



## SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH SOCCER GUIDELINES - HOSTING A TOURNAMENT OR FRIENDLY MATCHES



In order to be eligible to host tournaments or friendly matches, your club must be in "good standing" with SC Youth Soccer. Clubs are considered in "good standing" if all of its players have been properly registered with SC Youth Soccer and they are not subject to any disciplinary sanctions, prohibiting hosting imposed by US Youth Soccer or SC Youth Soccer.

**PROCEDURES FOR HOSTING NORTH AMERICAN TEAMS:** No later than (90) days in advance of the proposed date(s) of the tournament or friendly matches you are requesting permission to host, submit to SC Youth Soccer for approval: (These forms can be found on SCYSA.ORG under forms)

- a. A completed *Application to Host a Tournament or Friendly Matches* \*
- b. A completed *Tournament Hosting Agreement* with the appropriate supporting data, signed by the President of the Host Organization, and by the Tournament Director.
- c. A copy of the *Rules for the Tournament or Friendly Matches*.
- d. A Tournament is defined as "five teams or more" where fees are charged or money is collected by the hosting organization
- e. Friendly Matches are games with no fees charged, monies collected or awards given. For up to five teams the fee is \$20.00; more than 5 through 50 teams the fee is \$75.00 (Send check with application)
- f. Six-A-Side, 3 v 3 and Indoor Tournament fees are a flat \$250.00. (Send check with application)

### **Restricted and Unrestricted Tournaments in South Carolina**

A tournament sanctioned by SC Youth Soccer may declare itself to be "Restricted" open only to teams from a single USSF Organizational member or a subset thereof or "Unrestricted" open to teams from all USSF affiliated participants. If a tournament desires to be "Restricted", but SC Youth Soccer is not a member of that single USSF Organizational Member, or if the tournament desires to be "Unrestricted", the tournament must purchase and provide evidence of a One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) CSL comprehensive general liability policy including coverage for participant/spectator medical payments. In lieu of medical payments, a sport accident policy with a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000) limit of liability per injury is acceptable. SC Youth Soccer and the hosting Member Association will be listed as an additional insured and a hold harmless and indemnification agreement in favor of SC Youth Soccer must be executed. Before SC Youth Soccer will sanction any tournament required to provide the above described insurance, the insurance policy(ies) must be approved by SC Youth Soccer. See Rules of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Definition 35 regarding unaffiliated play.

\*The approved permission to host shall be sent with the application of the tournament to all teams.

**POST TOURNAMENT REPORT AND FEES:** Post tournament reports (also found on the SCYSA.ORG web site under forms) are due the Cups and Games Director within 30 days after the tournament. **NO PRE TOURNAMENT BOND CHECKS ARE REQUIRED.**

### **Fees:**

Reports received within 30 days \$250 + \$10 per team that played in the tournament.

Reports received within 31 to 60 days \$350 + \$10 per team that played in the tournament.

Reports received 61 days and after \$500 + \$10 per team that played in the tournament.

Example: Reports received within 30 days with 120 teams. \$250 fee + (120 X \$10 = \$1,200) = \$1,450

Reports received more than 30 but less than 61 days with 120 teams. \$350 fee + (120 X \$10 = \$1,200) = \$1,550

Reports received more than 60 days with 120 teams. \$500 fee + (120 X \$10 = \$1,200) = \$1,700

All fees will be sent with the post tournament report direct to the Cups and Games Director with all checks made payable to SC Youth Soccer. **No bond checks will be required before the tournament.**

**ALCOHOL POLICY:** It is the policy of SC Youth Soccer and US Youth Soccer that no alcohol be sold at or brought to US Youth Soccer games. It is the responsibility of the organizers of US Youth Soccer events to ensure that this policy is strictly adhered to. This includes local, state and private tournaments. Future tournament approvals will not be granted where this policy is violated.

**TOURNAMENT RULES- BEHAVIOR** We agree that our tournament rules contain provisions ensuring that the **behavior** of teams, players, coaches and spectators is appropriately controlled including specific provisions:

- a. Which spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuance of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
- b. Which indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals;
- c. Which indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by host organizations shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament;
- d. Which state the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the **conduct** of a team, its players, coaches or supporters will be recorded by the host organization and also reported immediately to the home state association and the home club/league, except that all matters involving referee assault (or abuse) shall, in accordance with USSF Rule 3042, be referred immediately to the host state association; and
- e. Which state that the home state association and the home club/league shall, except in the **case of referee** assault, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional sanctions within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the tournament.

**TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION** We agree that our tournament rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to participating teams if all or a portion of the tournament is cancelled by the host organization for any reason.

**POST TOURNAMENT REPORT** We agree that we shall file a Tournament Report with South Carolina Youth Soccer, within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the tournament. The form required can be found on the SCYSA.ORG web site under tournaments or forms.

**Note:** Any incident of referee assault or abuse by a player, coach, manager, club official, game official or parent, or other incidents of a serious nature, must be reported to the alleged offender's club or league and home state association, affiliate, or other organization member immediately, but in no event later than 48 hours after an incident of referee assault or abuse.

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