



## General Information April 20-22, 2012

The 2012 MidState Soccer Club Classic Cup is an approved tournament of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association – affiliated with USYSA and USSF.

### AGE GROUPS AND LEVELS OF PLAY

**U8** (August 1, 2003 and younger)

**U9** (August 1, 2002 and younger)

**U10** (August 1, 2001 and younger)

**U11** (August 1, 2000 and younger)

**U12** (August 1, 1999 and younger)

**U13** (August 1, 1998 and younger)

**U14** (August 1, 1997 and younger)

U8-U14 boys and girls flights will be determined once registration closes.

### TEAM PARTICIPATION, REFEREE SYSTEMS AND GUEST PLAYERS

- U8 –U12 teams may have a maximum roster of 14 players.
- U13–U14 teams - maximum of 18 players.
- U8-U9 teams will play 6v6, 1 man referee system.
- U10-U11 teams will play 8v8, 3 man referee system.
- U12 teams will play 9v9, 3 man referee system.
- U13-U14 teams will play 11v11, 3 man referee system.
- All teams must have valid player passes issued by IYSA, USYSA and/or a US Soccer affiliate.
- Prior to competition, teams must present proof of affiliation and permission to travel (out of state teams). Validated, laminated state player passes, as well as parental IYSA medical release forms, are required for all players participating in the tournament.
- Teams are allowed 3 passed coaches on bench. Each coach in the bench area must have a valid US Youth/US Soccer pass and is responsible for his/her team and spectators at each game. Any team not having a passed coach at the beginning of the game will have until the end of halftime to provide a passed coach or the game at hand will be forfeited (see Forfeit section for impact of forfeiting a game).
- A maximum of three guest players is allowed. The coach for the guest player must give permission for participation by his/her signature on the IYSA Guest Player Permit. A Guest Player Permit is not required for an IYSA registered player to play with an IYSA team within the player's club – player's club pass will suffice.

### AWARDS

- Individual Participation Awards will be presented to participants at the U8-U9 age level not placing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. Team and individual awards will be presented to Champions and Runners-up, for U8-U14 age divisions.
- After Championship matches, please have teams report to stage area/registration tent for awards presentation.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

If you wish to participate in the 2012 MidState Soccer Club Classic Cup, please complete an application in its entirety and return it with the entry fee (U8-U9 \$475; U10-U11-U12 \$525; U13-U14 \$550).

- Receive a \$50 Early Registration Discount if registered prior to February 22!
- The application *MUST BE IN THE HANDS* of the Registration Coordinator by March 22, 2012.
- Please make all checks payable to: Decatur Park District.
- Mail applications to:  
MidState Soccer Club Tournament Registration  
Decatur Indoor Sports Center  
1295 W. Wood  
Decatur, IL 62522
  - Post dates will not be accepted.
  - Applications without fee will not be accepted until payment received.
  - E-mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted until payment received.
- Notification of acceptance will be e-mailed and posted on the website no later than March 29.
- Those teams not accepted into the tournament will have their entry fee returned with non-acceptance letter.
- Should a non-accepted team later be granted entry into the tournament, the team will be required to re-submit the entry fee. Any team that withdraws from the tournament after being accepted will forfeit their fee.
- MidState Soccer Club Staff prides itself on fostering an environment that is both fun and competitive for youth soccer. In order for the staff and committee to continue with our standard of excellence, it is imperative that accurate information is provided for all teams wishing to participate.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

- All teams are required to check-in to present player cards, either Friday, April 20 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 21 from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Decatur Outdoor Soccer Complex, 1 Educational Park Drive, Decatur, IL 62526.
- The following documents should be mailed by April 11, 2012:
  - Official State or US Club roster.
  - IYSA Medical Release forms for each player.
  - USYSA Permission to Travel form for teams outside Illinois.
  - State-Approved Guest Players forms. Intra-club Guest Players need only their player pass.
  - Official Tournament Roster. Rosters may be changed up to the point of registration, at which point it is frozen and cannot be altered for the tournament.
  - Form NT for non-IYSA/US Youth Soccer teams (plus proof of insurance).
  - All rostered players must have a current laminated player pass.
  - No player shall be allowed to register for more than one team or switch from one team to another during the course of the tournament.
  - Each team is allowed three (3) guest players. Any player not on the Official League Roster is considered a Guest Player. Guest players registered team coach must give permission for participation by his/her signature on the IYSA Guest Player Permit. A Guest Player Permit is not required for an IYSA registered player to play with an IYSA team within the player's club – player's club pass will suffice.

## GAME DURATION AND PLAY

AGE	BALL SIZE	PRELIMINARY GAMES	SF/FINALS
U8-U9	4	50 minutes	N/A
U10-U12	4	50 minutes	50 minutes
U13-U14	5	60 minutes	60 minutes

## GAME PROCEDURES

- All parents and spectators are required to sit on one side of the field opposite the players.
- Teams are allowed 3 passed coaches on bench. Each coach in the bench area must have a valid US Youth/US Soccer pass and is responsible for his/her team and spectators at each game. Any team not having a passed coach at the beginning of the game will have until the end of halftime to provide a passed coach or the game at hand will be forfeited (see Forfeit section for impact of forfeiting a game).
- In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team changes jerseys.
- Teams must have an alternative set of jerseys.
- In final games, the top bracketed team will be the home team.
- Teams should be prepared to provide a "club linesman" if necessary.
- Off-sides rule will be enforced for ages U10-U14.
- Home team is responsible for providing a game ball.
- Field Marshals will not return player passes after a game if bench area is not clean.

