



2022 NYSW State Cup

Survey Results

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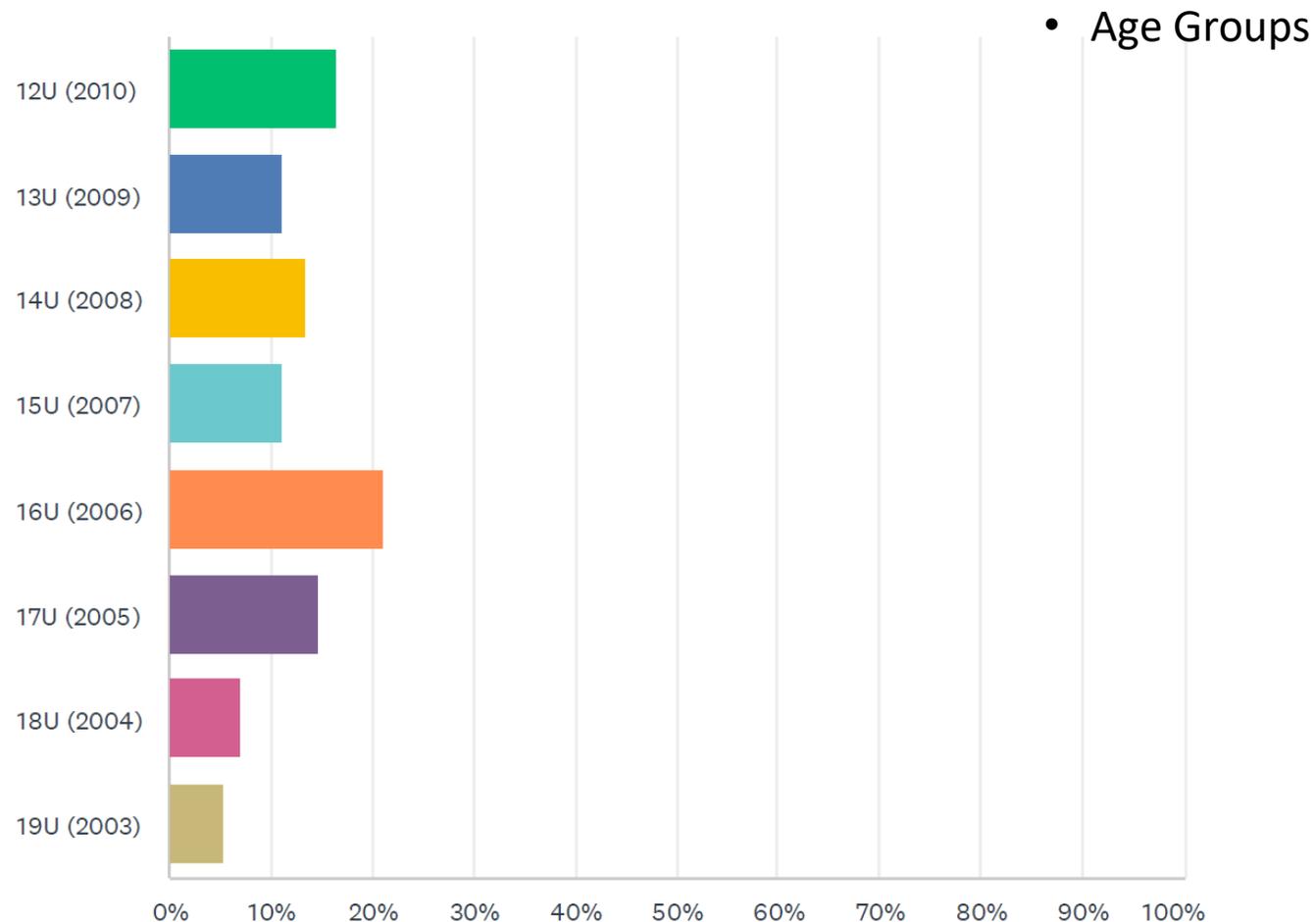


Survey Stats – Raw Data

- Distributed to Club Officials and Team Staff in our database
- 171 responses
- 153 responders indicate a plan to participate
- 93 Female team responses
- 78 Male team Responses
- Tracked IP addresses and not email addresses for responses
- Raw Data was not limited to one response per team



