



League Independent Team Sanctioning for Missouri State Cups

Missouri Youth Soccer recognizes that some teams may not have the ability to qualify for Missouri State Cups through the traditional sanctioned league method due to geographic or league scheduling challenges. With the cooperation and input of the National Championship Series, the following method of sanctioning may be used provided that written permission is granted to each individual team requesting use of this method by MO Youth Soccer PRIOR to the beginning of the Cup Qualifying Games.

The following format must be followed by the team for the games to count as Missouri Cup Sanctioned Games:

TEAMS INFORMATION: When requesting game sanctioning the team must provide/certify the following information.

Participating Team Information for all teams (Team Name, Age, Coach Contact, Team ID#, Club, State)

- a. Teams participating may be a MAXIMUM of one seasonal year older or younger
(all teams must be between the **ages of 13U to 19U**)
- b. All teams must be USYS registered and submit an official state roster at each game
- c. All participating players and coaches must have cards checked by referee prior to start of game
- d. Use of guest players is not allowed only players on the State Roster may be utilized

A team must complete and submit full documentation of four (4) completed games before the required dates noted below. Of those four games, only one may be from a team from within the same club and, all must be against teams competitively carded by Missouri Youth Soccer or another US Youth Soccer State Association.

GAME-DAY RULES: All game-day rules pertaining to requirements such as game length, field size, goal size, officiating, etc. shall be from the current year Missouri State Cup Rules posted on the MYSA website.

Website Link: <https://www.missourisoccer.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2382457>

GAME OFFICIALS: All game officials shall be scheduled and provided by the same Referee Assignors as noted on the MYSA website that are used for the **MIDWEST CONFERENCE**. Pay rate of referees shall be the same as Midwest Conference and game officials are paid in cash prior to the start of the game. Failure to provide pay to a referee shall cause a forfeit (no-contest) for that team and may additionally cause that team to not qualify for Missouri Cups.

Referee Assignor Listing: <https://www.missourisoccer.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2097766>

All matches must use a three person FIFA/USSF Referee System. Once a request for game officials has been received and fulfilled by the referee assignor the match is considered scheduled for all teams participating. Failure to appear or failure to timely appear for a scheduled match will result in a no-contest in which the game does not count toward sanctioning. A team must be present and ready to play within 10 minutes of scheduled match time. In all cases the team that is requesting Missouri State Cup qualification shall be responsible for paying the referees.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS: The head coach for each team along with the referee for the match shall all sign the game report verifying the validity of the document. A picture of the game report and both official rosters should be kept by the head coach of the team seeking sanctioning. The referee of the match must submit the game report along with copies of both official rosters within 24 hours of the match to the Mo State Office. These may be e-mailed to the office at office@moyouthsoccer.org.

Official Mo State Referee Report: <https://bit.ly/30A6Tfh>

COMPLETION OF GAMES AND GAMES QUALIFIED: All games that are to be considered for sanctioning must be completed no later than the final day of all Qualifying Games as noted on the Cup webpage. A game cannot be considered both a sanctioning game and a qualifying game, they must be played separately to be considered.