

State Cup Challenge Games – Referee Instructions

The State Cup Challenge games will be played throughout the Fall and Spring seasons. The schedule for these games (U13-U19) can be found on the Mass Youth website (www.mayouthsoccer.org – Tournaments – State Cup – Schedule/Brackets). These games will be played at locations throughout the state, and I will assign referees as the specific game information is sent to me. Please note that these assignments are **State Cup** assignments, and as such, take priority over most other USSF assignments.

The referee for each game will have to complete a simple and short online game report immediately after the match is completed. If you can not complete the game report within two hours, you need to call me with the score (length of match, etc) within two hours and then you must complete the game report within 24 hours. Please do your best in complying as the result affects the remaining teams who have time deadlines to schedule and play their next State Cup game. The schedule/brackets for all State Cup Challenge games are updated continuously as the game results are submitted. Teams are required to check the website daily and must comply with all time deadlines – referees will also find this area useful.

The game report can be accessed at www.massref.net - click on General Information - Tournaments - State Cup – State Cup on-line game report. Type in the information requested in each “block” and then “submit report”. You should print a copy before you submit the report. If you have a problem, you need to contact me via phone asap. The following information is required:

- Game number – **THIS IS REQUIRED** (example: G13-01 – means girls U13, game #1)
- Date, age group, gender, and location
- Name of teams involved (higher seed is home team)
- Final score of game (use numbers as 1, 2, 3, etc. – do not use ll to mean 2)
- Click the length of match – Regulation, Overtime, Kicks from the Penalty Mark
- **Number and Name** of player receiving yellow or red card – use comments’ section if needed
- Name of referee and assistant referees (if fees paid – click “Y” or “N”)
- Complete the Fair Play Rating for each team (scale of 1 to 5; 5 is the highest)

General guidelines for all State Cups Challenge games:

- All games must have a winner.
- Refer to game length chart below for proper time limits and ball size!
- **If overtime is necessary, both halves will be played to completion.**
- All yellow and red cards must be listed on the game report – name, number, and team. This information must be correct. **DO NOT KEEP ANY PASSCARDS EVEN IF A RED CARD IS ISSUED!**

Special Requirements for all U16-U19 State Cup games:

Teams must hand the referee a copy of their Cup Game Roster prior to all matches (referee check-in). A Cup Team Roster may have up to a maximum of 22 players but the Cup Game Roster is limited to a maximum of 18 players (taken from the 22 player Cup Team Roster). The Cup Game Roster is created by checking off the “Game Active” box for each player that will participate (limit of 18 players). If a team only has their league roster available, then the Cup Game Roster is created by simply crossing out players’ names that will not participate in that particular game (limit of 18 players). The players not participating in the game may remain on bench but must have a passcard and wear a warmup (or be in street clothes).

Please review the above guidelines with coaches before the game begins. Get a “Cup” roster (white copy is ok, ½ game fee (cash) from each team, and laminated player pass cards when you check the players in. No player can play until a valid pass card is presented – NO EXCEPTIONS! Each team is allowed to have up to 4 coaches with the team and show a valid passcard. Start the game on time – the game must be finished before darkness unless field has lights. **There is a 15 minute grace period unless otherwise notified.**

**Referees should read the State Cup Rules and Procedures - 2010 (located on Mass Youth website).
 Fees: U13-U14 \$120/game (50-35-35) U15-U19 \$150/game (70-40-40).**

If any unusual situation occurs that might affect the game from being played/completed, all three officials should try to resolve it immediately. If necessary, call me on my cell phone – if I’m not available, call the State Cup Director. Every effort must be made to play the game.

Thunderstorms require the game to be stopped until they pass – there is no maximum time limit to wait – just wait. Player safety comes first but as a general rule: Rain only – play! Muddy field – play!

<u>Age</u>	<u>Regulation Halves</u>	<u>Overtime Halves</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
U13	35 Minutes	10 Minutes	5
U14	35 Minutes	10 Minutes	5
U15	40 Minutes	15 Minutes	5
U16	40 Minutes	15 Minutes	5
U17	45 Minutes	15 Minutes	5
U18	45 Minutes	15 Minutes	5
U19	45 Minutes	15 Minutes	5

If overtime is involved:

- Coin flip before overtime for choice of ends.
- No half-time break between overtime halves.
- Coin flip before KFPM – team that wins coin flip has choice to kick first or second.
 Keep game moving – determine penalty kick shooters quickly!!

**THESE GAMES REQUIRE A WINNER – USE OVERTIME AND PENALTY KICKS IF NEEDED.
 IF OVERTIME IS NEEDED, BOTH HALVES MUST BE COMPLETED.**

Thank you,

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