



2011 Maryland Presidents Cup Policies

What is the Presidents Cup? This is the national championship tournament that was designed to create a mid-level competition for those looking to play against teams of similar abilities for a national championship title.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MARYLAND ENTRIES

Teams participating in one of the Region I Sub-Regional Leagues or the Premier League are not eligible to apply for the Maryland/Region 1 Presidents Cup. Any teams participating in the 2011 Maryland State Cup are also not eligible to apply for the Maryland/Region 1 Presidents Cup.

Age Groups

1. U-13 Boys and Girls
2. U-14 Boys and Girls
3. U-15 Boys and Girls
4. U-16 Boys and Girls
5. U-17 Boys and Girls

Competition Format

- 1.1 The Maryland Presidents Cup will be a tournament style competition. The preliminary rounds will be played over one weekend which will be announced in advance.
- 1.2 The final rounds will be played on a subsequent weekend which will be announced in advance.
- 1.3 Presidents Cup games take precedence over **all** league games.

Player Eligibility

- 1.1 All players listed as a primary player on their respective team may participate in the Maryland/Region 1 Presidents Cup.
- 1.2 At least 50 percent of the players must be registered with MSYSA, and the team must be in good standing.
- 1.3 During the current seasonal year teams must play in a fall, winter, spring or summer affiliated USYS leagues who meet the requirements of the US Youth Soccer National Championships Rules.

***This means that we will only accept teams that play in USYS sanctioned leagues and do not recognize leagues that compete under other US Soccer member organizations, such as US Club Soccer, AYSO and SAY**

Roster Submission

- 1.1. Every team **MUST** attach a copy of its official MSYSA roster to the typed “**blue**” roster, provided by MSYSA, for **EACH** of its Cup matches. **This requirement is a condition of Presidents Cup play.**
 - 1.1. **Any team failing to attach a copy of its roster to the match report will forfeit that Presidents Cup match.**
- 1.2. A team may make changes to its roster, consistent with USYS rules pertaining to added, released, and transferred players no later than a date specified each year.
- 1.3 The Presidents Cup Director must be provided with a copy of the Official Roster prior to the team’s first Cup match.
- 1.3 After the roster freeze date, the no players may be added to the team roster for the Maryland Presidents Cup play.
- 1.4 Adult Team Official (coach and/or manager) movement is not limited by the roster freeze; they may be added to or removed from the team roster at any time, in accordance with MSYSA procedures.
- 1.6 Players may always be released from the team upon their request. Players released after the roster freeze date, however, are not eligible for Presidents Cup play under any State Association for the current seasonal year.
- 1.7 Players registered on secondary (multi-rostered) passes are not eligible to play in the Cup for the team of their secondary registration.

Player/Coach Passes

Each player and team official listed on a team roster must carry the US Youth Soccer member pass with a current photograph of the player or team official and the appropriate official of the State Association and laminated prior to check-in. Team officials (not players) over the age of 17 must provide proof they have been approved by their State Risk Management Committee at check in.

NO PLAYER/COACHES PASS, NO PLAY, NO EXCEPTION

Financial Conditions

- 1.1 The appropriate fees must accompany each application for each team entered as set forth in the Presidents Cup Announcement.
- 1.2 A performance bond, as set forth in the Presidents Cup Announcement, is required and must be submitted with the Presidents Cup application. The performance bond will be returned to the team provided they have fulfilled all of the team obligations specified in the Maryland/Region 1 Presidents Cup rules.
- 1.5 A team forfeiting a Presidents Cup match shall forfeit its performance bond.
- 1.4 Any penalties for non-performance that are assessed on MSYSA (i.e. at regional or national levels) will be passed along to the team/club.
- 1.4 Failure of teams to clean and dispose of all trash from their bench area after the conclusion of their match will result in the forfeiture of the team's performance bond.
- 1.5 Misconduct by Coaches, Team Officials, or spectators resulting in the termination of match will result in the forfeiture of the performance bond of the team responsible for the match termination.
- 1.6 Each team is responsible for paying in cash, one-half the total referee fees for each match. A team unable to pay its portion of the referee fees will forfeit the match.
- 1.6 The referee fee schedule which is to be paid by each team prior to each match is listed below:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Fee per team</u>
U13-U14	\$50.00
U15-U16	\$55.00
U17	\$60.00

Referees

1.1 The diagonal system of control will be used for all Cup matches. USSF-certified referees will be used for all matches, consistent with USYSA rules. The State Youth Referee Administrator will have the responsibility for assignment of all Cup matches. Under no condition will the two-man system be used.

Appeal and Protest Procedures

1.1 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Cup Director with a \$200 protest fee, payable to MSYSA, within 48 hours after the match or incident (non-match incident).