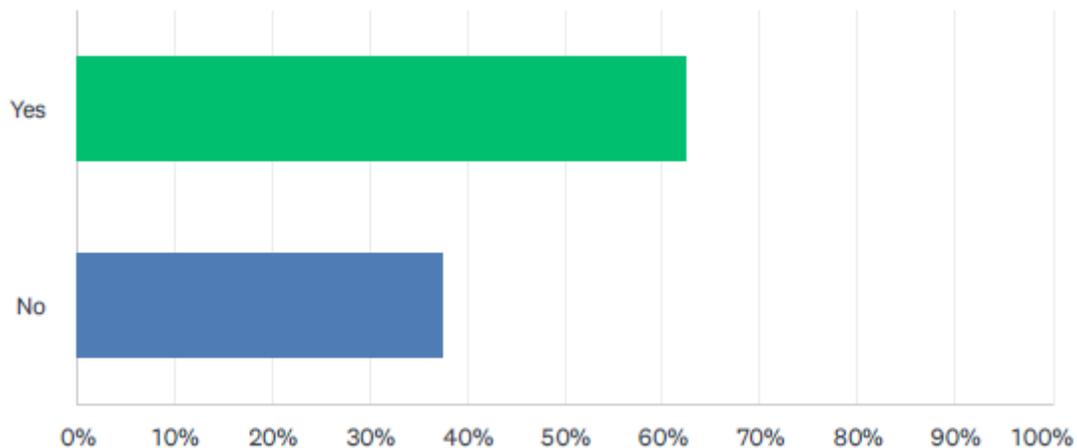
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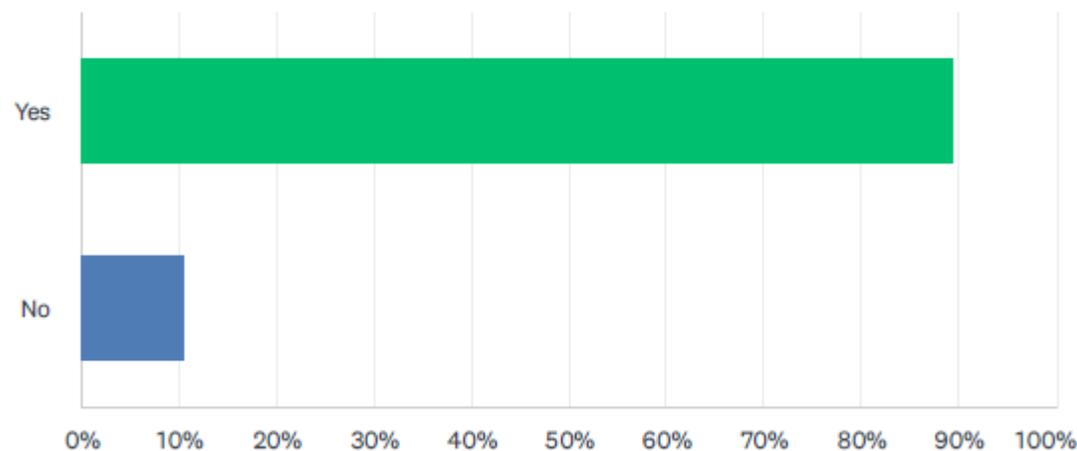


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- Have you participated in State Cup
(107 – 64)



- Plan to Participate in State Cup
(153 – 18)





