

 **2012 DIRECTOR'S CUP - WESTERN DISTRICT**
Registration and Final Roster Requirements

Entry Fee - \$400

Entry Deadline – 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2012

NOTE: All entries must be submitted through the Affinity program.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS!

Director's Cup is a restricted entry competition that is strongly recommended for Under-11 through Under-19 boys and girls Division 2 and lower level Super 2 teams. Lower level Super 2 is defined as teams finishing in the lower 50% of the standings of the Super II league in which the team played in Fall 2011. All Western District Super 2 teams that did not participate in the 2011 Western District Fall Championships will be relegated to Director's Cup regardless of how they finished in the Fall 2011 standings. Under-11 and Under-12 teams will play 8v8. Under-18 and Under-19 will play in a combined age group. .

Director's Cup will be played in a tournament format that includes all eligible teams that enter the competition. The home team will secure the field and referees for scheduling on the approved play dates scheduled. The home team is responsible for all costs associated with scheduling home games. Western District Director's Cup play starts Saturday **March 24, 2012.**

EL PASO: In accordance with state rules, El Paso receives a bye into the State Tournament competitions. Teams from either of the two El Paso area associations interested in participating must register prior to the entry deadline and pay the designated entry fee. If multiple teams enter in a single age group within either association or teams enter from both associations, the South Texas Competition Administrator will schedule the necessary games along with the referees. Games will be played the weekend of May 5-6, 2012 to identify the one team to represent El Paso at the State Tournament in each age group.

CLUB PASSES: Club Passes can **NOT** be used during Director's Cup play. Only those players officially rostered to the team by the roster freeze date are eligible to participate.

IF A TEAM WISHES TO CHALLENGE INTO A HIGHER LEVEL CUP COMPETITION:

A team wishing to "challenge" into a higher level Cup competition must indicate their desire to challenge at the time they enter and pay the entry fee for the lower level Cup competition into which they anticipate qualifying. Any team challenging into a higher level competition will be assessed a "challenge" fee in the amount of \$100 plus a \$200 per game fee for a minimum of two games (challenge cost = \$500). Payment of the challenge fee must be included with the entry fee. Failure to pay the challenge fee by the stated deadline will result in the challenge being disallowed.

Multiple teams challenge the lowest seeded team

If multiple teams challenge into an age group, seeding of the challenging teams will be based on the final Fall standings in their respective District leagues. The challenge games will be determined based on the following format.

If two (2) teams challenge to compete for the challenge slot against the lowest seeded Cup team, a single match will be played between the two challenging teams. The winner of that match would then compete in a two game challenge against the lowest seeded Cup team.

If three (3) teams challenge to compete for the challenge slot against the lowest seeded Cup team, the lowest challenge bracketed team (#3) will play against the second lowest challenge bracketed team (#2); the winner of that match would then play the highest challenge bracketed team (#1). The winner of that match would then compete in a two game challenge match against the lowest seeded Cup team.

If four (4) teams challenge to compete for the challenge slot against the lowest seeded Cup team, the teams would be seeded within a bracket and a seeding schedule would be built. For example, if four teams entered as challengers, bracket seeded team #1 plays #4 and team #2 plays #3. Losing teams will be eliminated. The two undefeated teams will play a final game to decide the challenge bracket winner who would then compete in a two game Challenge match against the lowest seeded Cup team.

In the event the number of teams challenging is greater than 4 and not a multiple of 4 (5, 6,7, 9, 10, 11 teams), the teams will be seeded in order to play down to brackets that are a multiple of 3 or 4.

For example: if 5 teams challenge, then the team bracketed as #5 will play the team bracketed as #4 and then the 4 team challenge format above will be implemented.

If 6 teams challenge, the format will be 1 v 6, 2 v 5, and 3 v 4 and then the 3 team challenge format above will be implemented.

A game played between challenging teams cannot end in a tie – there must be a winner. Games tied at the end of regulation play will be determined by STYSA Rule 5.8.1.b. As losing teams are eliminated, no refunds will be issued. Should there be more than two challenge games, the challenging teams will be responsible for any additional game fees.

In Challenge matches against the lowest seeded Cup team:

Using a 3-1-0 point system, the challenging team must acquire 4 points in order to win the challenge. If the seeded team wins the first game, a second game will not be required as the challenging team cannot achieve a 4 point advantage over the seeded team. If the challenging team wins or ties the first game, a second game is required. If the challenging team is successful and the team is seeded into a higher competition, the team is responsible for paying the difference in the entry fee between the Cup entered and the Cup for which they qualified.

PLAYING SITES: All games will be played at designated sites identified by South Texas Youth Soccer. Designated sites in various communities will limit the distance teams must travel. The team identified as the “home” team will be responsible for the field usage and referee fees at the designated site. Designated site locations are currently being determined and will be announced prior to the start of play.

ADVANCEMENT: The qualification process within each District will identify the first and second place teams in each age group. The two teams from each District and one El Paso team (if entered in the competition) will advance to the Director’s Cup State Tournament on May 12-13, 2012.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: There are three payment options available to teams entering the Cup competition – credit card, electronic check or personal check.

- Credit Card Payment - there will be a 2.7 percent processing fee charge added to the total credit card charge. This processing fee is not paid to the State or District but is a non-refundable standard fee charged when paying by credit card.
- Electronic checks - there will be a flat fee of \$5 for electronic checks. As with credit cards, the processing fee is not paid to the State or District but is a non-refundable service charge.
- Check – make check payable to **STYSA** and mail along with the payment coupon to the address below. In order to properly credit the payment, it is extremely important that you include the payment coupon or the name, age group and gender of the team for which payment is being made.

