

SNICKERS® NYSW CHAMPIONSHIPS

2003 POLICY/RULES

PART 1 -- GENERAL

RULE NYSW 6101 - DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise provided, the following definitions apply to this policy:

- (1) **“Add”** means the addition of a player to a team’s roster who has not been previously rostered on another team.
- (2) **“Board of Directors” or “BOD”** means the Board of Directors of the New York State West Youth Soccer Association.
- (3) **“Club”** means an organization that is a member of a State Association that has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in the youth soccer activities.
- (4) **“Eligibility to Play”** means registered and not under suspension.
- (5) **“Federation”** means the United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
- (6) **“Guest Player”** means a registered player participating in a competition for a team to which the player is not rostered for purposes of league play.
- (7) **“Involuntary Release”** means the removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of team authorities
- (8) **“League”** means a structured group of 4 or more teams joined for the purpose of inter-team play under a common set of administrative and competition rules.
- (9) **“National Championships Competitions”** means the competitions at the US Youth Soccer National Level.
- (10) **“NYSWYSA” or “NYSW”** means New York State West Youth Soccer Association.
- (11) **“ODP”** means Olympic Development Program.
- (12) **“Region 1”** means US Youth Soccer Region 1.
- (13) **“Rostering”** means the signing of an intent to play the sport of soccer and paying of the fees to NYSW.
- (14) **“Select Team”** means the official select of an all-star team of:
 - (a) USYSA
 - (b) A region
 - (c) A State Association
 - (d) A district or geographical subdivision of a State Association; or
 - (e) Any league
- (15) **“Suspension”** means the temporary withdrawal of rights and privileges, such as the right to play, coach, or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in soccer, and the suspension is for the entire term of the suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.
- (16) **“Team”** means a group of soccer players playing on the same side in soccer games.
- (17) **“Transfer”** means the removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of the player, and the contemporaneous addition of the player to the roster of another team.
- (18) **“USYSA”** means the US Youth Soccer Association, Inc.
- (19) **“Voluntary Release”** means the removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of the player.
- (20) **“Youth Player”** means an individual who has not reached 19 years of age prior to August 1 immediately before the start of any seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during a seasonal year is allowed to complete that seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during August of one seasonal year shall be allowed to complete all of the next seasonal year.

RULE NYSW 6102 -- ESTABLISHMENT

NYSW shall establish and shall organize **an annual SNICKERS® NYSW Championships Competition** in the Under 13 (see Rule NYSW 2203 {f}), Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17, Under 18, and Under 19 age groups. **Both genders, boys and girls, shall have separate competitions and separate champions in each age group.** This policy applies to those competitions.

RULE NYSW 6103 -- TITLE

The title of this NYSW event shall be: **SNICKERS® NYSW CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

RULE NYSW 6104 -- AWARDS TO TEAMS AND PLAYERS

The champion (1st place) team for each boys' and girls' age group at the State Finals each year shall be presented:

- (a) 1 (one) team trophy
- (b) Individual Adidas NYSW Champion tee shirts - maximum 18 players
- (c) 1 (one) team plaque with a team picture
- (d) Patches from US Youth Soccer

NOTE: THE CHAMPION TEAM THAT ADVANCES TO REGIONALS MUST WEAR THE NYSW CHAMPION TEE SHIRTS AT THE PARADE OF STATES.

RULE NYSW 6105 -- ADMINISTRATION

- 1) The entire administration of the **Snickers® NYSW Championships** is vested in the NYSW Board of Directors.
- 2) The NYSW BOD shall appoint a person from the BOD to act as Chairperson for the entire competition.
- 3) The NYSW BOD shall determine each year the dates and fees of the competition by November 1 of each year.

