

Further to the decisions of the NYSW State Cup Committee, please find below amended rules (language) for the 2023 competition.

The changes listed will be incorporated in the complete rules document posted online.

Qualifying Leagues

Revised Policy

RULE NYSW 7203 -- TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Open Competition

(4) The team MUST compete in at least a 4-team **AFFILIATED** US Soccer League during the current seasonal year that meets the NYSWYSA qualifying league definition. The league competition must consist of a minimum of one (1) game against each of the 3 different teams participating in the league. 19U age groups are excluded from this 4-team league rule.

(7) All teams entering must have the league that they will play in during the 2022-2023 seasonal year verified by the NYSW Cup Chairperson. Failure to play in an approved league will result in disqualification from the current competition and subsequent year's competition. The 19U age groups are exempt from any requirement to play in a league.

Revised Policy

RULE NYSW 7208 – LEAGUES

Section 1. Approved Leagues

(1) All teams must compete in at least a four team – AFFILIATED US Soccer league during the current seasonal year. The 19U age group is exempt from any league play requirement. Questions about which leagues are considered Cup approved should be directed to NYSW.

Section 3. Approved League Team Composition

(1) In order for a league to be approved, it must meet the following criteria:

h. All players on the roster must have a US Soccer member pass.

i. The referee will allow only players with a US Soccer member pass to participate in the game. Players who only appear on the roster but do not show a pass will not be permitted to play.

Section 4. Approved League Sanctioning

Only sanctioned US Soccer leagues will be considered for qualifying leagues. The NYSWYSA Cup Chairperson has the right to reject any team not playing in an approved league.

Rationale

NYSWYSA State Cup Committee voted to open participation to teams competing in all US Soccer affiliated leagues.

Team/Player Eligibility

Revised Policy

RULE NYSW 7203 -- TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 3. Team/League Rosters, NCS Rosters, and Game Rosters

(2) National Championship Roster – A team shall have a National Championship Roster based on the team/league roster at the New York State West level of the competition, approved by New York State West.

- a. 12U rosters may have up to 16 youth players.
- b. All other age groups may have up to 22 youth players on the roster at all levels of the competition.
- c. There must be a majority of players (13U-19U) and 8 players (12U) from the team (league) roster on the NCS roster at all times. (Table in Rule 7203, section 1, 5)
- d. Club passed players added to the NCS roster that do not appear on the league roster must have been club members with a pass prior to the initial roster freeze date.

RULE NYSW 7207 -- PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

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 is issued a member pass is considered the ‘primary’ team.

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, and validation by NYSW. The pass must be laminated.
- (3) ALL information printed on the pass MUST be legible.
- (4) Player information common to the Member Pass, and Cup Roster must match exactly.

Rationale

NYSWYSA State Cup Committee voted to open participation to teams competing in all US Soccer affiliated leagues and in so doing decided that it would be unable to uphold its rule on only allowing Primary carded players onto Rosters.

Field Sizes

Revised Policy

RULE NYSW 7211 -- GAME PLAY

Section 2. Playing Rules

The playing rules of THE US YOUTH SOCCER NYSW Championships Competitions shall conform to the FIFA “**Laws of the Game**” except as provided by this rule.

Field sizes must conform to Standards of Play as detailed in US Soccer’s Player Development Initiatives August 2017 and US Youth Soccer Guidelines.

Sizes apply to both outdoor and indoor fields.

9v9 – Field of Play -70-80 yards (length) -45-55 yards (width) -Goals should be no larger than 7 feet (height) x 21 feet (width) -A 6.5 feet (height) x 18.5 feet (width) goal is recommended based on the age and ability of the players.

11v11– Field of Play -100-130 yards (length) -50-100 yards (width) -Goals should be no larger than 8 feet (height) x 24 feet (width)

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>	<u>Max Roster Size</u>
19 & under	Two 45’ halves	Two 15’ periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.	22 players
18 & under	Two 45’ halves	Two 15’ periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.	22 players
17 & under	Two 45’ halves	Two 15’ periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.	22 players
16 & under	Two 40’ halves	Two 15’ periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.	22 players
15 & under	Two 40’ halves	Two 15’ periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.	22 players
14 & under	Two 35’ halves	Two 10’ periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.	22 players
13 & under	Two 35’ halves	Two 10’ periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.	22 players
12 & under	Two 30’ halves	Two 10’ periods	#4	25-26 in.	11-13 oz.	16 players

Any dispute shall be referred to the NYSW Cup Chairperson

Rationale

NYSWYSA State Cup Committee requested clarity be made on permissible field sizes, this to clarify that whether a game was at an indoor or outdoor venue fields, would have to be the correct size.

Three-way tie breakers

Revised Policy

RULE NYSW 7211 -- GAME PLAY

Section 2. Playing Rules

Three-way ties within an age group:

A three-way tie will be decided using the same tie breakers as items 2, 3 and 4 above. If only one team can be eliminated before applying item 4, then start over at 1 comparing only the remaining two teams. If FIFA “**Kicks from the Penalty Mark**” have to be taken, there will be a draw by the State Cup Committee. The first team drawn will receive the bye, the next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of FIFA “**Kicks from the Penalty Mark**”. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in FIFA “**Kicks from the Penalty Mark**” to determine the winner of the age group. The bye team will be the home team.

Rationale

Adding the word ‘only’ to the second sentence to clarify the process if only a single team is eliminated before the application of item 4.

Final Four Housing

Revised Policy

Rule 7213 TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION AT FINAL 4 WEEKEND

Section 3. Housing at State Cup Final 4

The NYSW National Championships provides housing at the best possible prices for teams at Final 4. Hotel reservations are not required and are at the team’s discretion, however any teams/ families who are interested in reserving a room must do so through the NYSW approved agency. Once a team commits to using the housing provided by securing a room block/reservation for their team, they will be levied a \$750.00 penalty for not using at least 50% of the rooms reserved. Going outside the provided housing system will also result in a \$750.00 penalty.

Rationale

NYSWYSA State Cup Committee voted that the booking of hotel rooms for teams at the Final Four be discretionary for all teams and not mandatory for those over 60 miles away from the event.