

ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

POLICY & PROCEDURE

POLICY TOPIC: SINGLE TEAM AND TWO TEAM DIVISION- STATE CUP

POLICY NO: SC070103

POLICY: Single or two team entries in an age group division of the Alaska State Cup Competition

PURPOSE: This policy defines state cup eligibility for one and two team divisions and the procedures that will be followed to ensure the teams meet the state cup requirements and continue their eligibility to represent Alaska in the US Youth Soccer Championship Series.

PROCEDURE:

Single Team Entry

- If only one team enters in an age group of the State Cup Competition, a refund will be issued minus a \$100 administrative fee; unless the team is eligible and decides to represent Alaska in the US Youth Soccer Championship Series then the team State Cup registration fee will not be refunded.
- The US Youth Soccer Championship Series commitment fee/deposit will be required at the time of team commitment and is payable to Alaska Youth Soccer Association.
- The commitment fee will be held to pay the team's US Youth Soccer Championship Series entry fee. The balance will be refunded to the team after they attend the Regional Event. The check will be sent directly to the club within sixty-days after the event. The fee will be minus the team entry fee and an \$100 AYSA State Administrative fee.
- If the team withdraws from the US Youth Soccer Championship Series after commitment; all portions of the commitment fee will be forfeited; no exceptions.

Team Qualification

- The team will have placed in a current season Alaska Sanctioned Tournament. If the team placed in an out of state tournament, they may request to the State Cup Committee for a waiver.
- Team will participate in games at State Cup with teams in older and/or younger age division if feasible.
- A member of the State Coaching staff will evaluate the team during preliminary games at State Cup. This evaluation will include written recommendation given to the State Cup Committee as to the quality of play and competitive nature of the team.
- In the event, there is a negative evaluation of the team's performance, the team may request a second evaluation to be conducted by the State Cup Chair and Committee.
- The team must remain a viable team until the US Youth Soccer Championship Series the following June. Refer to the Alaska State Cup Champion Teams Policy and Guidelines.

PROCEDURE:

Two Team Entry

- The age group with only (2) two teams enter in a division of the State Cup Competition; teams must play the scheduled games in order to qualify and advance to the US Youth Soccer Championship Series.
- All three games will be scheduled, but the championship will be determined by the best out the 3 games (2 out of 3 wins).
- Preliminary Games will begin on Friday with Championship game played on Sunday.
- Games will be played to win.
- If games are tied at the end of regulation play, then overtime periods will be played, followed by FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark".
- If a team wins the first two games scheduled the award ceremony will be held directly after the match conclusion.