

KOHL'S AMERICAN CUP

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. COMPETITIONS AVAILABLE

These competitions are open to recreational teams only within each FYSA region. There will be individual competitions in each region, if there is interest. These competitions will be a festival format with no scores or standings recorded during the event. Each team will play three (3) games in a day in a round-robin format. Depending on the number of team entered into the event, the age groups may be divided between the two days of the weekend of competition.

2. DATES OF COMPETITION

Region A – March 14-15, 2009
Region C – Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2009
Region A – March 13-14, 2010
Region D – April 17-18, 2010

APPLICATION DEADLINE

14-days prior to event
(in the FYSA office by 5 PM EST)

ENTRY FEE DEADLINE

7-days prior to event
(in the FYSA office by 5 PM EST)

3. GENERAL RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Teams, players, officials, and managers in this competition will conform to all rules and regulations contained in the Bylaws and Rules of Florida Youth Soccer Association ("FYSA") and as presented herein. In the event of conflict, rules herein shall take precedence.

A. Team Requirements

Players must be properly registered with FYSA and in good standing with all dues and fees paid. Each team must consist of recreational players from one club only. **No competitive players will be allowed to participate in this event. No State Cup or Regional Cup players are eligible to participate on Kohl's American Cup teams.**

B. Players/Coaches Requirements

- (1) Each team will play off of FYSA event rosters.
- (2) Coaches must be listed on the roster and have a valid FYSA/US Youth Soccer pass.
- (3) All players on the event roster must be players from within the same FYSA club.
- (4) Roster team sizes:
 - Under 8 – Maximum 8 players
 - Under 10 – Maximum 11 players
 - Under 12 – Maximum 13 players
 - Under 14 – Maximum 18 players

4. FEES AND FINES

A. Fees

All teams have an entry fee of \$125 per team. The entry fee is inclusive of referee game fees. All players will receive a Kohl's American Cup t-shirt, a certificate and premium items. No team or individual awards will be presented.

B. Non-Performance and Forfeiture Fine

- (1) Teams/club may be fined up to \$400.00 per game for a forfeit of games.

(2) NO SHOW FOR SCHEDULED MATCHES (non-performance): lose entry fee + \$400 fine.

5. ENTRY APPLICATION

The application for Kohl's American Cup may be completed electronically (online) through the FYSA secure website. Once the application is completed, supply appropriate signatures and mail to FYSA with the appropriate fees. All applications and fees should be sent to:

**Kohl's American Cup
Attn: Barb Newton, Development Coordinator
7201 Lake Ellenor Drive, Suite 200
Orlando, Florida 32809**

All applications must be received in the FYSA office prior to the application deadline noted in these rules.

6. OPERATION OF THE CUP

The Kohl's American Cup competition will be under the jurisdiction of FYSA and the Kohl's American Cup Committee. The Committee reserves the right to any final decision with regard to rule interpretation and to the completion of this competition that will include, but not be limited to, drawing for groupings, selection of tournament sites, scheduling of referees, eligibility of teams or players, fines or forfeitures, sponsorships and promotions.

7. GAME PROCEDURES

Before games may begin:

- A. Each team must check in with the site director and will provide the site director with an FYSA event roster.
- B. A team shall be allowed a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the scheduled game time before awarding the game to their opponent. Failure to play scheduled matches will automatically require payment of the prescribed forfeiture fine.
- C. Player eligibility may only be challenged by an opposing manager/coach prior to the beginning of a scheduled game. This challenge must be presented in writing to the site director. The site director and Kohl's American Cup Committee will rule on the challenge immediately, if possible. The challenged player(s) may be allowed to participate in the game (if player is listed on the roster).
- D. A player who arrives at the playing field after the start of the game may enter the game after checking in with the site director and then the center referee. This player may be challenged at this time only.
- E. A coach and three assistants, rostered to the team and in possession of FYSA/US Youth Soccer passes are the only adults allowed on the team side of the field.

8. LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game except as modified below:

LAW I - The Field of Play: The field of play may be reduced to minimum dimensions:

U8 will play on a small field, 4-a-side in accordance with published US Youth Soccer/FYSA Developmental Player Program. U10 will play on mid-size field, 6-a-side in accordance with published US Youth Soccer/FYSA Developmental Player Program. U12 will play on mid-size field, 8-a-side in accordance with published US Youth Soccer/FYSA Developmental Player Program. U14 will play on full-size field, 11-a-side.

