



ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2021 STATE CUP

STATE CUP WITHDRAW, REFUND AND FORFEITURE POLICY

POLICY & PROCEDURE



The Alaska State Cup is open to Alaska Competitive Teams 11-U through 19-U, teams must be Alaskan based and Alaska residents to be eligible to participate; players, coaches and teams must be currently registered under the AYSA umbrella in the 2020-2021 seasonal year with a valid team roster with AYSA player cards. Teams and players must have participated in an AYSA Sanctioned Summer League or have been approved through the Affiliate Team Eligibility waiver for Geographic Constraint communities and are currently in good standing with Alaska Youth Soccer.

All players must be properly registered under the AYSA umbrella and living in Alaska prior to the July State Cup Application Deadline. The Player Eligibility Placement Deadline **(6/4/21)**; players are to be properly registered as a member of AYSA by this date.

Up until the three (3) week timeline prior to the event date any team that withdraws their registration by giving a written notice to AYSA; will only receive 25% of their registration fee as a refund. Any team that withdraws within the three (3) week window prior to the event will not receive a refund. If the Alaska State Cup is postponed or cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic or the city municipality permits were not granted for approval for the AYSA Mitigation Plan only a 50% of registration fee will be granted.

The 2021 Alaska State Cup Refund Deadline will be July 8, 2021; the formal notice must be received in writing to the AYSA State Office by 5pm.

If the team withdraws after the **published schedule** the team will remain on the schedule and the score will count as a loss (3-0) against the team that has withdrawn.

If the team withdraws and **does not notify** the State Office in writing, it will be treated as team forfeit and will be subject to forfeiture penalties*.

Single Team Entry

If only one team enters in an age group of the State Cup Competition, a refund will be issued minus a \$150 administrative fee. If the team qualifies under the state cup requirements and are eligible to represent Alaska in the US Youth Soccer National Championships., the registration fee would not be refunded.

The US Youth Soccer National Championships commitment fee 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 Far West Regional or President Cup entry fee. The balance will be refunded to the team after they attend the US Youth Soccer National Championships. The check will be sent directly to the club prior to July 31, 2022. The commitment fee/deposit will be minus the team entry fee and an \$100 AYSA State Administrative fee.

If the team withdraws from the US Youth Soccer National Championships after commitment; all portions of the Commitment Fee will be forfeited; no exceptions.

Forfeiture Policy

Forfeiture Rule: In the event a team forfeits one of its preliminary games, the opposing team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, and the forfeiting team zero (0) points for the loss. In the event a goal differential becomes a factor in tie-breaking procedures, the 4 goals awarded for the forfeited game shall be included in the calculation to determine cumulative goal differential.

In the event a team cannot produce **player/ coach member passes** at game time; only the Alaska Youth Soccer officials and/ or State Cup Committee will determine team eligibility to play; with the understanding, the member passes, or State printed passes will be provided by half time.



Grace Periods: Any team not ready to play at the scheduled start time shall be granted a 15-minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a legal team. Any team not ready to play at the expiration of the grace period shall be deemed to have forfeited the game. All situations will be assessed by Alaska Youth Soccer officials.

a. Should a forfeit occur, team forfeiting the game will be fined \$500.00 and will forfeit its team entry fee. Any team using an ineligible player(s) in a game will forfeit the game, the opposing team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, and the forfeiting team zero (0) points for the loss. Any team found guilty of using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the US Youth Soccer National Championships competitions in the current seasonal year.

a. Team using an ineligible player(s) in a game will not be allowed to continue to play in the Alaska State Cup; fined \$1000.00; payable to Alaska Youth Soccer Association and will forfeit the team entry fee.

b. Any coach, manager, representative, member, or official found guilty of knowingly using an ineligible player or violating the unethical conduct of the Code of Conduct policy is not eligible to compete further in the National Championships competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year.

c. If an illegal player is found to be on a roster, regardless if the player did not participate in a game, all games are to be considered a forfeit.

Match Manipulation: Teams failing to compete in the spirit of the competition or involved in the manipulation of a game result are subject to forfeiture and disqualification from all levels of Alaska State Cup competition, and the US Youth Soccer National Championships.

a) If failing to compete is observed and confirmed by the Alaska Youth Soccer officials and/ or Alaska State Cup Committee will give notice to the offending team or teams, and

b) If corrective action is not taken, the team or teams will be subject to disqualification.

If it is determined that a team deliberately forfeits a game or a match manipulation that team will be subject to fines and sanctions as determined by the AYSA Conduct committee.

Fine Guidelines:

- Team will have thirty days to pay the fine or be placed on the AYSA No Pay - No Play List.
- Fines are to be payable to Alaska Youth Soccer Association.
- Clubs will be responsible for the team's fine after thirty days; team members will remain on the No Pay - No Play List until the fine is paid.

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