tie, and each team will receive 1 point towards advancing.
- b. If a game is stopped at any point in the second half and if, at the discretion of the OYSAN State Cup, 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.

ii. **In OYSAN State Cup Quarter, Semi-Final and Final matches:**

- a. at the discretion of the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson, 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
- b. If, in OYSAN State Cup Quarter, Semi-Final and Final matches, a game is stopped at any point in the second half, the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson as to when and where the game shall be resumed and completed.
- c. If, in OYSAN State Cup Quarter, Semi and/or 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.

8.9. Terminated Games

In the event that a team does not have a coach or enough players to continue a game after ejections, the result is scored 0-4 in favor of the opposing team. The game is NOT considered a forfeit.

8.10 Irrelevant Games

In the event that weather or unforeseen circumstances prohibit a game from being played, and the game is considered irrelevant to standings (the outcome does not affect a bracket's scoring or a quarter/semi/final seeding) it may be determined by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson that the game will not be played. No refunds will be given.

8.11 Tournament Scoring Method

The standings of teams within a bracket or pool are based upon the number of points earned in a Qualifying Preliminary game. Team points shall be awarded as follows:

- i. Three points for a win (including forfeits, but subject to the rule on forfeitures).
- ii. One point for a tie.
- iii. Zero points for a loss.
- iv. The maximum goal differential shall be 4. (Goals scored less goals allowed with maximum of 4 goal differential.)

8.12 Tie Breakers (in a bracket)

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:

- i. 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.
- ii. Winner of most games in their respective pool.
- iii. Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four per game.
- iv. Fewest goals allowed.
- v. Kicks from the penalty mark. (A coin flip may be used if weather or time prohibits penalty kicks.)

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.

8.13. Wild Card Team Selection

a. For age groups requiring a wild card for Quarter or Semi-Final play, wild card qualification shall be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:

- i. Teams with the most points.
- ii. Winner of head to head competition. However, this criterion shall not be used when more than two teams are tied in points.
- iii. Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four goals per game.
- iv. Fewest goals allowed.
- v. 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.

8.14 Protests/Appeals

a. Any protest must be presented in writing to the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in protest.

b. If the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson is unavailable at the site of the game, protests may be submitted via e-mail to the OYSAN State Office at stateoffice@ohionorthsoccer.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 email, the protest must include a specific statement acknowledging that the required \$300 cash challenge will be submitted to the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson within 24 hours of the protest. If a protest is upheld, the bond will be returned.

d. A Referee's judgment shall not be a basis for protests.

e. A Referee's misapplication of the Laws of the Game may be a valid basis for a protest.

f. Although a protest may not be entertained by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson due to the lateness of the filing of the protest, the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson 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.

9. 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 the Soccer Complex. 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.

9.1. 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.

9.2. Notices

a. All decisions by the OYSAN State Cup Chairperson 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.

Addendum D:

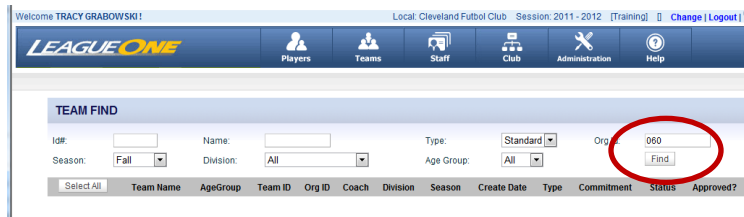
Instructions for Creating & Submitting Your State Cup Roster & Game Report

Please use this method to create your team's:

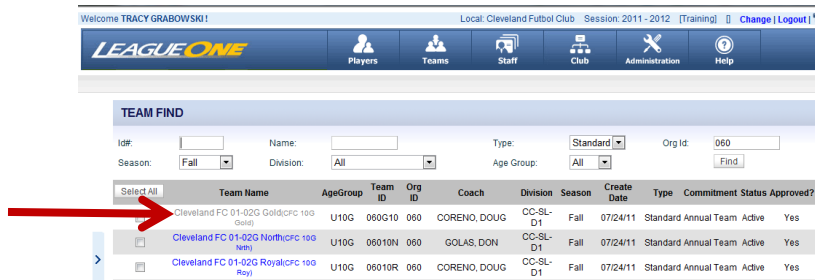
- *PRELIMINARY STATE CUP ROSTER (due April 27, 2012)*
- *OFFICIAL STATE CUP ROSTER (due day of First Match – only if different than the preliminary roster)*
- *OFFICIAL STATE CUP GAME REPORTS (one should be taken to each match and given to the referee)*