2003 DATES

Entry Deadline – postmarked no later than March 15, 2003

Preliminary Roster Deadline – postmarked no later than April 1, 2003

Blind Draw Date – April 6, 2003

Final Roster Deadline (Except U19's if 4 or less teams enter) -(roster frozen at this time) postmarked no later than April 20, 2003 (if a preliminary game is played prior to this date, then the roster becomes frozen the day of that team's first game)

Final Roster Deadline for U19's (if 4 or less teams enter) - postmarked no later than May 16, 2003

Preliminary games to be completed no later than May 19, 2003

Finals' Weekend – May 31 – June 1, 2003

2003 FEES - Entry Fee - \$325.00 plus any referee fees for preliminary round matches.

RULE NYSW 6106 -- LOCATION OF FINALS

- 1) The NYSW BOD, on a 2-year basis, shall determine the location/site of the Finals' Weekend.
- 2) There shall be a bid process for the BOD to determine the location/site.
- 3) Bid packages will be provided to any member organization wishing to bid on hosting the finals. Bid packages will be available anytime after April 31st of the prior year. Bid packages for finals held in 2004 and 2005 shall available April 31, 2003.
- 4) Bid deadline for finals will be July 31st of the previous year. Bid deadline for finals held in 2004 and 2005 is July 31, 2003.

- 5) Final approval and the award of bid shall be determined no later than September 30th of the previous year. The final approval for 2004 and 2005 shall be determined no later than September 30, 2003.

RULE NYSW 6107 -- PRECEDENCE OF GAMES

Snickers® NYSW Championships competitions games shall take precedence over all other youth games.

PART II -- ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETIONS

RULE NYSW 7201 -- LEVELS OF COMPETITIONS

In NYSW there shall be only 1 (one) level which shall be known as the **STATE LEVEL**. The first (1st) place team will have the right to advance to the **REGIONAL LEVEL**.

RULE NYSW 7202 -- NYSW FORMAT OF COMPETITION

The 2003 SNICKERS ® NYSW Championships competition will have cup qualifying matches or ‘playoffs’ to determine the final four teams, followed by the final tournament. The tournament places the top four teams in each age group in competition for the State Championship.

The SNICKERS ® NYSW Champion in each age group and in each gender shall represent New York State West at the Regional Competition.

There shall be a blind draw of all teams by age group and gender, to determine the placement of all competitors. Once drawn, they will play a **single game knock out round** to advance to the final 4 (or less) weekend. The finals’ Weekend in all age groups will be conducted in a **round robin format** with four (4) teams maximum.

The previous year’s State, Regional, or National Cup Champion will be given the # 1 position in the bracket provided their current season roster contains at least 11 players from the previous year’s cup roster. If a State Wild Card Team is a Regional or National Cup Champion, the #1 position will be given to that team and the State Cup Champion will be given the #2 position. Otherwise, the #1 position will be determined at the blind draw. The previous year’s Champion will only get one (1) automatic bye (1st round only), provided the number of entries in their age group allows for a bye.

- **4 entries or less** – all teams advance straight through to the Finals Weekend.
- **5 entries** – one (1) playdown game, blind draw entries 1, 2, & 3 get a bye, while 4 plays 5 to determine the final 4th position.
- **6 entries** - two (2) playdown games, blind draw entries 1, & 2 get a bye, while 3 plays 4 and 5 plays 6, to determine the final 3rd, and 4th position.
- **7 entries** – three (3) playdown games, blind draw entry 1 gets a bye, while 2 plays 3, 4 plays 5, and 6 plays 7, to determine the final 2nd, 3rd, and 4th position.
- **8 entries** – four (4) playdown games, 1 plays 2, 3 plays 4, 5 plays 6 and 7 plays 8, to determine the final 4 positions.
- **9 entries** – five (5) playdown games, 2 blind draws, #1 blind draw entry 1 gets a bye, 2 plays 3, 4 plays 5, 6 plays 7 and 8 plays 9. After this knock out round, all Teams are put back into # 2 blind draw and the five (5) team entry format will be followed.

In all draws - the 1st team selected in each pairing shall be listed first and be designated the HOME team.

