

 **2010 US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STATE CUP  
WESTERN DISTRICT  
Registration and Final Roster Requirements**

**Entry Fee - \$450**

**Entry Deadline – 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2010**

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

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS!**

USYSNC Cup is an open entry competition but is strongly recommended for Premier League, State Classic League and upper Division I teams. The competition is open to U11 through U19 boys and girls teams that participated in the Fall 2009 season. Teams will be seeded into the USYSNC Cup based on league play with a maximum of eight (8) teams per age group and will play a full round-robin during the Spring season. The top two (2) teams from each age group will advance to the State Cup Tournament along with one team from El Paso, if entered in the competition prior to the entry deadline. Western District USYSNC play starts Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> for U11 through U14 age groups and April 10-11 for U15 through U19 age groups.

**NOTE:** U11 and U12 will play 8v8 ONLY. In the event that teams from one District or the other are not entered in an age group, there will not be a State level competition offered for that age group.

**U11 THROUGH U14 CHALLENGE:** A U11, U12, U13 or U14 team wishing to “challenge” into National Cup will need to submit the required “National Cup Challenge Application” along with a \$500 fee payable to Western District no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Challenge Application form is available on the Western District website. Challenge games for Under-11 through Under-14 will be played January 23-24<sup>th</sup> at a site to be determined. The cost will be \$180 per game. Game fees will be deducted from the \$500 challenge fee and any balance will be applied to the team’s Cup application fee. Teams winning their challenge will then be responsible for submitting the required entry into the USYNSC competition and paying any remaining balance no later than the February 1 deadline.

**U15 THROUGH U19 CHALLENGE:** A U15, U16, U17, U18 or U19 team wishing to “challenge” into National Cup will need to register for both competitions – the one they are entering and the one into which the team is challenging. Challenge games will be played in March at a date and location to be determined. The cost for a challenge game will be \$180 per game. If the team wins the challenge, the game fees will be deducted from the lower Cup fee and the balance refunded.

Challenge matches apply ONLY to teams playing in the WDDOA bracket. Teams from Rio Valley and El Paso do not have to challenge into the competition. Rio Valley and El Paso teams interested in participating in the competition must submit an entry prior to the stated deadline. Bracket playoffs will be held between WDDOA and Rio Valley teams to determine which teams advance to the State Cup competition to be held Memorial Day weekend. If multiple teams from El Paso enter the competition, games will be scheduled in El Paso to determine the team that will advance to the State Cup weekend.

Note: Entry fees into the USYSNC competition for Western District do not include any field usage or referee fees from games to be played during the “qualifying” season (February/April through early May). Each club or team is responsible for such fees.

**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 charged 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 \$2 for \$150 or less, \$3 for \$150 to \$500, and \$5 for checks of \$501 or more. Again, 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 to the address shown below

**IF PAYING BY CHECK, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**South Texas Youth Soccer Assn (or STYSA)**

**Mail the check along with Payment Coupon to:**

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

### IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:

Your credit card will not be charged at the time of entry. 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:

Your account will be charged immediately upon submitting the application for payment.

## TO ENTER THE WESTERN DISTRICT USYSNC 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
- ◆ Click on the word "Tournament" next to the team name / id# and season (Spring 10) 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 **2010 USYSNC** 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 accuracy.
- ◆ The system will then take you to the **Team Info** page. Designate the "**Playing Age Group**" you are entering. A team's entry fee will be determined by the playing age group/flight choice. Example: If you are registering a BU16 team and play in Western District, you would select BU16 Western as your Playing Age Group.
- ◆ Click on the **Review** tab to complete your application into the competition. Click on "**SUBMIT APPLICATION.**" **NOTE:** Failure to click on "Submit Application" and designate the payment method will result in your application not being date stamped which could result in the disqualification of the team for not having registered by the designated entry deadline.
- ◆ 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 clicking "Submit for Payment" **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 1<sup>st</sup> to register if you plan to pay by check.

## PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION



### REMINDER: FINAL PAPERWORK / ROSTER FREEZE DATES

- Rosters will be frozen at 11:59 p.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup> for U11 through U14 age groups
- Rosters will be frozen at 11:59 p.m. on March 28<sup>th</sup> for U15 through U18 age groups.
- Rosters for U19 teams will be frozen 14 days prior to start of play for the age group.

### HOW TO MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR ROSTER

All changes to the rosters of teams entered in the 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 within sufficient time to process the change and to forward those completed documents to the State Office prior to the roster deadline. All documents related to a team should be sent in one package clearly marked with the age group and competition. Failure to forward the paperwork because of confusion as to who was responsible for accomplishing the task is not a valid reason. We are aware that most coaches wait until the last couple of days to submit changes; therefore, paperwork should be mailed as soon as possible after it has been processed by the registrar. Please mail or deliver all final paperwork and transfer fees to:

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

**REMEMBER: All teams must have a roster consistency between the fall and USYSNC competition roster.**

- **U11 through U12 teams – maximum roster is 14 players – 7 players must appear on both rosters.**
- **U13 through U15 teams – maximum roster is 18 players - 9 players must appear on both rosters.**
- **U16 through U19 teams – maximum roster is 22 players - 11 players must appear on both rosters.**
- **A team may have no more than 5 transfers onto the team at the time the roster is declared for USYSNC play**
- **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 change documents include:

**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. A check payable to STYSA for \$10 should accompany any transfer form being submitted for a player moving onto a 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 and 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 & REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

The qualification process within each District will identify the first and second place teams in each age group to advance directly to the USYSNC State Championship. El Paso, if entered, is eligible to send one team in each age group.

### **USYSNC State Cup**

Date: May 29-31, 2010

Host: Eastern District

Site: Lindsey Lyons – Humble, TX

### **Region III USYSNC Southern Regionals**

Date: June 17-23, 2010

Host: Louisiana Youth Soccer Association

Site: Baton Rouge, LA

Ages: U14 through U19 State Champions (1<sup>st</sup> place)

### **US Youth Soccer National Championship**

Date: July 20-25, 2010

Host: US Youth Soccer

Site: Overland Park, Kansas

Ages: U14 through U19 Regional Champions (1<sup>st</sup> place)