

# ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## POLICY & PROCEDURE

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POLICY TOPIC: STATE CUP CHAMPION TEAM POLICY

POLICY NO: SC080104

**POLICY: The 2021 Championship Teams (12-U through 19-U) will represent Alaska at the 2022 West National Championship Series.**

PROCEDURE:

- a. The West National Championship Series includes the State Associations of Alaska, Arizona, California-South, California-North, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
- b. Presidents Cup includes West Region small states (25,000 players or less) and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> tier teams from the larger states
- c. State Cup Championship Team - Commitments Guidelines (Players CANNOT attend more than one event)  
**12U** - Teams are required to attend Far West Regional located at the Presidents Cup venue.  
**13U through 15U** - Teams are required to attend either Far West Regional or Presidents Cup.  
**16U through 17U** - Teams not required to attend either Far West Regional or Presidents Cup.
- d. 1<sup>st</sup> place teams will submit the Commitment to Travel and Participate form by the required deadline. The team manager will be required to register their team online, submit the roster, team profile, and team deposit by the required deadlines. The team manager will also keep the State Office updated with phone/email contacts for the team coach(s), trainer(s) and manager.
- e. If the 1<sup>st</sup> place team opts to attend Far West Regional, the slot for Presidents Cup will be offered to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team. Runner up teams do not contact AYSA for status updates.
- f. Once the Team Commitment and Team Deposit are made to represent Alaska at the Far West Regional or Presidents Cup, there will be no refunds processed (no exceptions).
- g. Team may release involuntarily a player from roster only if the player is unable to play for following reason:
  - 1) The Player has violated bylaws, policies or requirements of the Federation, US Youth Soccer, the State association or the member of the State Association through whom the player is registered.
  - 2) The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes a reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by the State Office.
  - 3) The player is injured, and the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.
- h. The team must demonstrate a continuity of rosters between League and West Region Competition of at least nine original players on the State Cup Approved Roster.
- i. Player(s) on a State Cup Team; may move to another team after September 1, they will remain eligible to attend the West Region Championship Series.
- j. Coaches may not drop a player to add a player; the original roster must stay intact.
- k. No guest players allowed for the Far West Region Championship Series. If you choose to add a player for the President Cup event, you must submit the Temporary Release and Transfer form prior to the roster freeze deadline. Only in-state additional players can be rostered; player(s) that move out of state are ineligible to participate with the team.
- l. A player cannot attend both the Far West Regional and Presidents Cup.
- m. Coaches and clubs may not use the West Region sponsored Tournament as a recruitment tool to entice a player to join a team. Coaches may not tell a player that they will only be invited to play on the regional bound team if they agree to join the team.
- n. All teams must notify the State Office by February 15th, the hotel the team will be staying in while attending the Regional Event. If there is a change of hotels the manager must notify the State Office.
- o. It is strongly recommended that if holding tryouts after the State Cup Competition for the new Seasonal year 2021-2022 the team not drop players from the roster for the regular season. The team MAY NOT drop below *nine from the original State Cup Approved Roster.*