NOTE: Blind Draw Date- the blind draw will be held at the NYSW State office in Corning, NY, at 12:00pm, April 6, 2003. Team Representatives are encouraged to be present.

RULE NYSW 7203 -- TEAM ELIGIBILITY

The **Snickers® NYSW Championships** competition shall be open to any team whose players are registered with US Youth Soccer through NYSW if the team is in compliance with all of the following:

- a) The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered youth players (as defined by US Youth Soccer and NYSW).
- b) The team must be in good standing with NYSW and must be in compliance with, and has not violated, any of the bylaws and policies of US Youth Soccer and NYSW.
- c) The team must have at least 50 percent plus 1 of its rostered players residing within the boundaries of NYSW.
- d) The team **MUST** compete in at least a 4 -team **APPROVED** league during the current seasonal year in NYSW or, with prior approval, in another State Association or in a Regional League. The league competition must consist of a minimum of one (1) game against each of the 3 different teams participating in the league. U19 age groups are excluded from this 4 - team league rule.
- e) The team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between their League Roster and the Cup Roster. All players on the Cup Roster must be Primary Rostered to that team. No guest players are permitted at any game of this competition.
- f) In order for a team to enter the U13 age group, the team **MUST** have 50 percent plus 1 of its players true U13 age appropriate. U12 teams will not be allowed to enter
- g) The team may **NOT** be a **Select** or **ODP** team.
- h) All teams entering must have the league that they will play in during the 2002-2003 seasonal year verified by the NYSW Cup Chairperson. Failure to play in an approved league will result in disqualification from the current competition and the subsequent year's competition.
- i) The team may not roster any player who was previously rostered during the seasonal year to another team, or the same team, unless a written request, stating the reason why this action has been requested, has been made to and approved by NYSW on a proper NYSW Player/Team Status Form. A team may not roster more than three (3) previously rostered or transferred players during the current seasonal year.
A player is considered rostered to a team not later than when the player first participates for the team in competition approved by any State Association or its member leagues, clubs and teams. NYSW is not required to consider the following as a rostered player:
 - (A) A player on a school team
 - (B) A player on a recreational team
- j) A team may not release, voluntarily or involuntarily, any player from its roster unless a written request, stating the reason why the release has been requested, has been made to, and approved by NYSW on a NYSW Player/Team Status Form.
- k) A team may involuntarily release a player from its roster only if the player is unable to play for one (1) of the following reasons:
 - (A) The player has violated bylaws, policies, or requirements of the Federation, US Youth Soccer, NYSW, another State Association, or the Club/Association that he or she is registered with.
 - (B) The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by NYSW.
 - (C) The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.
- l) The team may not allow more than 18 or fewer than 7 players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year.
- m) A team shall forfeit each game of the team in which:
 - (A) an unregistered player was with the team at the game in a uniform or,

- (B) a player was improperly entered on the team's roster or,
 - (C) the team no longer has a recognized team official as required by NYSW.
- n) The team's Cup Roster is frozen immediately upon the first (1st) Cup Game played by any team, **in the same age group and gender**, in the state. Rosters for team's that are playing in the U14, U15, U16, U17, and U18 age group divisions of the Region 1 Directors League, will be frozen at the beginning of the first (1st) game played in that league.
 - o) Because NYSW allows a player to be rostered on more than one (1) team, the first (1st) team to which the player is rostered to is the only team with which the player may participate in Cup competitions. A **Multiple Rostered Player** shall not be allowed to play for more than one (1) team per day on any day that their Cup Team has a game.

RULE NYSW 7204-- TEAM OBLIGATIONS

- 1) For all preliminary games, the **HOME** teams are responsible for having properly marked and cut fields, secured goals, nets and corner flags. The **HOME** team shall make every reasonable effort to acquire the use of an alternate field in the event a field is determined unplayable.
- 2) For all preliminary games, it is the **HOME** team's responsibility to contact the visiting team to set a date and time for the game.
- 3) The **Home** team must furnish a game ball.
- 4) It shall be responsibility of each team's officials to control the actions of its players and supporters. Any team failing to control its supporters shall be asked to leave and NYSW may place additional sanctions against those officials.

