



Oregon State Cup



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and Portland Thorns (Girls)

**RULES FOR
U11 – U19**

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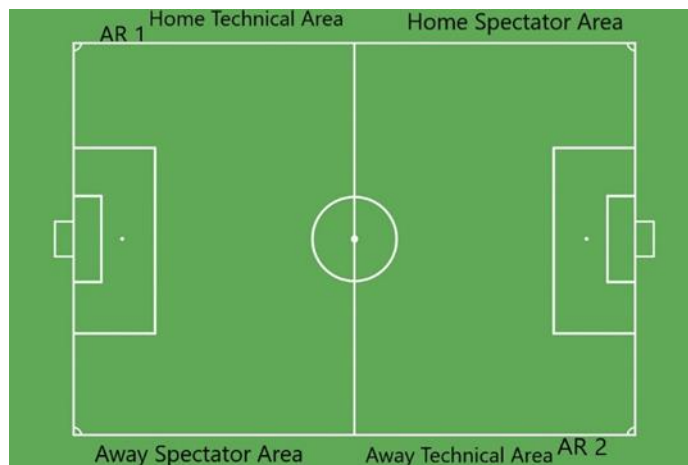
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Oregon State Cup Rules:

(A) COVID-19-Related Modifications to Oregon State Cup Rules of Competition

(1) Team Placement / Spectator Placement

- (a) Whenever possible, the home team's technical area should be located behind AR 1.
 - (i) If allowed to be present at the field: whenever possible, the home team's spectators should be located along the same touchline as the home team, but in the area across the halfway line.
- (b) Whenever possible, the away team's technical area should be located behind AR 2.
 - (ii) If allowed to be present at the field: whenever possible, the away team's spectators should be located along the same touchline as the away team, but in the area across the halfway line.



(2) Face Coverings Required for all Players, Coaches, and Referees

- (a) A face covering that covers the nose and mouth is mandatory in all games for all players and coaches (and referees).
 - (i) Face coverings may slip down or fall off during the course of play, and these instances should be corrected by the participant as quickly as possible.
 - (ii) If a player clearly refuses to properly wear a face covering over their nose and mouth, the referee should instruct the player to correct the equipment issue.
 - (iii) If the player does not immediately correct the issue, the referee should instruct the player to exit the field at the next stoppage of play. After the player exits the field and shows that the equipment issue is corrected, the referee should give permission for the player to re-enter the field at the halfway line.

(3) Unlimited Substitutions Permitted for U15-U19 Age Groups

- (a) In U15-U19 age groups, unlimited substitutions are permitted, with the consent of the referee, on any dead ball.

(4) Further Modifications

- (a) The Oregon State Cup may further modify and update the rules of competition and [Operational Plan](#) as necessary in response to COVID-19 developments, including during a competition presently underway.

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(B) Safety

(1) Bleeding from Nose, Cuts or Other Abrasions

- (c) A player who is bleeding or has blood on his or her uniform must leave the field and may be substituted at the coach's discretion. A uniform with blood on it must be changed. After the bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered, the player may return to the match when beckoned onto the field by the referee.

(2) Possible Head Injuries

- (a) A player who demonstrates signs of concussion as a result of an observed or suspected blow to the head or body must leave the field and may not return to play in that match unless an athletic trainer registered by the Oregon Board of Athletic Trainers or licensed medical professional determines that the player has not suffered a concussion.
- (b) Except for games taking place at a venue where the tournament provides a registered athletic trainer or other health care professional, referee will accept the determination of a certified athletic trainer only if the trainer has identified himself or herself to the referee prior to the match and has shown the referee a current Athletic Trainer registration identification card.
- (c) If a coach returns a player without approved clearance, the referee will end the game.
- (d) Referees will include in their match report information about any player required to leave the field because of a suspected concussion. A player who has been removed from a match by a referee because of a suspected concussion is ineligible to play until the league director has received a copy of a medical release signed by a health care professional that authorizes an unrestricted return to competition.
- (e) Coaches should be aware that ORS 417.875, effective January 1, 2014, and amended April 13, 2018, applies to all competitions sanctioned by OYSA. Unless an athletic trainer registered by the Oregon Board of Athletic Trainers or a licensed physician pursuant to ORS 677.100 to 677.228 determines that a player has not suffered a possible head injury, a coach is prohibited from allowing a player who exhibits signs of concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body to participate in any competition, including practice, until the player has been cleared to return to play by a qualified health care professional.

