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1. Title – Washington Youth Soccer Founders Cup

- 1.1. The Washington Youth Soccer Founders Cup shall be governed by these rules.
- 1.2. The Washington Youth Soccer Founders Cup - hereafter referred to as Founders Cup - is open to all boys and girls teams Under 10 through Under 19 comprised of properly registered Washington Youth Soccer players affiliated with Member Associations, provided such teams entering and their Association are in good standing with Washington Youth Soccer and the team is in compliance with and has not violated the rules of Washington Youth Soccer. Any team using an ineligible player(s) will forfeit all of its tournament games.
- 1.3. The Founders Cup is for teams that have not played in the Regional Club League.
- 1.4. This will not be a single elimination tournament.
- 1.5. Important Dates (2022):
 - Registration Fee: \$480
 - Schedule Posted: December 10, 2021
 - Roster Freeze: January 5th, 2022 @ 11:59pm
 - Semi/Final: February 4-6, 2022, at Starfire Sports

2. Administration

- 2.1. The State Cup tournaments will have a Tournament Committee Chair appointed by Washington Youth Soccer's State Cup Director.
- 2.2. The State Cup Director will have final authority in all decisions made by the Tournament Chair(s) and Tournament Committee, as well as serve on the Tournament Committee.

3. Team Eligibility

- 3.1. Teams must compete in at least a 4-team approved league during the current seasonal year in Washington Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer Regional League or US Youth Soccer National League, or with Washington Youth Soccer's permission in another State Association, except for the Under 19 age group for boys and girls.
 - The league competition must consist of a minimum of one game against each of 3 different teams participating in the league.



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- 3.2. Players may participate in any of the four state cup tournaments but in only one tournament at a time and on only one roster in each state tournament regardless if age groups are scheduled at various times of the seasonal year.
- 3.3. Players can be rostered to only one (1) team in Founders Cup
- 3.4. A team must be completely finished with their state cup tournament before a player from that team is eligible to participate in a different state cup tournament.
- 3.5. Players may not play on a team in a lower or equal level tournament if they have played in a higher level state cup tournament in the same seasonal year.
- 3.6. Each player and team official listed on a team roster must carry a US Youth Soccer Player Card.
 - The US Youth Soccer Player Card must include a current photograph of the player or team official and have the team ID number. They shall be laminated and be present at every game.
 - These passes are to be surrendered to the referee prior to each game. The referee will return all Player Cards to the coach after verifying all players are eligible to play.
- 3.7. Any non-credentialed or improperly credentialed player or coach shall have their passes pulled and they may not play or participate in that game.
 - Players must remove their jersey and will not be considered an active member of the team.
 - Coaches will be removed from the field of play and not be involved in the instruction/direction of the team before, during, and after the game.
- 3.8. Every adult who is working with the players and/or team must carry a current Player Card which includes a current and approved Risk Management (RMA) number.
- 3.9. No more than four (4) bench personnel per team will be allowed on the designated team sideline.

4. Registration

- 4.1. All rosters will be verified by the Member Association Registrar before the roster freeze date for the teams from the Member Association in the tournament.
- 4.2. Applications for Founders Cup must be accompanied by the proper entry fee before the application is accepted.
- 4.3. Washington Youth Soccer will accept roster additions, releases, and transfers up to the roster freeze date set by the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State



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Cup Director, in conformance with the then-applicable regulations of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series and National Presidents Cup.

- 4.4. Team entries may be accepted to help fill brackets. **No player movement will be allowed after the published roster freeze date.**
- 4.5. Any team dropping from a state cup tournament shall be subject to the following:
 - If a team drops out before the first game, the team's Member Association will be fined \$500.00.
 - If a team drops out during the preliminary round, the team's Member Association will be fined \$600.00. However, if a team drops out of the tournament immediately prior to their last scheduled preliminary game or anytime thereafter, the team's Member Association will be fined \$700.00 and the coach or coaches will be reported to the Washington Youth Soccer Ethics Committee.
 - A portion of the fines may be used to defray reasonable and documented expenses of the home team to include referees and field rental, at the approval of the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and State Cup Director.
 - If a team withdraws after the quarterfinals, the team may be suspended for one (1) full year from entering all Washington Youth Soccer sponsored State Cup tournaments.
- 4.6. There will be no refund of the entry fee after the registration deadline unless the tournament, for a certain age group, is canceled due to a single entry.
 - That team may be given the option of playing "up" an age level.
 - Teams that drop before the registration deadline may receive a refund after the refund request form is completed and approved by the State Cup Director and Tournament Committee Chair(s).
 - Teams that drop after the registration deadline but before brackets have been posted will not receive a refund.
- 4.7. If a team requests to change their Founders Cup tournament preference after the registration deadline but before the brackets are completed, they will incur a \$50.00 change fee, if approved by the Tournament Committee Chair(s).
 - If this request to change occurs after the brackets are posted, there will be a \$200.00 change fee, if approved by the Tournament Chair(s).