RULE NYSW 7205 -- FORFEITS FOR FAILURE TO COMPETE

Any team intending to forfeit a Cup Game shall give written notice of such intention to the NYSW Cup Chairperson, not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled date of the game. Such team will be assessed a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and will be declared ineligible to enter in the Cup competition in the next seasonal year. Any team failing to give such notice of forfeit fourteen (14) days prior to date of game, shall be assessed a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and will be declared ineligible to compete in the remaining Cup competition plus the next two (2) seasonal year Cup competitions.

All fines are payable to NYSWYSA.

- (1) All fines are payable within thirty (30) days of the forfeit.
- (2) If fines are not received within thirty (30) days, a bill will be sent to the team's club/association for payment within thirty (30) days of the date of such bill.

Any team advancing to Regionals/Nationals will be responsible for any fines given to them for failure to compete in those competitions.

RULE NYSW 7206 -- FORFEITS GENERALLY

Any team proven guilty of violating this policy or of any other requirement of US Soccer, US Youth Soccer or, NYSW, shall forfeit all games and the preceding competition or competitions may not be replayed.

RULE NYSW 7207 -- PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. General

- 1) A player must be properly registered and rostered in accordance with the rules of US Soccer, US Youth Soccer and NYSW.

- 2) A player may play for only one (1) team in this Cup competition in any seasonal year. If a player is on the roster of a team when the roster is frozen, the player may not be on the roster of any other team in this Cup competition.
- 3) A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.
- 4) A player may not play for a team in this Cup competition unless the player was listed on the team's League Roster at the time the roster was frozen.
- 5) If a player is over age, is not registered or is improperly rostered on a team's roster, that team shall forfeit all games played prior to finding such situation.

Section 2. Registration

- 1) Local Registration - A player must register in the National State Association in which he or she resides with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s). Or in the case of a student in residence at a boarding school or university, the player may register in the National State Association in which the boarding school, college/university, or a division of the college/university is located. Any other question of residency may be determined by NYSW by means of a voter registration card, a current driver's license or from an original copy of a school transcript which shows the student's home address. All documents must be originals, no photocopies will be accepted.
- 2) At time of registration, the player must show an acceptable proof of age.

Section 3. Rostering

- 1) In accordance with NYSW policy, a player may register and play for two teams – one primary and one secondary team. The first team for which the player signs a player pass is considered the 'primary' team.
- 2) In accordance with SNICKERS® CUP Policy, a player may participate on only one SNICKERS® CUP team during any one 'playing year'. For example, a player who rostered with and played for a youth team in Virginia, participating in Snickers® Cup competition in the fall, may not participate in the Snickers® NYSW Cup Competitions for a team in New York State West in the spring of that same playing year.
- 3) A player rostered to a Snickers® NYSW Cup competitor may have previously 'primary' rostered to another team during that playing year. In that case, appropriate transfer documentation must exist. The completed NYSW Team/Player Status Form must be available. That form must contain all necessary information and required signatures.
- 4) Initial rostering shall commence no later than the player's first (1st) participation in any competition sanctioned by a National State Association or its member leagues, clubs, or teams.
- 5) A player is not bound to a team until he/she has signed their State Member Pass.
- 6) Any player rostered to a team and who has a signed Member Pass is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless the player completes a transfer or is released.

Section 4. Member Passes

- 1) To be eligible to participate in this Cup competition, each player must have an approved State issued Member Pass.
- 2) The Member Pass must include a current photograph of the player, the player's signature, and validation by NYSW.
- 3) Information common to the Member Pass, League Roster, and Blue Roster must match exactly.

Section 5 Rosters

- 1) League Rosters - must be an official State issued, State stamped roster from the Logical Solutions Roster Program.
- 2) All players, coaches and team officials must be listed on the League Roster. All required information must be included and correct.
- 3) Blue Rosters - must be the current Blue Roster Form. Form will be available on the NYSW Website.

