



USASA National Cups – Region I

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USASA Region I Web Site: <http://usadultsoccer1.wix.com/region1>

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Match Procedures

1. The dates for each competition will be set by the Regional Cup Commissioner.
2. The start time for matches will be between 1:00 to 4:00 unless agreed otherwise by both teams (in writing) and approved by the Regional Cup Commissioner.
3. The designated home team must provide the name, address and direction of the field 14 days prior to the scheduled match. If the information is not provided, the Regional Cup Commissioner may grant the designated visiting team the option to host the match and be designated as the home team.
4. In the event a field is closed for the scheduled date & time, the home team must have an alternate field for the scheduled date. In event the match is not played on the scheduled date, the Cup Commissioner may grant the designated visiting team as home team for the rescheduled game.
5. The Region will take care of payment of the fees for the game officials. The referee will receive \$150 and each assistant referee will receive \$50.
6. Each team will report the result of the match no later than 9:00 pm of the date of the match. Send the result by email to newworld@aol.com & USASAFalcone@msn.com.

Player Pools

1. The Player Pool Form must be filled out completely, typed, signed by a team official and verified by the appropriate Organization Member of which the team is registered
2. The Player Pool Form, listing not more than 22 players, must be submitted to the Regional Cup Commissioner no later than 15 days prior to the match for each round. If an updated pool form is not submitted, the last submitted pool form will be used. Mail the player pool form to newworld@aol.com.
3. Seven days prior to a scheduled match, teams must provide a copy of the player pool to their opponents.
4. The Player Pool Form can be downloaded from the USASA or USASA Region I web sites.

Player Eligibility

1. Each player must meet the age criteria of the competition and be properly registered with that team at least ten days prior to any game.
2. International Clearance must be obtained prior to playing in the US Open Cup. For all other competitions, a player is provisionally assumed to be an "eligible player" as long as an International Clearance request has been submitted to US Soccer. If International Clearance is denied, that player is ruled ineligible and the game in question shall be decided in accordance with the rules of the competition.
3. Players competing in the Men's Amateur Cup must have amateur status. For all other competitions, players of professional status are permitted to participate but must be properly registered as a professional player with US Soccer.

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4. For the US Over-30 Cup, players under the age of 30 may be listed in the player pool but may not participate in any game of that competition until the player has attained the age of 30.
5. A player may only play for one team in a given competition.
6. Players under suspension are not eligible to participate until the suspension has been served.
7. Each player shall present to the referee, prior to entering a match, a laminated or otherwise tamper-resistant, USASA-approved identification pass bearing the player's photograph and indicating the player's membership on the team.

Uniforms

1. The home team is responsible to change colors if the referee determines that the colors between the teams are similar. However, if the visiting team is wearing colors other than those submitted on the Official Entry Form, the visiting team shall change.
2. Clearly visible numbers, at least six inches high and sewn, pressed, or silk screened on, must be worn on the back of each player's jersey. Each player on a team must wear a different number.

Technical Area

Teams will be permitted to have no more than four team officials (coaches, assistant coaches and trainers) along with the players listed on the players' pool in the team's technical area.

Playing Rules

In all rounds played in the National Cup competitions, the playing rules are the FIFA Laws of the Game in effect at the time of the deadline of entry, with the following exceptions:

1. The length of the field may not be more than 120 yards nor less than 100 yards, and the width of the field may not be more than 80 yards nor less than 65 yards.
2. Each team will be allowed to select not more than 18 players from its player pool to participate in any particular game. Thirty minutes prior to the start of the game, each team will provide to the referee and the other team, a game roster designating not more than 11 starting players, and not more than 7 players from the player pool list, from which substitutions may be made. The game roster form can be downloaded from the USASA or USASA Region I web sites.
3. In all regional rounds of the Men's Open, Amateur & Over-30 Cup competitions, a maximum of seven substitutions shall be allowed in each game. A player who has been replaced by a substitute may not re-enter the match at any time.

Performance Bond

Each team must post a performance bond in the sum of \$500 to be eligible to play in the regional and national level of the cups. The bond may be retained by the State Association, Regional or National League of which the team qualified to advance to the next round. The bond can only be released with the approval of the Region I National Cups Commissioner.