



# District VIII Founders Cup Manual 2006-2007



**Kids First!**

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### Who this information is aimed at

This information is attended to assist a Division 4 coach in deciding if they desire to take their team to the CYSA Founders Cup tournament.

### What is the Founders Cup Tournament:

This tournament is an 'open cup' tournament sponsored each year by CYSA. This tournament operates in a similar fashion as the 'State Cup' and 'Association Cup' tournament that CYSA holds for Division 1 and Division 3 teams. All recreational teams may apply and go to this tournament. They are guaranteed entry to the tournament, providing that they meet all deadlines and their paperwork is in order.

### Who is eligible to attend the tournament?

This tournament is open for U12-U19 players, boys and girls. The U19 players play later than the younger age groups, with their play starting after January.

### When is this tournament normally held:

The trend has been to have the tournament starting immediately in the first week of December and having the finals in the middle of December.

### Where are games held?

Check your CYSA Team Manual. The games can be anywhere within the coverage areas listed in the manual. You must be prepared to travel anywhere within this area. If the weather is bad during a scheduled weekend, the games may be switched to different locations where the weather is better.

### What cost is associated with the Founders Cup Tournament?

The tournament entry fee is **\$250**. However, each team may also expect to incur costs for hotels, transportation, and food, during the tournament.

### Will my team have a realistic chance of winning games in this tournament?

As well as in any other tournament, just as regular season regular play. You are playing against other recreational teams. The difference here is that level of play is enhanced, as this is a Northern California Tournament. You will see many different teams, with many different styles of play. Your team will get to pick up pointers for the future from other players/teams, to enhance their future play. For some players this experience will offer a glimpse of an enhanced soccer play feeling that may lead them to play competitive soccer. The soccer player's senses' are elevated during the cup, as teams seek to be the one team to win the championship. All teams have a shot at winning this title. Win or lose, your team will still have fun in the attempt.

## How do I get the ball rolling to enter?

You must talk to your team and get agreement from all of your players/families that you want to enter this tournament. Everyone must be willing to stick through this to the end. This can be a very fun filled event for the players, and may be the first tournament that they have ever been to. Just the aspect of traveling to different places and seeing other teams can fulfill a players/families life. You must pay attention to the tournament rules on withdrawing from the tournament, as there are penalty costs involved, which the team would have to pay. The penalty costs increase as it gets closer to the tournament, or when tournament is in play. This is why that a team/coach must be sure that they are in for the long-haul. The following is verbatim, from the CYSA tournament application:

### **TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES and PENALTIES:**

**In order to withdraw from play, a team must submit a notice in writing to the CYSA office during business hours and must receive written confirmation from the CYSA office that the notice has been received.**

Any team that withdraws from CYSA Founders' Cup play AFTER their application has been received by CYSA, but prior to the draw will lose their entry fee.

Any team that withdraws from CYSA Founders' Cup play AFTER the draw, but at least one week prior to the start of scheduled play, will lose their entry fee and be fined \$200.00.

Any team that withdraws from CYSA Founders' Cup less than one week prior to the start of scheduled play, but before 5:00 p.m. the Friday before scheduled play will lose their entry fee and be fined \$400.00.

Any team that does not withdraw prior to 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the start of play, forfeits a game after the start of the preliminary round, or is eliminated from the competition per Section IV, item I of the CYSA Cup Competition Directives, Rules and Regulations will lose their entry fee and be fined \$600.00.

Teams are expected to be able to play on any and all dates for which play is scheduled (both Primary and Alternate dates) for its age group.

Any team that enters the CYSA Founders' Cup competition agrees to play, WHEREVER and/or WHENEVER they are assigned to play within CYSA geographical boundaries.

**Please take note that in all cases, if you withdraw, you lose your entry fee AND you will be fined. This fine will have to be paid by the team.**

## OK, I am ready to apply, what is needed?

1. The tournament fee of **\$250**, made out to 'CYSA'.
2. Copy of your official team roster (nick named the 'goldenrod'), signed by both your league registrar and the district registrar. Ask your league registrar for a copy of this item and tell them that you will be applying for the tournament.
3. Copy of any adds, releases, or transfers, as of the date of your application.
4. Birth certificates for all players (no hospital birth certificates accepted, only from official county records).
5. Check with your league officials to see what they offer to teams that want to go to the tournament.