5. Preliminary Tournament Format

- 5.1. The Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director are responsible for scheduling all tournament games.



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- 5.2. The State Cup Director also has the ability to mandate any game date change if there are conflicting issues with either team.
- 5.3. All tournament games shall be played on the day scheduled.
- To declare a field unplayable due to adverse weather conditions will be the prerogative of the referee, the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director.
 - If games are canceled due to an unplayable field or adverse weather that prevents a team from traveling to the venue site, the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director will determine the rescheduling.
 - Game may be left not played if applicable, in which case no points will be awarded for either team.
- 5.4. If there is more than one game scheduled on the same day, there will be 6 hours between game start times.
- 5.5. Requests for rescheduling a game shall be directed to the opponent's team manager or coach.
- With the exception of state cup semifinals and finals, securing referees and a field is the responsibility of the team manager or whomever the team manager delegates that responsibility to.
- 5.6. The preliminaries through quarterfinals may be executed at a central host site.
- An application to be a host site will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee and the State Cup Director, then the host sites will be notified prior to Cup play.
 - The host sites will be announced to participants prior to Cup play.
- 5.7. Responsibilities of Coaches and Managers of the assigned **Home team** (if games are not hosted at one venue):
- Providing confirmation to the visiting team with game time and adequate directions to the home team's venue no less than 72 hours prior to the game and no later than 9:00 PM Wednesday night via phone and email.
 - Marking the field of play.
 - Providing a proper game ball.
 - Providing nets.
 - Confirming that a referee has been assigned by their Member Association referee coordinator for any game that has had a change in time, place, or date since originally scheduled and confirmed with the opposing team.
- 5.8. Responsibilities of Coaches and Managers of the assigned **Visiting team** (if games are not hosted at one venue):
- Visiting teams must confirm to the home team receipt of the above directions, game time and field location on the Thursday night prior to the



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game, by no later than 9:00 PM, and changes within 72 hours of the game must be re-confirmed by the visiting team.

- 5.9. If both teams are properly notified (per Section 5.7 and 5.8) and one fails to show up, following a 15-minute grace period, the game will be forfeited to the showing team
 - Extenuating circumstances may be favorably considered by the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director.
- 5.10. If a game is not played on the scheduled field, following approval of the change by the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director, it is the responsibility of the coach calling for the change to follow up on all coordination, i.e., notification of the rescheduled game to the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director, both Association Representatives, opposing coach and referee coordinators.
 - If a game is not played due to inadequate coordination, it will be declared a forfeit against the team calling for the change.
- 5.11. Failure of a referee to show up will not be the cause for canceling or protesting the game.
 - A substitute official must be chosen upon agreement by both coaches and that official's decision will be final and must be in writing.
- 5.12. If a team has to travel more than seventy five (75) miles one way from their club address to play a game, the home team must schedule the game at a reasonable time for travel (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM) unless games are hosted at one central host site.
 - Exceptions to this rule may apply if the traveling team agrees to the change in writing.

6. State Tournament Format

- 6.1. All Semi-final and Final games will be scheduled by the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director, and referees will be assigned.
 - All Semi-Final and Final games will be played at Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila, WA.
- 6.2. Washington Youth Soccer and the State Cup Director will determine the tournament format – game times, fields, etc.
- 6.3. If teams are playing cross over bracket and two teams need to qualify then the best two teams out of the group will qualify. If four teams need to qualify then the first place of each bracket will qualify + the top two best teams remaining.



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7. Tournament Playing Rules

- 7.1. All games will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game except as specifically modified under “Washington Youth Soccer Rules of Competition” or unless stated herein.
- 7.2. Each coach must submit a tournament approved game roster sheet to the referee showing players' names and jersey numbers prior to the start of each game.
- 7.3. The designated Home team will be responsible for changing color of the uniform jersey in the event of a color conflict.
 - All teams are required to carry contrasting colored jersey to all games.
- 7.4. Each player shall have a number on their jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey, clearly visible and a minimum of six (6) inches high.
 - Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team –
 - Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional.
- 7.5. In accordance with US Youth Soccer National Championship Series rules, the Founders Cup will follow the below rules regarding **substitutions**:
 - There shall be unlimited substitutions in all age groups.