## TOURNAMENT SCORING/TIE BREAKING (Revised)

Games in the preliminary rounds will be scored as follows: Win – 3 Points, Tie – 1 Point, Loss - 0 Point

In the event of a tie in deciding group positions, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

1. Head to head competition
2. Goal Differential (max 4 per game)
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Most goals scored (max 4 per game)
5. Penalty kicks

In the event 3 teams are tied, the tie-breakers will be applied until one team is eliminated. We will then go back to the first tie-breaker and apply the rules again with the two remaining teams in sequence until a winner can be determined, The tournament staff may change the semi-final bracketing of teams, so that two teams that have already played will not have to play again until the final.

## OVERTIME PERIODS

During group competition, no overtime will be played. In the event of a tie in semi-final, third place and championship games, the following will occur:

- Teams will play two 5 minute overtime periods using Golden Goal format.
- If still tied after overtime periods, teams will designate five players to take alternate penalty kicks: the best of five is the winner. Only those players on the field of play at the end of the second overtime period are eligible to take penalty kicks.
- If teams are still tied after 5 kicks, the remaining players will take alternate penalty kicks in sudden death fashion to determine a winner.

## EQUIPMENT

- In accordance with the IYSA, Rule 007, which endorses FIFA Law 4, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player." Therefore, no prescriptions glasses are permitted, only sports goggles.
- Casts are permitted with proper padding.
- No jewelry may be worn by any player (earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.). Tape over jewelry will NOT be allowed. (Revised)
- Shin guards must be worn by all players at all times.
- All players must have an individual number on their jersey, no duplicate numbers.
- In case of a jersey color conflict, the designated home team will change.
- All players' equipment is subject to referee approval.

## FORFEITS

- Five players constitute a team for U8-U12, seven players for U13-U14. Games will commence on time if the minimum numbers of players are present. A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within five minutes of the scheduled start time.
- In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded a 4-0 win.
- Any team that forfeits a game may not advance to the semi-final or final round.

## SUBSTITUTIONS

- U8-U14, substitutions shall be unlimited, but made only at the following times:
  - Goal Kick – both teams.
  - After a goal – both teams.
  - Half time – both teams.
  - At the beginning of an overtime period – both teams.
  - Throw – in, both teams may sub if the team in possession of the throw is subbing.
  - After a yellow card, for carded player only.
  - An injured player may be substituted for at the discretion of referee. If a substitution is made for the injured player, the opposing team may also make a "one-for-one" substitution.

## PROTESTS

- All referee decisions are final. No protests will be heard on any judgment calls by the referee.
- All protests must be written to the tournament committee within one hour after completion of the game, along with a check for \$100. If the protest is not upheld, the protest fee will not be refunded.

## EJECTIONS

- A player, who receives a red card, will receive a minimum of a one game suspension. The tournament committee can increase that suspension if warranted.
- The throwing of a punch is an automatic removal from the tournament.
- A coach who receives a red card will receive a minimum of a one game suspension plus possible intervention by the tournament committee and their state association.
- No substitution can be made for a disqualified player for that game.

## DISCLAIMER

The tournament committee reserves the right to:

1. Reschedule, relocate, or terminate games due to weather conditions. If half of the game has been played before termination for weather conditions or tournament director decision, the game stands as a completed match and is scored accordingly. NOTE: the referee or Tournament Director may suspend a game without necessarily being terminated.
2. Reduce by up to half, the duration of the game.
3. Cancel a preliminary game that has no bearing in deciding the group winner.
4. Decide the final tournament standings, trophy winners.
5. Move penalty kicks to another field or area in order not to hold up other games.

The tournament director has the right to change any of these rules or make a decision that would be in the best interest of the participants. Neither the Tournament Committee nor the MSC are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event games are discontinued or cancelled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions. If the tournament is cancelled prior to its start due to an "act of nature" as determined by the IYSA, the tournament will refund the team entry fee with the option of retaining up to 20% to cover expenses. The tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament, and the judgment is final. Please remember that the Classic Cup is dedicated to the development of all the young men and women participating in the tournament and fostering good sportsmanship. The Tournament Director may suspend, without recourse or appeal, any players, coaches, or spectators who demonstrate anything less.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Early Registration Discount – Application due by February 22!
- Application deadline March 22, 2012
- Accepted Teams posted on website March 29, 2012
- Preliminary schedules posted on website April 8, 2012
- Due Date for Additional Tournament Paperwork April 11, 2012
- Final schedules posted on website April 15, 2012
- Tournament Registration April 20, 2012 & April 21, 2012