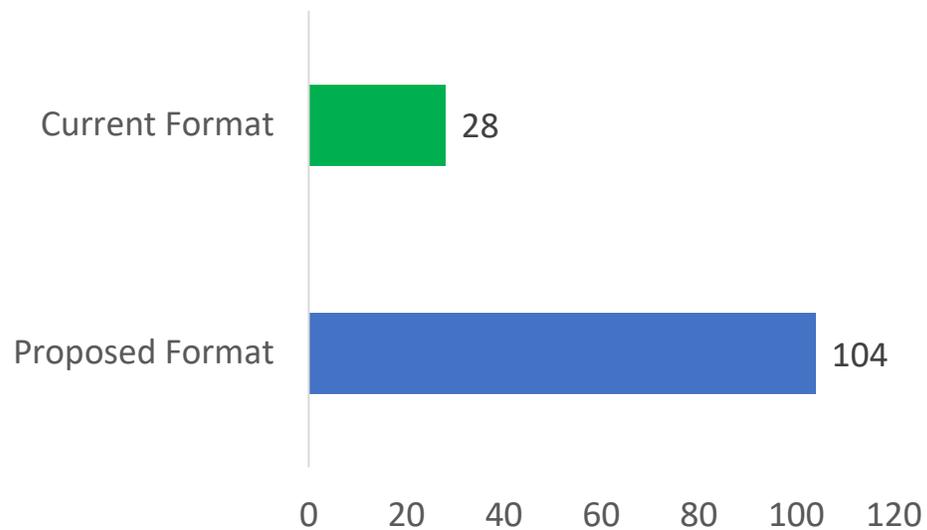
Survey Stats - Duplicates

- IP Addresses – 42 (25%)
- Flex Schedule Comment – 22 (13%)
- Final 4 Format Comment – 22 (13%)
- Team Names – 58 (34%)
 - For example: 13 2006 Girls team responses for a single club



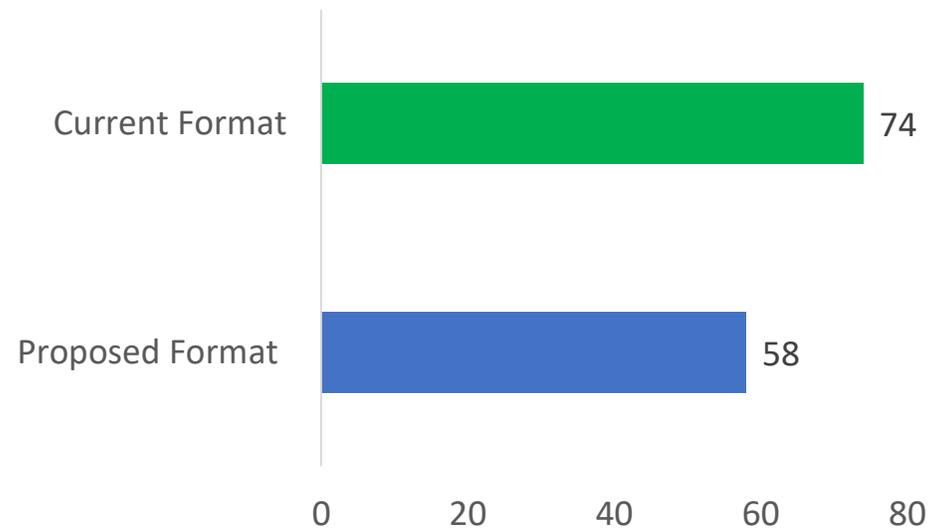
Survey Results – Validated Data

- Game Schedule (28 – 104)



Current Format – Fixed Scheduling
Proposed Format – Flex Scheduling

- Final 4 Format (74 - 58)



Current Format – Round Robin
Proposed Format – Single-game Elimination



Recommendations

- The 2022 NYSW State Cup tournament will operate as follows:
 - Flex Scheduling for the Playdown rounds
 - Round Robin format for the Final 4
 - Final 4 Tournament scheduled for Cortland, NY
- Unique survey comments are on the following pages.
- Registration will open on 7 Feb 22
- See the website for details