7.6. Game Duration, Ball Size, and Overtime Periods:

Age Group	Game Time	Ball Size	Circumference	Weight	Overtime
Under 19	2x45 min	#5	27” – 28”	14-16 oz	2x15 min
Under 18	2x45 min	#5	27” – 28”	14-16 oz	2x15 min
Under 17	2x45 min	#5	27” – 28”	14-16 oz	2x15 min
Under 16	2x40 min	#5	27” – 28”	14-16 oz	2x15 min
Under 15	2x40 min	#5	27” – 28”	14-16 oz	2x15 min
Under 14	2x35 min	#5	27” – 28”	14-16 oz	2x10 min
Under 13	2x35 min	#5	27” – 28”	14-16 oz	2x10 min
Under 12	2x30 min	#4	25” – 26”	11-13 oz	2x10 min
Under 11	2x30 min	#4	25” – 26”	11-13 oz	2x10 min
Under 10	2x25 min	#4	25” – 26”	11-13 oz	2x5 min

- If games are tied at the end of both overtime periods, the game will move to kicks from mark and follow FIFA procedures. There will be no Overtime in semi final and final games, straight to kicks from the mark

7.7. Goal Dimensions:

Age Group	Dimensions
U9 – U10	6 foot 6 inch by 18 foot 6 inch
U11 – U12	6 foot 6 inch by 18 foot 6 inch – 7 foot by 21 foot goal
U13 +	



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- These are the recommendations made by USSF, USYS, and Washington Youth Soccer.
 - When possible, these goals should be used and will likely be used during the State Cup semifinals and finals.
- 7.8. If it has been determined that a game is abandoned by the referee due to actions of the coach, players, spectators or any combination thereof, **NO REPLAY WILL BE GRANTED.**
- 7.9. Furthermore, if at the time of the abandonment:
- The opposing team is ahead, the score will be the final score.
 - The team causing the abandonment is ahead, the game shall be considered forfeited and a score of 1-0 in favor of the opposing team will be awarded.
 - The score is tied, the game shall be considered forfeited and a score of 1-0 in favor of the opposing team will be awarded.
 - It has been determined that both teams caused the abandonment, then both teams will be given a loss, zero points for both teams. If this occurs in single elimination games the decision goes back to the Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director.
- 7.10. In all cases where a game has been postponed or abandoned by a referee due to inclement weather, Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director shall determine whether the game is to be replayed in its entirety or whether the score at the time of postponement or abandonment shall stand and the game be counted as a completed game.
- Game may be left not played if applicable, in which case no points will be awarded for either team. Please refer to Washington Youth Soccer's Travel Policy for further details.
- 7.11. Teams will be awarded points based on the following point structure:
- 3 points for a win
 - 1 points for a draw
 - 0 (zero) points for a loss
- 7.12. Ties in divisional standings between two (2) teams will be resolved as follows:
- Head to Head (winner of match between 2 teams)
 - Winner of most games
 - Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of six goals per game
 - Most goals scored with a maximum of six per game
 - Midweek game for teams to decide who is to go on
 - Flip of coin for seeding purposes in the elimination phase



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- 7.13. Ties will stand in preliminary rounds.
- 7.14. When two teams are tied across the board for first place in a division, and they are playing each other in their final preliminary round game, they will determine a winner using the age appropriate overtime periods (Section 7.6) of the state cup tournament rules to establish the first and second place teams in that division.
- The teams' Association Tournament Representative must notify the teams of the requirement that the match cannot end in a draw and the winner be determined as specified above prior to the game upon the direction of the tournament scorekeeper or Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the Competition Development Manager.
 - Game results will be recorded as a tie.
- 7.15. If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end of the preliminary round, the tiebreaking criteria will be used in the order shown (Section 7.12), starting at Winner of most games.
- 7.16. Score reporting - The coach or manager of both teams must insert the final score of all games through the Semi-finals round, within 24 hours of the match.
- 7.17. The home team will be listed first in a tie breaking, elimination, semi-final or final game.
- 7.18. Maximum Rosters:
- Under 10 teams can have a maximum of 12 players on the roster.
 - Under 11 and Under 12 teams can have a maximum of 16 players on the roster.
 - Under 13 and Under 14 teams can have a maximum of 18 players on the roster.
 - Under 15 - Under 19 teams can have a maximum of 22 players on the roster.
- 7.19. For U11 and U12, we will be using the Rules of Competition 9U-12U. No Heading and Implementations of the build out lines for U11 only.

8. Misconduct, Forfeit, Appeals

- 8.1. Forfeits will be reported as a 3-0 win for the opponent. The committee reserves the right to penalize a team for any forfeits deemed inappropriate and/or intentional.
- 8.2. Any infraction or violation of Washington Youth Soccer State Cup Rules may result in any of the following penalties:
- Ineligibility of a player or team for tournament play;
 - Forfeiture of a game or games;
 - Return of tournament trophy and/or medals;
 - Revocation of the title "Tournament Champion" and all rights associated with



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such title.

- 8.3. The Tournament Committee Chair(s) and the State Cup Director will appoint a Protest Panel to hear all protests.
- 8.4. A member of the State Referee Association will be appointed to the Protest Panel.
- 8.5. All necessary forms and procedures can be accessed through the Washington Youth Soccer website at www.WashingtonYouthSoccer.org

9.Covid 19 guidelines

Games being cancelled due to COVID-19 will be review by the state cup director on a case-by-case basis with the goal of trying to reschedule every games in order to have all games played. The state cup director will have the final decision.