(3) Camera Drones

- (a) Camera drones may be in the vicinity of the field only if permitted by the facility owner. When drones are allowed, they may not be directly above the field, teams, or spectators and must be kept at least 50 feet away from teams and spectators.

(4) Lightning

- (a) If lightning is seen or thunder is heard, play must be immediately suspended.
- (b) Participants and spectators should immediately move to a safe location, in a substantial building or a hard-topped metal vehicle.
- (c) Wait 30 minutes after last seeing lightning or hearing thunder to continue the match. See the National Weather Service website at <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning-sports> for more information about lightning safety.

(5) Heat

- (a) The coaches of both teams should consult with the referee to determine whether the temperature at match time will require hydration breaks.
- (b) The referee will add time to the end of each half to account for the time allowed for hydration breaks.
- (c) The referee will pause the match when Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) equals or exceeds 89.6F.

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- (i) WBGT may be measured directly using an instrument designed for that purpose
- (ii) WBGT may be approximated for the area of the field using a cell phone application (e.g. WeatherFX)
- (iii) WBGT may be estimated from the US Soccer Heat Guidelines available from the Recognize to Recover site at <http://www.recognizetorecover.org/s/Heat-Guidelines.pdf>.

(6) Air Quality

- (a) The Oregon State Cup will follow the Air Quality Index (AQI) table below, adopted from the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA).
- (b) The Tournament Director will make final decisions regarding match cancellation(s) due to the AQI and will notify Directors of Coaching/Teams.

Air Quality Index (AQI)	5-3-1 Visibility Index	Required Actions for Outdoor Activities
51 - 100	5-15 Miles	Athletes with asthma should have rescue inhalers readily available and pretreat before exercise or as directed by their healthcare provider. All athletes with respiratory illness, asthma, lung or heart disease should monitor symptoms and reduce/cease activity if symptoms arise. Increase rest periods as needed.
101 - 150	3-5 Miles	Because they involve strenuous activity for prolonged periods of time, all outdoor activities (practice and competition) shall be canceled or moved to an area with a lower AQI. Move practices indoors, if available. Be aware that, depending on a venue's ventilation system, indoor air quality levels can approach outdoor levels.
151 - 200	1-3 Miles	Because they involve strenuous activity for prolonged periods of time, all outdoor activities (practice and competition) shall be canceled or moved to an area with a lower AQI. Move practices indoors, if available. Be aware that, depending on a venue's ventilation system, indoor air quality levels can approach outdoor levels.
>200	1 Mile	Because they involve strenuous activity for prolonged periods of time, all outdoor activities (practice and competition) shall be canceled or moved to an area with a lower AQI. Move practices indoors, if available. Be aware that, depending on a venue's ventilation system, indoor air quality levels can approach outdoor levels.

(7) Inclement Weather Policy

- (a) If a roadway necessary to reach a match location is closed either 24 hours prior to match time when teams are staying overnight or 6 hours prior to match time when teams are traveling the day of the game, per the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for reasons other than regularly scheduled maintenance closures, then the match will need to be rescheduled by OYSA.
- (b) The Tournament Director will make final decisions and notify Directors of Coaching/Teams.

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(C) Laws of the Game and Rules of Competition

IFAB Laws of the Game apply except as specifically modified by these rules.

[You can download a copy of the current edition of the Laws of the Game from the IFAB website -

<http://www.theifab.com/#!/document>. The Laws are available in English, Spanish, French, and German]

(1) Substitutions

- (a) In U11-U14 age groups, unlimited substitutions are permitted, with the consent of the referee, on any dead ball.
- (b) In U15-U19 age groups, unlimited substitutions are permitted, with the consent of the referee, on any dead ball. NOTE: This is a COVID-19-related modification to the rules which previously limited substitutions at these age groups.
- (c) Substituted players must leave the field of play at the half line near their team bench.

(2) Length of Matches and Ball Size

Age	Length of Half	Halftime	Ball Size	Overtime
U11-U12 (9v9)	30 minutes	10 minutes	Size 4	Two 10-minute halves
U13-14	35 minutes	10 minutes	Size 5	Two 10-minute halves
U15-U16	40 minutes	10 minutes	Size 5	Two 15-minute halves
U17-U19	45 minutes	10 minutes	Size 5	Two 15-minute halves

- (a) Overtime is used for Semifinal and Final matches only. All overtime periods are played in full.
 - (i) If a match is still tied after two full overtime periods, then FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark will determine the winner.
 - (ii) For ties in bracket games refer to Rules (O)(3)-(O)(6). For knockout games refer to Rule (O)(7).