- 4) All Blue Rosters must be filled out COMPLETELY.
- 5) All Blue Rosters must:
 - a) Be typed and in alphabetical order using the **LAST** name of the player first.
 - b) **NOT** be signed by the player - players will sign at the State Finals. **DO NOT HAVE THE PLAYERS SIGN THE BLUE ROSTER!!**
 - c) Jersey numbers, alternate jersey numbers and graduation year **MUST** be included.
- 6) At the State Final 4 Weekend, no player shall play a game until they sign the Blue Roster.

Section 6. Medical Release Form

All players **MUST** have a current Medical Release Form at all games. These will be checked at registration. No player will be allowed to participate without this form. It is suggested, but not mandatory that Medical Release Forms be notarized.

RULE NYSW 7208 -- LEAGUES

- 1) All teams must compete in at least a four team - **APPROVED** league during the current seasonal year in NYSW, or with NYSW permission, in another National State Association or Regional League. The only exception is the U19 age group.
- 2) The league competition must consist of a minimum of one game against each of three (3) different teams participating in the league.
- 3) The league must be an outdoor league. No indoor league will qualify.
- 4) All leagues must be held between September 1st and the start of high school soccer practice in New York State.
- 5) For U19, U18, and U17 age groups, participation in an adult or amateur league may qualify the team with prior approval from NYSW.
- 6) All leagues must have the following:
 - a) Bylaws
 - b) Officers/Board of Directors
 - c) Rules
 - d) Schedules
- 7) All leagues **MUST** be a member or associate member of NYSW, another National State Association or US Youth Soccer.
- 8) In order for a league to be certified, it must meet the following criteria:
 - a) At least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total entries must be from different clubs.
 - b) An age group must have at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the entries from at least two clubs.
 - c) A team can play up only one (1), two (2) year age group except for U16. Example: U14 can play U16, but not U17 or above.
 - d) The games must be full-length games as per FIFA times.
 - e) A forfeit **CANNOT** count as a played game.
 - f) Must play at least a three-week schedule. No one (1) weekend leagues allowed.
 - g) All games played must have certified USSF Referees. They **MUST** be assigned by the WNY Referee Association.
 - h) A report recapping all games, standings red cards and winners must be sent to the NYSW State office at the conclusion of the league.

NOTE: The Y League and US Club Soccer are not considered a sanctioned league and will not qualify a team for this competition.

The NYSWYSA Cup Chairperson has the right to reject any team not playing in an approved league.

RULE NYSW 7209 -- TEAM AND PLAYER BREACHES OF RULES

- 1) It is the responsibility of the NYSW Cup Chairperson to investigate a properly protested violation immediately following its receipt. Failure to cooperate with that investigation shall result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

- 2) Any team found guilty of using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the Cup competition in the current seasonal year. Any coach, manager or official found guilty of knowingly using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the Cup competition in the current and subsequent seasonal year. A player found guilty of submitting falsified birth information is prohibited from competing further in Cup competition in the current and subsequent seasonal year.
- 3) A player, coach or team official who is 'sent – off' from any Cup Game is prohibited from participating in the next SNICKERS® Cup match for which they are scheduled to participate. A player, coach or team official may receive more than a one - game suspension to be determined by the Cup Committee.
- 4) Players, coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained in this policy, including cautions, ejection's and standard suspension. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives & spectators, are also subject to the jurisdiction & authority of NYSWYSA. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.

RULE NYSW 7210 -- PROTESTS AND APPEALS

A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the **Snickers® NYSW Championships Competitions**, are not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by NYSW. Any Player, Coach, or Team Official, who has been suspended from the **Snickers® NYSW Championships Competitions** due to disciplinary action by the Cup Committee, may appeal the decision to the NYSW.