LAW II - The Ball: The size of the ball will be as follows:

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Circum.</u>	<u>Weight</u>
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U14	#5	27-28"	14-16 oz.
U10 - U12	#4	25-26"	12-13 oz.
U8	#3	23-24"	11-12 oz.

LAW III - Number of Players: Substitution shall be unlimited. Substitutions may be made only upon notification of the referee through the assistant referee (if used in game) and with the referee's permission at the following times:

- A. Prior to a throw-in in your favor
- B. Prior to a goal kick by either team
- C. After a goal by either team
- D. At the beginning of the second half
- E. At the referee's discretion:
 - 1. Attention is called to LAW III (5)(B) - The substitute shall not enter the field until the player he/she is replacing has left, and then, only after receiving a signal from the referee.
 - 2. No player shall be allowed to play unless listed on the team event roster.
 - 3. Any player or official ordered from the field shall be suspended for a minimum of one game and may be subject to further discipline.

LAW IV – Player's Equipment: Player's equipment shall meet these additional requirements:

- A. All players will wear shinguards under the socks.
- B. Teams will wear uniforms of a matching design and color with unique numbers on backs.
- C. In the event of conflicting team uniform colors, the designated home team will be required to change to a color accepted by the referee.
- D. Jewelry, hard plastic or metal headbands, metal hair clips, bandannas, braided beads, hard-billed hats or other items deemed hazardous or adornment not in the spirit of the game shall not be permitted.

LAW V - Referees: Referees shall complete a Referee Game Report following the game in the case of an ejection or injury ONLY and shall return the report to the site director immediately following the game. The site director will distribute the referee fees once the referee returns the game ball and event rosters to the site tent at the conclusion of each game.

LAW VI - Assistant Referees: Two (2) assistant referees will be used for the U12 and U14 age games.

LAW VII - Duration of the Game: The duration of all games for U8 and U10 will be 30 minutes (2 x 15 minutes) with a water break in between each half. The duration of all games for U12 and U14 will be 40 minutes (2 x 20 minutes) with a water break in between each half. There will be no overtime play. All games are festival format with no scores recorded.

9. CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT

Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, assistant coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves in the letter and spirit of the Laws of the Game. The site director has the authority and responsibility to remove any person(s) from the site for abuses of good conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary actions brought about by other authority. In addition to the rules of good manners, these rules will apply to this tournament:

- A. The site director will designate one sideline to be for the sole use of players listed on the event roster and four coaches/managers from each team, with one team occupying one side of midfield and one team the other. While the game is in progress, the coaches/managers and reserve players must remain within their respective technical areas.
- B. The site director will designate the opposite sideline for spectators and fans.
- C. A restraining line of contrasting color will be drawn four (4) yards from the touchline. All sideline viewers must remain outside of that line.

D. Coaches/managers will be responsible for behavior of their fans, players and coaches.

10. POST-GAME PROCEDURES

- A. Both teams, as a courtesy, will congratulate each other for a game well played at the conclusion of each game.
- B. Referees will ensure the return of all game balls and event rosters to the administrative area.
- C. The coach/manager of both teams will ensure that the sideline area is clean and that all trash is in containers.

11. DISCIPLINE/PROTEST COMMITTEE

The Discipline Committee will consist of the Regional Vice President and three (3) District Commissioners who are not from the districts that are party to the discipline under review. The Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, coaches/managers, and spectators. Notwithstanding rulings by this Committee:

- A. A player or coach ejected will have an automatic one (1) game minimum suspension, regardless of the cause of the ejection.
- B. Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee will impose suspensions in accordance with FYSA Rule 502.

12. PROTESTS

There are no protests of games permitted.

13. EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, ETC.

In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, curtailment or cancellation of games, the Kohl's American Cup Committee shall have absolute authority to make these changes to best serve the interests of the tournament as a whole.

14. GENERAL

- A. The Kohl's American Cup Committee and/or FYSA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team due to the cancellation in part or in whole of this tournament or for any travel incidental to competition.
- B. The Kohl's American Cup Committee interpretation of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.
- C. The Kohl's American Cup Committee and/or FYSA reserve the right to decide on all tournament matters.
- D. The Kohl's American Cup Committee members are the FYSA staff members responsible for the Kohl's American Cup competition (site director) and the applicable Regional Vice President and District Commissioners from the appropriate region.