### What dates do I have to be concerned with (the following dates pertain to U12 & U14 teams only)

- **October 8<sup>th</sup>** - This is a suggested date for which you should have discussed all costs/issues regarding the tournament and have a firm team consensus. By this date you should have all birth certificates. If you want to add players to your team, talk to your league registrar concerning the process and get it done ASAP.
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Suggested deadline to let your league registrar know that you intend to enter the cup. Speak with your league registrar, as they may have a different date in mind. Your registrar will send your goldenrod off to the district registrar, for signature. This will give you plenty of time (two weeks), to get the goldenrod back, for submittal to CYSA.
- **November 1<sup>st</sup>** - All applications must be turned into CYSA. CYSA has an on-line application process at the following site:  
[http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders%20Cup/Online/online\\_applications.htm](http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders%20Cup/Online/online_applications.htm)
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>** - Suggested date, check with your league registrar to see if they have a different date in mind. You need to have all of your paperwork to your league registrar to submit to the district registrar for their final approval. Goldenrod, 1602's, player passes, coaches passes; copies of the birth certificates or other approved paperwork (see rules on specifics regarding all required documentation. As an example, you cannot have a copy of a 1601 form. You must have the original, or you will be denied tournament entry.). You must have all of your adds, transfers, or releases (see your league registrar for forms and information on these) done by this point. On new players being added, you need to submit their 1601, player pass and birth document as well. If a player has been previously rostered to another team, that player pass is the one they need to use. Your league registrar is there to help you with paperwork concerns/issues—use them. **Do not assume that if you have gone to a tournament during the season, or because you have stamped passes on hand, that you do not have to submit paperwork for this cup!**
- **November 19<sup>th</sup>** - Approximate date. All rosters are frozen, two weeks prior to the tournament date. There can be no other roster actions as of this date (adds/releases/transfers).

### What dates do I have to be concerned with—U16 & U19 TEAMS?

- These teams play in January, not December, so their application time is later.
- **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Application due in to CYSA  
Apply the paperwork and other items of the U12-U14 teams, to the U16-U19 team application procedure, adjusting the dates to fix the January 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

OK, I am signed up, and I am ready to play. Where do I find out about schedules, playing sites, etc.?

<b>Founders Cup Rules</b>	<a href="http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/rules.htm">http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/rules.htm</a>
<b>Founders Cup Calendar</b>	<a href="http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/calendar.htm">http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/calendar.htm</a>
<b>Check-in Information</b>	<a href="http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/check-in_information.htm">http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/check-in_information.htm</a>
<b>Draw Results</b>	<a href="http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/draw_results.htm">http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/draw_results.htm</a>
<b>Hotline for help</b>	<a href="http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/hotlines.htm">http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/hotlines.htm</a>
<b>Venue Information</b>	<a href="http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/venue_information.htm">http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/venue_information.htm</a>
<b>Schedules and Results</b>	<a href="http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/schedules &amp; results.htm">http://www.cysanorth.org/Founders'%20Cup/schedules &amp; results.htm</a>

(You may access my personal web page with this information at: <http://www.yatahoy.com/tournaments.htm> )

**Coaches' folder**

To get through check-in quickly, have all of your information in a binder, with all documents in order by player (i.e. 1601, birth certificate, etc.). If possible, have the birth certificate for a player on one side of the binder, and the birth certificate on the other side. In this manner, the person checking your team in will see the 1601 form AND the birth certificate at the same time, certifying the player. This will make for a quicker check-in. You DO NOT want the check-in person to have to search through your binder to find documents. Also, remember to take stickies for the game cards, which are **ALREADY FILLED OUT**, and are of the standard size for a game card (no home grown, VERY LARGE player rosters, which will not fit on a game card!)

**Weather**

You may want to consider getting some form of sweats, or rain gear, as the weather is typically cold and wet during this time of year. Remember that players may wear sweats UNDER their uniforms, but not on top. These sweats should be of a consistent color, for the entire team.

**Pets**

At the majority of sites, NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED. Explicitly tell your parents to not bring pets to the fields. People will be asked to leave the site, if seen with a dog.

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**Finally, remember that this is recreational soccer—have FUN!**