South Texas Youth Soccer Association – 15209 Hwy 290 East – Manor, TX 78653

REMEMBER: Checks must be received in the State Office ON OR BEFORE the entry deadline stated above.

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:

Your credit card will **NOT** be charged at the time you enter the competition. After verifying that the team is eligible for the competition, an administrator will designate that the credit card is to be charged. The administrator will not have access to the credit card information; they will only have the ability to approve the team so that the card can be charged.

IF PAYING BY ELECTRONIC CHECK:

Funds for payment by electronic check will be deducted from your account upon authorization by your bank.

TO ENTER THE WESTERN DISTRICT DIRECTOR’S CUP COMPETITION:

- ◆ Go to <http://stx.affinitysoccer.com> and log in with your username and password.
- ◆ If you do not have a user name or password, contact your Club Registrar who can assign you one.
- ◆ Only individuals designated as a coach or manager on the team roster are eligible to register the team.
- ◆ On the “**My Account**” page, scroll down to the Teams Section. If account information does not appear on the page, click on the “My Account” button in the upper left corner of the page to open the file.

- ◆ Click on the word **"Tournament"** next to the team name / id# and season (Spring 2012) of the team you wish to register for the competition.
- ◆ On the next screen, click on the "Select a Tournament" to see a dropdown list of available tournaments.
- ◆ **Select 2012 Director's Cup-Western District and click the register button.** This will allow your registration roster with players and administrators to automatically pull into the tournament application saving you time and assuring your team roster is linked to the competition.
- ◆ Click on the **Review tab** to complete your application into the competition. Click on **"Submit Application"** Failure to submit the application and designate the payment method will result in your application not being date stamped and the possible disqualification of the team for not having registered by the designated entry deadline.
- ◆ **If your team is submitting a challenge into a higher level competition, please be sure that the "challenge fee" box is checked so that the fee is added to your invoice. If you are NOT challenging, be sure the box is unchecked so that you are only charged the entry fee.**
- ◆ Indicate the method of payment and click the **"Submit for Payment"** button. You may pay by credit card, electronic check or check. If paying by check, you will need to enter a check number. If your check number is not available, enter the number "1" – this information will be updated when your check is received.
- ◆ After completing the payment process, **IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER print the Payment Coupon and mail** to the address indicated above. **REMEMBER:** the check must be received prior to the entry deadline so don't wait until February 1st to register if you plan to pay by check.

FINAL ROSTER DEADLINES / RELATED INFORMATION



REMINDER: FINAL PAPERWORK / ROSTER FREEZE DATES

Rosters will freeze at 11:59 pm March 14, 2012 for U11 through U19 teams

HOW TO MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR ROSTER

All changes to rosters of teams entered in the Director's Cup competition must be processed in the Affinity system prior to the final roster deadline indicated above. It is the responsibility of the team to provide the required documentation for changes to the Association Registrar, allowing sufficient time for the registrar to process the change in the registration system. All signed transfer and release forms **MUST** be forwarded to the State Office within 48 hours of the roster freeze deadline. Please mail or deliver all final paperwork to:

STYSA STATE OFFICE - 15209 Hwy 290 East - Manor, TX 78653

REMEMBER: All teams must have a roster consistency between the Fall 2011 and 2012 Director's Cup rosters.

- U11 through U12 teams – maximum roster is 14 players - 7 of the same players must appear on both rosters
- U13 through U15 teams – maximum roster is 18 players - 9 of the same players must appear on both rosters
- U16 through U19 teams – maximum roster is 22 players - 9 of the same players must appear on both rosters
- U11 and U12 teams may have no more than 3 transfers onto the team for the seasonal year.
- U13 and older teams may have no more than 5 transfers onto the team for the seasonal year.
- There is no limit to the number of new players that can be added to a roster as long as the team retains the roster consistency identified above.
- Any player rostered to the team in the Fall who is not returning is required to submit a signed Release form prior to being removed from the team.

Roster Changes:

Transfer – Any player who was rostered to another team for the fall season must complete the STYSA Transfer/Release form in order to move to a different team. The Transfer form must include the following:

- ✓ Player's name (as it appears on the roster), address, ID number, date of birth, and signature of the player/parent
- ✓ Name/team number of the team the player is leaving
- ✓ The name/team number of the team the player is joining

New Player – A "new player" is one who has not played with any STYSA or US Youth Soccer league or association during the current seasonal year. The team manager or coach is responsible for the following:

- ✓ Registering the player with the local club or association in the Affinity registration program.
- ✓ Paying any required registration fees to the **local club or association**. (The association will pay fees for the player when submitting their entire Spring registration information to STYSA)

Release – Any player who was rostered to the team in the fall remains rostered to the team for spring. A player must request in writing (signed by the parent), a release from the team prior to being removed from the roster. Coaches or managers may not release a player involuntarily unless they meet the criteria stated in the rules. For any player to be released under the involuntary rules, documentation must be provided with the release that verifies the situation meets the requirements. **Any player for whom a form is not submitted will remain on the roster for the spring competition.** Not registering for the spring season is not a valid reason for removing a player from the roster.

Any roster change made in the Affinity system after the stated deadline will result in the player being ineligible to participate with the team in the Cup competition. Game cards used by teams in the competition will be compiled from the team's roster as of the final roster deadline.

STATE COMPETITION DATE

Director's Cup State

Date: May 12-13, 2012

Host: Eastern District

Site: Meyer Park

7700 Cypresswood Dr

Spring 77379