Item	Q8 Additional Comments Regarding Playdown Game Scheduling Process
1	I am in favor of flexible scheduling as it will allow our team the option to still use weekend dates for other events by being able to play potentially on a weekday (43)
2	Allows for possible scheduling of May tournaments with the new proposal.
3	Although we are not eligible to compete in State Cup this season, we hope to compete in the future. It seems wiser to leave the scheduling to NYSW rather than leaving it up to coaches.
4	As stated in the presentation, it helps the teams playing in other leagues which require travel on the weekends. Flexible scheduling for play downs also gives all team the opportunity to play in tournaments on weekends in May.
5	By allowing flexible scheduling , teams close in proximity, Can play during the week which would allow for these teams to compete in other weekend tournaments or games
6	Concerns about single games being held without proper refs and difficulty in securing fields if the proposed format is incorporated.
7	Empire cup being on May 7 - 8 would limit our participation in state Cup unless scheduling is flexible
8	Flexibility is so key with teams having to self schedule so many other teams in GLA and Thruway Leagues.
9	Flexible play down scheduling would allow for our team to potentially participate in other tournaments by scheduling for what makes sense for our team and our opponent.
10	Flexible scheduling allows for league games to play. its hard to block these weekends in full and complete other league obligations
11	Flexible scheduling allows teams to potentially use their weekends for other events/tournaments as well rather than having to dedicate several weekends without knowing the schedule
12	Flexible scheduling will only cause headaches for everyone involved.
13	Flexible scheduling will suit all teams best with tournament schedules.
14	Flexible scheduling would allow us to have a complete schedule in May/June without having to block off the full weekends for one game
15	Freedom to self schedule games would improve the competition.
16	I believe that flexible scheduling will help with the older teams, especially those who have players in college
17	I support flexible play down scheduling as it would allow our team to be able to schedule around other events/tournaments and potentially play on a weekday.
18	I think having fixed schedule of games on Sunday's is very helpful for players who are playing spring school sports.
19	I would like to be ensured more than 1 game. I would also like a neutral location, not one teams home field. I would ask that the referee for the games not previously be affiliated with one of the teams.
20	If scheduled on own and teams get the field, who will pay the field cost? If home team responsible, will the state cup fee be less????
21	If we do not have self-scheduling option, we will likely need to ask for a playdown reschedule anyway.
22	If you choose the proposed format you should have your heads examined. You are the governing body and need to do what is best for all the teams not just a few. Teams will never be able to self schedule and the format is not good.
23	In favor of flexible scheduling as it will allow our team more options.
24	It seems to me that the proposed format does not address the concerns that teams have raised with regard to flexible schedules. If, for example, Thruway scheduling must be completed by 2/28, then those games are set for each team *prior* to the point of needing to schedule playdown games. Additionally, teams will schedule tournaments during May believing that they will be able to work around their tournament commitments with flexible playdown scheduling. The consequence will be far too many scheduling conflicts to be successful.
25	It would immensely help our very busy spring schedules.
26	Only able to participate in State Cup if we did the new format
27	Preset dates would allow for the best scheduling of referees/fields vs individual games. Preset dates have been understood for many years and have been successful--no need to change.
28	Self scheduling will cause a lot of conflict with current tournament and league obligations
29	Teams should have the ability to try and work through a schedule up to a certain date. If the teams don't come to an agreement then both teams have to play by the date set by NYSW
30	The flexible schedule would help a lot.
31	The uncertainty of the playing weekends creates difficulty for planning.
32	There are so many times where kids have to miss proms and other school events that land on the play down dates. I am in support of allowing us to schedule our own games, which allows our kids to not have to make the decision of being there for their teammates or going to a school function.
33	This will allow coaches to coach at least 2 sides that coach multiple sides

34	This will allow team the option to use wkend dates for other events by being able to possibly play on a weekday.
35	This will reduce conflict with leagues and other school sports/commitments.
36	We have to change to a flexible scheduling model to best accommodate the various leagues and tournaments teams are playing in. This would allow the two teams to find a date that fits best for them.
37	We support the flexibility of scheduling games midweek as it allows for teams to mangle their weekends more efficiently. Draw should be completed by February 1st. April is way to far out.
38	We will need flexibility in order to participate
39	We've planned/organized based on the current format. We are not prepared for a flexible format (meaning lack of field and we have told our players to keep 5/7 and 5/8 open)
40	With numerous NY state teams playing in other states(representing our State) it is difficult to play in the weekend format State Cup uses. This needs to be more flexible. There are teams (clubs) that would or could schedule a weekday game that are within a couple miles of each other. This needs to be addressed and fixed. Thank you for sending this survey out.
41	Would be nice to have the flexibility in scheduling to allow the girls to schedule other important events.