First, login to LeagueOne (Club registrars)

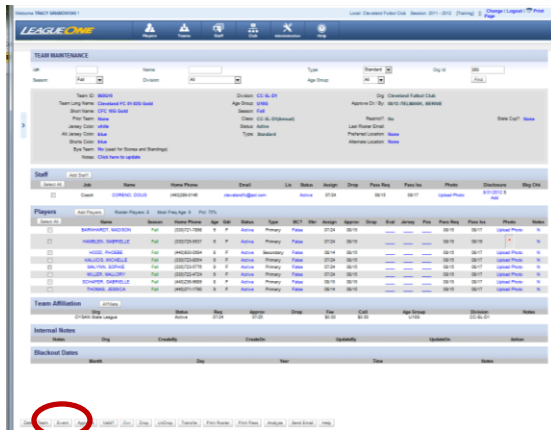
1. Find the TEAM within your club you wish to create the State Cup Roster/Game Report For.
 - a. Click the TEAMS tab on top, then MAINTAIN TEAMS.
 - b. Hit "FIND" tab to locate team



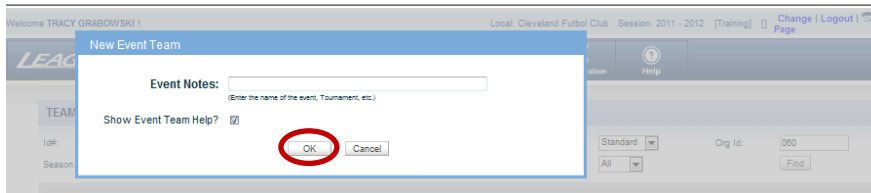
- c. Choose the team you wish to work with by clicking on that team to view the team screen



2. When you arrive on the team screen, you will find your approved LEAGUE ROSTER players staff and contact info. To create your official STATE CUP ROSTER AND GAME CARD, simply hit the EVENT TAB at bottom of page, then HIT OK.



3. In “Event Note”, we suggest you use your original team name, plus the words “STATE CUP”. For example: “Club XYZ, U12G State Cup”) then Hit OK.

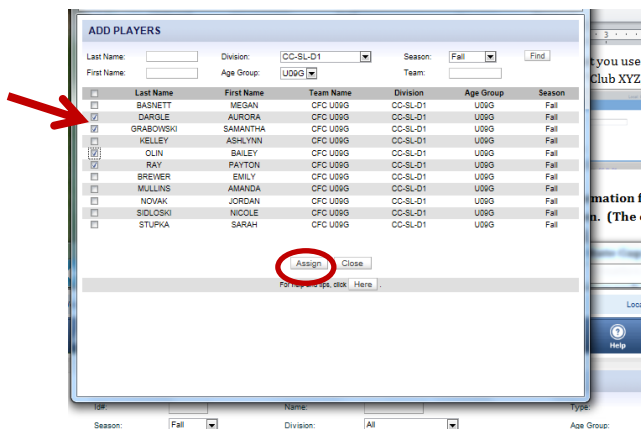


4. You will see the same information from your original LEAGUE ROSTER on your EVENT ROSTER screen. (The event team is exactly the same as your league team at this point.)

a. **To add a player to the State Cup Roster:**

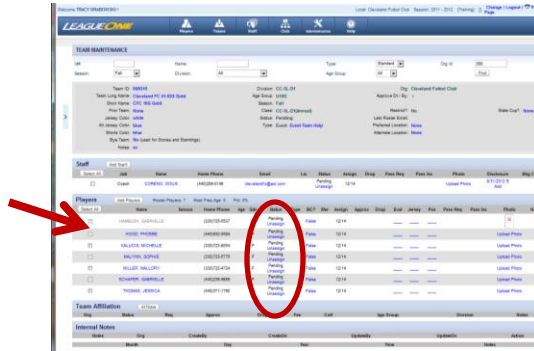
hit the Add Players tab from the area above the player information.