Section 1 Appeals

Any one intending on filing an appeal must conform to the **NYSW Adjudication Manual**.

Section 2 Protests

All questions relating to the qualifications of the competitors or interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest shall be referred to the NYSW Cup Chairperson.

For game protests, the NYSW Cup Chairperson shall compile the necessary information to hear the protest from all available sources before the protest is heard. This shall include, if possible, both coaches, field marshals, referees, assessors, available witnesses if necessary, etc. At the Final's Tournament, all coaches or their designated representatives **MUST** remain at the game site until the protest is decided.

After completion of compiling the necessary information, the NYSW Cup Chairperson will meet with the Protest Committee, of which there must be four (4) members present to conduct the Protest Meeting. The four (4) members of the Protest Committee shall be appointed by the NYSW Cup Chairperson. No member of the Protest Committee shall be from the District of any of the teams involved in the protest. The NYSW Cup Chairperson will only vote in the case of a tie. The decision of the Committee shall be binding. The NYSW Cup Chairperson shall notify both coaches of the Committee's decision. If the protest is upheld and the game has to be replayed, it will be up to the NYSW Cup Chairperson to schedule the game as he/she sees fit.

The following rules apply to all protests:

- 1) The protest must be verbally lodged with the referee and the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site except as noted in #4 below.
- 2) The protest must be filed with the NYSW Cup Chairperson with the following:
 - a) Fee in the amount of \$100.00. This fee may be in cash, cashier's check or money order. All checks and money orders must be made payable to NYSW. No protest fees will be returned for any reason.
 - b) The protest must be submitted in writing with a minimum of five (5) copies and must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged.

- c) Any information to be presented by witnesses must be in writing.
- 3) The NYSW Cup Chairman MUST receive the protest within one (1) hour of the completion of the game being protested.
- 4) Any protest relating to the fields, goalposts, bars or other appurtenances of the game shall not be entertained if the NYSW Cup Chairman and the Referee Administrator have approved them.
- 5) The NYSW Cup Chairperson shall immediately upon the receipt of a protest, notify the team against which the protest is made and shall give a copy of the protest and all particulars to that team, which will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses.
- 6) A lawyer shall not represent a team at the hearing of any protest unless the lawyer is listed on the team's roster as a coach, assistant coach or other team official.
- 7) Judgment decisions of the Referee are not subject to protest.

RULE NYSW 7211 -- GAME PLAY

Section 1. General

- 1) At all Cup Games players and all team officials must have a State issued Member Pass.
- 2) At all Cup Games the team must have a Certified Roster.
- 3) Each player must have a number on the player's jersey. The number must be affixed to the back of the jersey and must be clearly visible. Each player on the team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Goalkeepers must also have a number on their jersey.
- 4) Goalkeepers must wear colors that distinguish them from other players and game officials.

Section 2. Playing Rules

The playing rules of the **Snickers® NYSW Championships Competitions** shall conform to the FIFA "**Laws of the Game**" except as provided by this rule.

Except as otherwise provided for in this section, the length of games, overtime play periods, ball size, ball circumference, and ball weight for each age group shall be as follows:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Overtime Play</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Circumference</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Under 19	Two 45' halves	Two 15' periods	# 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
Under 18	Two 45' halves	Two 15' periods	# 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
Under 17	Two 45' halves	Two 15' periods	# 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
Under 16	Two 40' halves	Two 15' periods	# 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
Under 15	Two 40' halves	Two 15' periods	# 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
Under 14	Two 35' halves	Two 10' periods	# 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
Under 13	Two 35' halves	Two 10' periods	# 5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.

OVERTIME PLAY

For all games EXCEPT Final 4 Tournament Games.

ALL OVERTIME PLAY IS **GOLDEN GOAL** during the period of overtime played at the end of normal play time, the team which scores the first (1st) goal is declared the winner. If a game has overtime play and is still tied after the end of overtime play, FIFA "**Kicks from the Penalty Mark**" rules will apply in order to determine the winner.

