



State Cup FAQ's

1. All Referee decisions are final. No protests are allowed, except for an ineligible player.
2. The State Youth Commissioner, or their designee, is empowered to make all decisions regarding the competition during the tournament.
3. The decision of the State Youth Commissioner is final in all matters. No appeals are allowed beyond that point.
4. In the event of inclement weather, format for tournament play and/or completion of the tournament, will be determined by the State Youth Commissioner.
5. **In the North Texas State Cup tournament, all scores are turned into the State Cup Field Coordinator/tent by the Coach/Manager of both teams after each game and are verified by the Referee. Referee's verifications are final.**
6. Any team withdrawing from the tournament less than one week from the start of the tournament, or does not complete all required scheduled games, is not allowed to enter any sanctioned tournaments until said team appears before the Youth Commissioner for a hearing explaining their actions. The team will forfeit their entry fee.
7. A team manager or Coach from each team will check in with the State Cup Coordinator before their first game on Saturday to receive their goodie bag and trash bags to clean the stands after each game. Be sure to verify that there are no changes in your schedule for the weekend.
8. **Each team will be responsible for cleaning the sidelines of the soccer field. When you check in on Saturday, you will be given three (3) trash bags to clean the fields after each game, so assign someone with your team to be responsible for the cleaning.**
9. Each team will be responsible for field marshals. The Schedule will be posted on the internet with time your team will need to have a volunteer Check in at the Tournament tent.
10. The teams advancing to the Regionals and Nationals must have an ORIGINAL medical release form for each child at check in at Regionals and Nationals.
11. All teams winning their age group will stay in the hotel specified by North Texas Soccer at Regionals and at Nationals.
12. Schedules will be posted on the Internet only, www.ntxsoccer.org click on the State Cup logo. You will be responsible for getting your schedule off the internet and being on time for games. Changes will be posted so be sure to check daily. Scores will be posted on the Internet as the scores are varied.



TO: ALL STATE CUP COACHES AND MANAGERS

FROM: Evelyn Swissler, NTSSA Youth Commissioner

RE: CONTROL OF TEAMS AND PARENTS

Do to previous incidents of misconduct at State Cup and similar events I am issuing the following memorandum to be adhered to by all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, and or Team Representatives (Team Officials):

1. No parent, relative, or any other spectator, who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team shall enter the field of play before or after the game. (Exception: Individuals may assist in hanging and taking down the nets.)
2. **AFTER** the customary handshaking ceremony of the teams, the Coach or Team Official shall escort his team off the field in an orderly manner. In order to keep the games on time, teams shall not assemble on the field for an after-game talk.
3. The Coach or one of the Team Officials must inform the parents of **NTSSA Rule 3.11.4 - Misconduct of Spectators**
 1. Each team (youth and adult) in NTSSA is responsible for the conduct of its spectators. The referee shall have the authority to caution and/or send off the coach or acting coach from the field for the misconduct of the spectators associated with the team. Therefore, the coach/assistant coach/team manager is expected to control his spectators, especially on non-enclosed fields. If he is unable to do so, Member Associations, Playing Leagues and/or Tournament Officials are directed to take appropriate actions toward the identifiable, unruly spectator, or if unidentifiable, towards the team itself. Member Associations, Playing Leagues, and Tournament Officials shall report spectator misconduct to the State A & D Committee for review and further action if warranted.
 2. Suggested action for misconduct of spectators is:
 - a. Suspend the spectator from attending future matches.
 - b. Report spectator to the local Park & Recreation Department.
 - c. Require team to forfeit any games at which spectator is present on the touchline (cannot keep them off public street or out of parking lot.)
 - d. Require offending team to pay for presence of police at the game.
 - e. Revoke and/or refuse registration to the offending team.
 - f. Cause the spectator to be placed under a municipal "peace bond."