- i. **You will receive a search box in order to find an eligible player from your club.** (You can search by name, player ID, or simply by available players in an age group. To find all available players from your club in a certain age, simply choose the age division and hit “FIND”.)
- ii. **Once you find the player you wish to add, click the box to the left of their name and hit the ASSIGN button.**



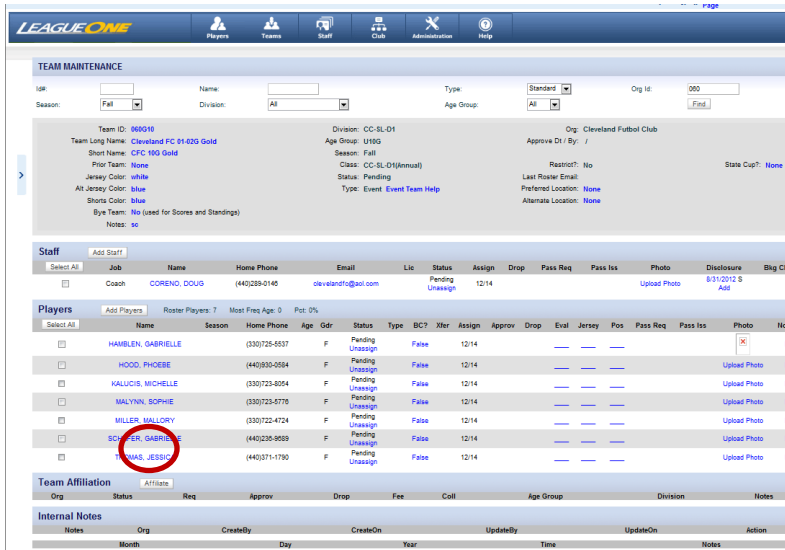
iii. Once you are done adding players, hit the **CLOSE** button to return to the **EVENT TEAM** screen.

b. To delete a player from the State Cup Roster: check the box to the left of the player, and hit “unassign” under status column.



5. **TO SUBMIT YOUR ROSTER to OYSAN:**

Once you are completely done adding/ deleting players (OR, if you wish to use your league roster as-is for the State Cup tournament) **CLICK ON THE AFFILIATE BUTTON** in middle of page.



- Pop up box will ask you to choose your affiliate. Choose to “**affiliate this EVENT TEAM**” with “**OYSAN TOURNAMENTS**”.
- Hit **UPDATE** to submit.
- This officially submits your State Cup Roster to the STATE OFFICE .**

6. **PRINT OUT COPIES OF YOUR ROSTER/GAME REPORT.**

This State Cup Roster also serves as your game report, so make at least one copy of it for each of your State Cup games. To print your roster/game report:

- Hit **APPROVE** button at bottom of page. (This may take a second.)

- b. Hit PRINT button at bottom of page.
- c. Choose the **OFFICIAL STATE CUP ROSTER** printer format from the pop-up screen. A PDF of your roster will appear; Print the roster from the PDF.

7. TO USE AS A GAME REPORT:

On your printed roster/game report, please mark the players in attendance of the game. Remember that for U13-U19 games, only 18 players may dress, and those participating should be indicated on the roster.

- a. Use the check box to the left of a player's name to mark them ACTIVE for the game.
- b. Cross out any INACTIVE players.
- c. Fill in the game number and game date information in the upper right hand corner as well as your opponent.
- d. Deliver to the referee with the active players game passes before each game.
 - i. Winning teams will collect both team's game reports.
 - ii. The home team will collect both game reports in case of tie.
 - iii. Submit to the OYSAN office as instructed in the State Cup Rules.

****Please note: If you are having difficulty in adding players to your team roster from within your own club, please contact the office for assistance. This may be caused by your club participating in a league that does not use a format consistent with LeagueOne, and can be accommodated at the state office.***