

Tri-County Soccer League

LEAGUE CUP RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Rule 1** The Tri County Soccer League shall organize and conduct a Cup competition. Said competition shall be known as the Tri County Soccer League Cup.
- Rule 2** The TCSL shall provide a trophy to be awarded to the winning finalist, said trophy to remain the property of the TCSL; the winning finalist shall retain the trophy for one (1) year.
- Rule 3** The TCSL Cup competition shall have priority over all the other games under the jurisdiction of the Tri County Soccer League.
- Rule 4** Entry into the TCSL Cup shall be limited to members in good standing of the Tri County Soccer League, and all those members shall be represented in the Cup.
- Definition of a member in good standing: A member in good standing is defined as a team/individual which/who is participating in regular TCSL competition and which/who is not in debt to the TCSL in excess of forty dollars (\$40) on or before the draw for the first (1st) round. A non-member team shall not be allowed entry into the competition.
- Rule 5** The first (1st) round of the Cup draw shall take place at the October monthly meeting. All subsequent draws shall take place at monthly Executive Committee meetings.
- Rule 6** The draw shall be an open one; each round to be drawn independently of the other. The Executive Committee shall decide which, if any, teams shall be exempt from the first round to allow the proper format of the Cup.
- Rule 7** All games of the TCSL Cup shall be scheduled by the Director of Scheduling.
- Rule 8** The TCSL Director of Scheduling shall have the power to (1) determine the field upon which the Cup games are to be played; (2) decide the starting time of each game. Cup semifinals and the Cup Final shall be played at a neutral venue, or at a mutually acceptable location to any teams involved.

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- Rule 9** The home team shall be responsible for marking the field (marking to be in accordance with Law I of the Laws of the Game), provide nets, corner flags and game ball. Failure to comply with all or part of this rule, upon report of the referee shall result in a twenty-dollar (\$20) fine. The fine shall be paid to the League Treasurer within eight (8) days after notification.
- Rule 10** A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes grace time shall be allowed to either or both teams after the scheduled starting time has passed. Failure to field the minimum of seven (7) players allowed by the Laws of the Game shall result in forfeiture of the game by the offending team. The forfeiting team shall be responsible for full payment of the referees fees, said fees to be remitted to the League Treasurer within eight (8) days following the game. Failure to pay the fees shall result in automatic suspension of all future games for said team. If it is the visiting team which forfeits, then it shall pay the home team the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) as compensation for the expenses incurred in the marking of the field; if it is the home team which forfeits then it shall pay the visiting team the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) as compensation for the expenses incurred in traveling to the game.
- Rule 11** In the event that both teams fail to field the minimum number of players within the grace period noted in Rule 14, a double forfeiture shall be declared. Both teams share equal responsibility for the payment of the referees fee, the fee to be remitted to the League Treasurer within eight (8) days after notification. Neither team shall pay for the travel or field marking compensation as delineated in Rule 10. Also both teams will be considered as losers and thus eliminated from TCSL Cup competition.
- Rule 12** Misconduct by a team, player, manager, or spectator during the course of a Cup game shall be punished as set forth in the TCSL Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- Rule 13** Any and all questions concerning the eligibility of a player's participation in the TCSL Cup shall be governed by the TCSL Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and CSA-South registration records.
- Rule 14** The TCSL shall assume payment in full of the semi-final and final games (referee fees and field marking costs). In the event of a forfeiture by one or both teams in a semi-final or final, Rules 10 and 11 shall govern.

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- Rule 15** The President or his assigned delegate shall be present at the Cup final.
- Rule 16** The TCSL shall award trophies or money to two (2) non-playing managers and each player of the finalist team. The cost of said trophies shall not exceed three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350).
- Rule 17** Protests of Cup games shall be made and handled in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- Rule 18** The regulation playing time of each game shall be two (2) forty five (45) minute halves. In event that a game is tied at the end regulation time, two (2) fifteen minute segments will be played. In the event that the game tied at the end of extra time, the game shall be decided from the penalty mark subject to following conditions:
1. The referee shall choose the goal at which end the kicks may be taken;
 2. He shall toss a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss shall take the first kick.
 3.
 - a. Subject to the terms of the following paragraphs (c) and (d), both teams shall each take five (5) kicks;
 - b. The kicks shall be taken alternately between the two teams;
 - c. If, before both teams have taken five (5) kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score even if it were to complete its five (5) kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease;
 - d. If, after both teams have taken five (5) kicks, both teams have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of the kicks shall continue, in the same order, until such time as both teams have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks) and one has scored a goal more than the other.
 4. The team which has scored the greater number of goals, whether the number of kicks taken is in accordance with the terms of the foregoing paragraph 3(a), 3(c), or 3(d), shall qualify for the next round of the competition, or shall be declared the winner of the competition, as the case may be.
 5. Except that a named substitute may replace a goalkeeper who sustains an injury during the taking of the kicks, and who, because of the injury is unable to continue as a goalkeeper, only the players who are on the field of play at the end of the game, which shall mean the end of extra time insofar as the game in which extra time is authorized- is concerned and anyone who, having left the field temporarily with or without the referee's permission, are not on the field of play at that time, shall be eligible to take part in the taking of the kicks.

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6. Each kick shall be taken by a different player and not until all eligible players of any team, including the goalkeeper or the named substitute by whom he was replaced in terms of paragraph (5) as the case may be, have each taken a kick may a player of the same team take a second kick.
7. Subject to the terms of paragraph (5), any player who is eligible may change places with his goalkeeper at any time during the taking of the kicks.
8.
 - a. Other than the player taking a kick from the penalty mark, and the two goalkeepers, all players shall remain within the center circle whilst the taking of the kicks is in progress.
 - b. The goalkeeper who is a colleague of the kicker shall take up a position within the field of play, outside the penalty area at which the kicks are being taken, behind the line which runs parallel with the goal line, and at least ten (10) yards from the penalty mark.

Rule 19 All referee fees for all Cup games shall be paid ,at the rate commensurate with the fees paid to the referees at the regularly scheduled League games of the First Division.

Rule 20 No transfer will be granted to a player and no new players can be registered specifically for the Cup final or semi finals. All players must be in good standing and have played in at least two (2) TCSL League games to participate in the Cup final and/or semi finals. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in the offending team forfeiting the game.

Rule 21 All the provisions of the TCSL Bylaws, Rules and Regulations shall apply to all Cup games.