Item	Q10 Additional Comments Regarding Finals Weekend Tournament Format
1	I would like to see the format stay as a semis/finals weekend and remain in the Rochester area. The 2021 event was excellent and did not require additional costs for hotels
2	"Round Robin" provides a more equitable opportunity for teams to perform. Our older daughter's team played last year and their team was eliminated in the first round of the play down games. This was our first experience with State Cup and it was very disappointing to not also have a "round robin" approach to the preliminary games. We'd strongly oppose single round elimination.
3	Although a single final game is nice, you would have to book a hotel either way. In proposed format you would have a hotel room that half the teams would have to eat the cost of as they would be eliminated Sat. You are also blocking it an entire weekend for possibly just 1 game on Sat.
4	By having 3 guaranteed games it provides more value and provides better opportunities for all teams involved.
5	Final format does not really matter
6	For teams that receive a bye and advance directly to the final four they could end up playing one game total for the tournament. In addition the 3 game format is a great experience playing other high quality teams and the team bonding that occurs over the weekend.
7	I feel single-game elimination is better both for competitiveness and fairness as well as player development.
8	I like the current format. Having the event in Rochester, which is centrally located, was also convenient
9	I really liked the semi and final this year but also like the round robin.
10	If change to single elimination (instead of 3 games, some teams get 1) will the cost be less. The format last year where we all paid the same price but some of us only got 1 game was ridiculous. The younger groups may have had 4 play down games where the older groups got 1 game at the finals weekend and we all paid the same?!?!?
11	It's best to get 3 games and to compete against all 3 teams
12	Keep as semifinals/finals wkend and stay in Rochester. 2021 did not require additional costs for hotels.
13	One of the reason our squad does state cup is for the 3 games if we reach the final four.
14	Playing round Robin gives our players the oppurtunity to get seen by college coaches for 3 straight days. If you play in a semi final and lose you are done and of the college coaches could only get there on Sunday it is a chance missed out on.
15	Please keep the semi/finals weekend. The 2021 format worked well. Keeping it in the Rochester area seems proper is it is the most centrally located city. Mist teams did not have to add hotel fees to their overall cost
16	Please keep the semi-finals/finals format that was used in 2021. This event worked well for our older teams last year. Also - please keep in Rochester Area as it's more central to the majority of teams and requires fewer hotel stays.
17	Proposed finals weekend tournament would allow for teams to not have to pay for hotel stays unless completely necessary
18	Round Robin format would allow experience for all teams instead of just one chance.
19	Round Robin gives each team a better chance of advancing and in my opinion is a much better experience/ more fun for the kids in a tournament style

20	Round Robin is an excellent experience for the players. This is a competition and the teams that win should well represent NYSW in Regionals. With a single game elimination there may be a situation where the best team does not represent NYSW in regionals.
21	See above notes for question 7
22	Single elimination doesn't always provide for the best team to represent NYW, the current format allows a team to have an off day and still win out and showcase the best of NYW.
23	The current format allows for some scenarios that give more opportunity for teams to earn their way in vs a blind draw single game elimination where the #1 may not actually be the most talented team. If you go to single elimination there should be a more just way of seeding teams other than blind draw or past performance in state cup alone. Teams should submit some past performance data that can help determine appropriate seeding.
24	There is a level of prestige to make the final 4 and play each of the other opponents to know exactly where you rank. Getting into the final 4 to play 1 game and leave (with a loss) defeats the spirit and excitement of making it to the finals weekend
25	This is the best way to determine the overall champion. It always has been in my opinion.
26	This worked really well last year
27	Three games in a row degrades the quality of play.
28	Tournament style round robin for final four gives teams a fair opportunity to really show what they can do.
29	Two games in two days is better for teams as per US Soccer "Best Practices". Losing the first of three games makes it very difficult for that team to win and makes for meaningless games.
30	Want the event I. Rochester
31	Why is the referee piece different for finals weekend regardless if it's round robin or semi final and final? The pool of referees should actually be better with less games over the weekend? That isn't how the survey sounds... Based on local assignments? What does this mean?