For all "round robin format" games:

Games tied at the end of regulation time, will remain a tie and be scored as such.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are unlimited. Re-entry in all age groups will be allowed.

GRACE PERIOD

A fifteen (15) minute grace period shall be allowed at the start of the game. For all preliminary/playoff round match games, any team not ready to play after the grace period

must be reported by the referee to the NYSW Cup Chairperson within 24 hours for appropriate action.

UNFINISHED GAMES

Unfinished games due to any cause shall be replayed providing neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half of regulation time. If play is stopped during the second half of regulation time and cannot be resumed, and neither team is at fault, the game will be declared finished and complete. Should play be stopped at any time due to one (1) of the teams being adjudged at fault, whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit shall be at the discretion of the NYSW Cup Chairperson and 2 other members of the NYSW Board of Directors.

SCORING SYSTEM

WIN	Three (3) Points
TIE	One (1) Point
LOSS	Zero (0) Points

TIE BREAKERS

First (1 st)	Head to Head
Second (2 nd)	Goal Difference (maximum goals will be three (3) per game)
Third (3 rd)	Least Goals Allowed
Fourth (4 th)	FIFA Penalty Kicks

If a team participating in the competition during the Final 4 Weekend forfeits a game, the scoring will be as follows:

- 1) For each forfeited game, the **NON-forfeiting team** shall be awarded:
Three (3) points for a win
Goal differential shall be equal to the average goals for game(s) in the same age group against the team that forfeits.
Zero goals against.
- 2) For each forfeited game, the **forfeiting team** shall be awarded:
Zero points for the loss.
Goal differential of minus three (-3).
Zero goals for.

RULE NYSW 7212 -- GAME OFFICIALS

- 1) For any and all **Snickers® NYSW Championship Cup Games**, the game officials must be registered and assigned by the Western NY Referees Group.
- 2) The fees for game officials shall be consistent with the current contract between NYSW and the Western NY Referees Group.
- 3) For all games played by teams to qualify for the Final 4 Weekend, game fees shall be paid to the referee's on the fields by the teams playing the game.
- 4) All games played at the Final 4 Weekend, game fees shall be paid to the referee's by NYSW, not the teams.
- 5) The referee shall have the power to decide the fitness of the field in all games. In other respects, the duties of the referee and assistant referee are as defined in the "Laws of the Game."
- 6) In the event the assigned referee fails to appear and when assistant referees have been appointed, one of the assistant referees shall take charge. When assistant referees have not been appointed and the referee fails to put in an appearance, the coaches or managers of the opposing teams must agree in writing on a referee for the game.
- 7) The referee has the power during the game to deal with players guilty of violent

conduct or using threatening or abusive language. The referee shall forward the name of any offender within 2 days thereafter to the NYSW Cup Chairperson. No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the referee.

RULE NYSW 7213 – TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION AT FINAL 4 WEEKEND

All teams playing in the Final 4 Weekend must register their team at least 1 hour prior to their first (1st) game.

A team official and all participants/ players must be present to check-in. Players not present at sign-in must show at the headquarters/check-in table to sign in before he/she can participate.

Players should line-up in alphabetical order behind the registering team official in preparation for check-in.

The team's Blue Roster and the Certified NYSW Roster should be on file at the headquarters/check-in table.

At registration, each team must have the following:

- a) Proof of residence - Any other question of residency may be determined by NYSW by means of a voter registration card, a current drivers license, or from an original copy of a current year school transcript which shows the student's home address.
- b) If a player lives outside of NYSW boundaries, he or she must have proper paper work showing permission to play in NYSW from the proper National State Association.
- c) Medical Release Forms.
- d) Member (Players) Passes for all players, coaches and team officials. **NOTE: All passes MUST be laminated.**

RULE NYSW 7214 -- MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

The NYSW Board of Directors shall determine all matters not provided for in these rules provided that the matter is not covered by the National Championship Rules and decisions so made shall be final and binding.

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