



Rules/General Information May 12-14, 2017

The 2017 MidState Soccer Club Cup is an approved tournament of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association – affiliated with USYSA and USSF.

AGE GROUPS AND LEVELS OF PLAY

U8 (2009 and younger)	U9 (2008 and younger)
U10 (2007 and younger)	U11 (2006 and younger)
U12 (2005 and younger)	U13 (2004 and younger)
U14 (2003 and younger)	U15 (2002 and younger)
U16 (2001 and younger)	U17 (2000 and younger)
U18 (1999 and younger)	U19 (1998 and younger)

U8-U19 boys and girls flights will be determined once registration closes.

TEAM PARTICIPATION, REFEREE SYSTEMS AND GUEST PLAYERS

- U8 teams may have a maximum roster of 8 players, 1 guest player allowed
 - U9-U10 teams may have a maximum roster of 14 players, 3 guest players allowed
 - U11-U12 teams - maximum of 16 players, 3 guest players allowed
 - U12 teams playing 11v11- maximum of 18 players, 4 guest players allowed
 - U13-U19 teams- maximum of 18 players. (U13-U14 may allow 4 guest players) (U15-U19 may have 22 players on roster, but only 18 can dress for any game and can have 5 guest players).
 - U8 teams will play 4v4, 1 man referee system.
 - U9-U10 teams will play 7v7, 3 man referee system.
 - U11-U12 teams will play 9v9, 3 man referee system
 - U13-U19 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 four guest players is allowed. (5 allowed for u15-u19). 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. **Note: Guest players may only guest play for the same organizational member (example: IYSA/US Youth Soccer player with IYSA/US Youth Soccer Team or US Club player with US Club Team.**
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- ***Midstate Cup 2017 is adhering to and implementing US Soccer's player safety campaign***

AWARDS

- Individual Participation Awards will be presented to participants at the U8 age level. Team and individual awards will be presented to Champions and Runners-up, for U9-U19 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 2017 MidState Soccer Club Cup, please complete the Got Soccer application in its entirety and return entry fee (U8 \$300; U9-U10 \$575; U11-U12 \$600; U13-U14 \$625; U15-U19 \$650).

- Receive a \$25 Early Registration Discount if registered prior to March 10th!
- The Got Soccer registration application *MUST BE* completed by April 15th!
- Clubs with 5 or more teams registered receive a \$25 discount per team!
- Please make all checks payable to: **Decatur Park District.**
- Mail checks to:
MidState Soccer Club Tournament Registration
Decatur Indoor Sports Center
1295 W. Wood
Decatur, IL 62522
 - **Applications without fee will not be accepted until payment received.**
- Notification of acceptance will be e-mailed and posted on the website no later than April 19th.
- 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, May 12th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. or Saturday, May 13th from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Decatur Outdoor Soccer Complex, 1 Educational Park Drive, Decatur, IL 62526. High School boys teams may check in at Millikin University Saturday May 13th, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. OR The main site
- The following documents should be uploaded to Got Soccer by April 24th, 2017:
 - Official State or US Club roster.
 - 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).
 - 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 (4) (5) 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.

DO NOT MAIL or Upload BUT MUST HAVE WITH YOU DURING TOURNAMENT:

- IYSA Medical Release forms for each player (all out of state teams MUST submit)
- IYSA Concussion and Background Check Certificate
- All rostered players must have a current laminated player pass.

GAME DURATION AND PLAY

DIVISION	BALL SIZE	PRELIMINARY GAMES	SF/FINALS
U8	4	40 minutes	N/A
U9-U10	4	50 minutes	50 minutes
U11-U12	4	50 minutes	50 minutes
U13-U14	5	60 minutes	60 minutes
U15-U19	5	70 minutes	70 minutes

GAME PROCEDURES

- All parents and spectators are required to sit on one side of the field opposite the players.
- Home team takes north/west bench and takes kick-off.
- Winning coach is responsible (home coach if a tie) to return signed score card to field marshal station.
- Home Team is listed first on schedule.
- 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 U9-U19. No offside at U8.
- 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

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

- Three players constitute a team for U8. Five players for U9-U10, seven players for U11-U19. 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- Substitutions shall be unlimited & made on the fly at reasonable times in accordance with good sportsmanship
- U9-U19, 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.

U8 DIVISION

- Playing time should be shared between all players to maximize player engagement
- 4 quarters of 10 minutes with breaks.
- Substitutions are unlimited & can occur at any time.
- Kick ins are acceptable
- Players cannot enter goal box areas. If a player enters goal box area, a penalty kick (with no goalie) is awarded from the half way line. This helps with goaltending attacking and sitting defenders back in the goal, which are both contradictory to development of players.
- All free kicks are indirect
- No offside

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.

CONCUSSIONS

- Referee & Athletic trainer will determine whether a player should leave the field of play for treatment for any concussion. Athletic trainer will determine whether a player is fit & ready to return to play. This is at the trainer's discretion to follow this protocol. Any decision for a player to return to play will not rest in the hands of a coach/parent of player. If a player is deemed to have a concussion their card will be pulled from the team cards & will not be able to return unless released by a medical doctor.

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 Midstate 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 March 10!
- Application deadline April 14, 2017
- Accepted Teams posted on website April 20, 2017
- Preliminary schedules posted on website May 1, 2017
- Due Date for Additional Tournament Paperwork April 24, 2017
- Final schedules posted on website May 8, 2017
- Tournament Registration May 12 & May 13