Item	Q 11 Please provide any additional feedback that you have regarding the possible changes for this year or future years.
1	I would like to see the playdown portion of state cup move to a pool play format. This would guarantee additional games and follow the format of regionals and nationals
2	If self-scheduling is a possibility, we will send multiple teams and more teams than under current format.
3	It would be very helpful to shift this whole schedule up a bit, particularly the application and blind draw, so that we would have a schedule to work off of earlier (more than setting aside each weekend in May and first weekend in June). Regional league games, and now even Thruway, are scheduled much earlier than this schedule is posted. If we had the blind draw completed, we would know if there is a bye the first round, if it's likely we'll play more than one round, etc – little factors that would aid in scheduling league games. Maybe this could be a simple way to alleviate some scheduling difficulties?
4	I would like to see the playdown portion of state cup move to a pool play format. This would guarantee additional games and follow the format of regionals and nationals.
5	I think the site of the Regional Finals should rotate. While Cortland is nice it is furthest from Buffalo and Rochester. It is convenient for Syracuse and Binghamton who do not have to incur any additional travel costs: hotel, gas, meals, etc. Why should Buffalo and Rochester have to pay these extras every year? Every region has capable facilities to support this event.
6	It is really a set back that teams with low income, don't have a local league to play in, especially younger players. A league like CNYJSA could run with the right people running it under NYW guidelines. The drop in participation in Syracuse will drop considerably due to this. If I had a local qualifier league that was local and sanctioned I would be able to have 10 teams enter states which is about 200 advanced kids not able to play.
7	Group play for play down games, to ensure more guaranteed games.
8	No changes needed
9	Better fields when playing teams.
10	Thank you guys for being available for change.
11	I think if there is an opportunity to open up the format, it could open the door for more team participation driving involvement and revenue. Following a similar format to North Carolina....once all teams in an age group have applied, they are seeded 1-whatever number based upon current year league standing (it would need to be blended given the mixture of qualifying leagues in NYSW). Play down games are only then necessary to limit an age group to 16, 12 or 8 teams. After playdowns there is (1) weekend of Round Robin play (older ages can play Friday- Sun. 4 groups of 4 based on seeds A(1,8,9,16) B(2,7,10,15) C(3,6,11,14) D(4,5,12,13) - the four group winners advance to the final weekend of single elimination games AvD, BvC - if there are 3 groups its 3 winners and a WC, 2 groups can be just the two winners or top two for the final weekend.
12	I can speak on behalf of many many club coaches at the community level, your focus and energy dedicated to such events, which are accessed by an exceedingly small percentage of players, leaves the ongoing impression that's all you care about.
13	This feedback is for all of our Select teams planning to register for the NYW State Cup (Boys 2008,07,06,05&04) (Girls 2007,05,03/04)
14	Round robins to get to final weekend and knockouts for final weekend would be best.
15	Flex scheduling for playdown games would be very welcomed.
16	I really feel teams need the flexibility for scheduling. I know we already have conflicts with the first play down weekend. If we are not allowed to work with the other team for the game dates, our team will not be able to participate and we will likely have to enter the other State Cup completion that is inclusive of USCS teams
17	I would like Finals weekend to occur in Rochester so I don't have a hotel cost.
18	Sometimes people are not looking at the big picture for all clubs and want things their way. All clubs should have an equal voice and listened to. Thank you for providing this survey as a tool to listen.
19	Thanks for all your hard work with this and everything else.
20	Do not change a thing.
21	Please consider past rankings when seeding teams. Our team was first in Thruway one year and we were still seeded last. There should be a fair way to seed teams other than just drawing them. Our game last year was extremely frustrating and (personally identifiable info remove)
22	Needs to be very clear what the costs will be associated with scheduling ones own games. The final 4 weekend needs to be a round robin. Not everyone that applies should be allowed in. There should be some criteria to being allowed in. It is a waste of everyones time when a rec team with no credentials is allowed in and is beat 15 to 0. This is an absolute waste of time and resources.
23	See above notes for question 7
24	Self scheduling games would be a great change. I also believe U11 teams should be allowed to enter the U12 state cup if they wanted to play in it. Would increase number of teams in the U12 age group overall.
25	DO NOT LET TEAMS SELF SCHEDULE IN APRIL. WE LIVE IN UPSTATE NY. NYSW IS THE GOVERNING BODY AND YOU SHOULD NOT LET THE IN MATES RUN THE ASYLUM! - (personally identifiable info removed)
26	I'm not sure why these possible changes are even being considered. Flexible schedule in most cases wont be easy as all teams will have player conflicts and won't want to play unless they have all their key players. Single elimination, in my opinion, makes the event less than what it has been in the past.
27	In future years, I think it would be beneficial to teams to have a single weekend set aside for a traditional tournament structure for playdown games in round robin format that then produce the top four teams for the finals weekend. This would put far less scheduling burden on the teams.
28	Has there been any thought of doing Round Robin play in the playdown rounds to provide more guaranteed games? This is how Regionals works, World Cup, etc.

29	I like the proposed changes for this season as well as looking at group play for the first three games next season. Working with all the clubs in order to get the best teams participating in SC play is essential for the integrity of the State Cup. There has to be models that other states use that would help in deciding what is best for the clubs in NYSW especially when it comes to group play in the first round. Scheduling spring tournaments for clubs who are involved in SC limits how many weekends are available to go away.
30	Adjusting the format of the "play down" games so that there is no longer a single-game elimination should be seriously considered for future State Cup tournaments. One bad game should not dictate who is eligible to keep playing; it also would be more interesting to see teams continue to participate in the tournament. We want to see them play, not just receive a refund if they are eliminated. Thank you!