(3) Tie Games

- (a) All games that end with a tied score will be followed by FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark.
- (b) In bracket games, the results of Kicks from the Penalty Mark do not determine the winner of the match, but rather provide a tie breaker that may be used to advance a team from the bracket. See Rule (O)(4).
- (c) In all knockout rounds the results of Kicks from the Penalty Mark will decide the match winner.
- (d) **For score reporting**, the score of the match is the tied score at the end of the match, following any applicable overtime periods.
 - (i) Results of FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark are always reported separately, by both referees and team personnel entering match scores.
 - (ii) **Referees enter these results in the “Abnormal or Unusual Situations” section of the match report**
 - (iii) **Team personnel enter these results in the “comments” section of game scoring for preliminary matches, or the PK results boxes for knockout games.**

(4) Match Balls

- (a) The tournament will provide match balls at all venue-based final matches.
- (b) For all other matches the designated home team is expected to provide 3 match balls acceptable to the referee, although the referee may accept match balls from either team.

(5) Heading Limitations

- (a) In the U11 and U12 age groups (all 9v9 games) a player may not use his/her head to play the ball.
- (b) The infraction consists of intentionally playing the ball with the head. If the referee determines that the ball struck a player in the head when the player is not trying to play the

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ball, the referee will allow play to continue.

- (c) The penalty for playing the ball using the head is an indirect free kick at the spot of the infraction.
- (d) If the infraction is committed within the goal area, the indirect free kick will be taken from the goal area line parallel to the end line at the nearest point to where the infraction occurred.

(6) Uniforms & Equipment

- (a) All players on the field must wear matching uniforms (except the goalkeeper) to the satisfaction of the referee. The goalkeeper's uniform must be a different color from that of the opposing keeper, all other players on the field, and the referee. All players, including the goalkeeper, must wear jerseys with numbers on the back. Duplicate numbers are not allowed. The number on a player's jersey must match that player's jersey number on the Official Match Roster.
 - (i) Any material on/covering the socks must be the same color as the part of the sock that it covers (this applies to all material, not just tape). Enforcement is at the discretion of the referee.
 - (ii) Undershorts/tights must be the same color as either the main color of the shorts or the lowest edge/bottom (hem), and the team must all wear the same color. Enforcement is at the discretion of the referee.
 - (iii) Undershirts must be a single color which is the same color as the main color of the shirt sleeve, or a pattern/color which exactly replicates the shirt sleeves. Enforcement is at the discretion of the referee.
- (b) Each team must have two uniform sets (one white or light color and one dark color) **at each match.**
 - (i) Home team listed first in the schedule will wear white or light-colored jerseys and socks.
 - (ii) Visiting team listed second will wear dark-colored jerseys and socks.
 - (iii) In cases of uniform color similarity, the designated home team (listed first) will change jerseys.
- (c) A player may not wear or use any equipment that is dangerous to himself or another player.
 - (i) The referee's decision regarding dangerous equipment is conclusive, although lightweight, padded protective equipment should generally be allowed per IFAB Law 4.
 - (ii) Casts, splints, or braces must be padded and there shall be no exposed metal or any other hard material.
 - (iii) The referee may withdraw approval for a player to participate while wearing a cast or other protective equipment if the referee finds that the protective equipment is being used in a way that endangers the safety of any player.
- (d) **No jewelry is permitted.** Medical alert bracelets/necklaces are not considered jewelry and are allowed, if taped.
- (e) Shin guards, covered by socks, are mandatory in all games. Players not wearing shin guards will not be allowed to play.
- (f) A face covering that covers the nose and mouth is mandatory in all games for all players and coaches (and referees).
 - (i) Face coverings may slip down or fall off during the course of play, and these instances should be corrected by the players as quickly as possible.
 - (ii) If a player clearly refuses to properly wear a face covering over their nose and mouth, the referee should instruct the player to correct the equipment issue.
 - (iii) If the player does not immediately correct the issue, the referee should instruct the player to exit the field at the next stoppage of play. After the player exits the field and shows that the equipment issue is corrected, the referee should give permission for the player to re-enter the field at the halfway line.

(D) Field Preparation

(1) Field Size

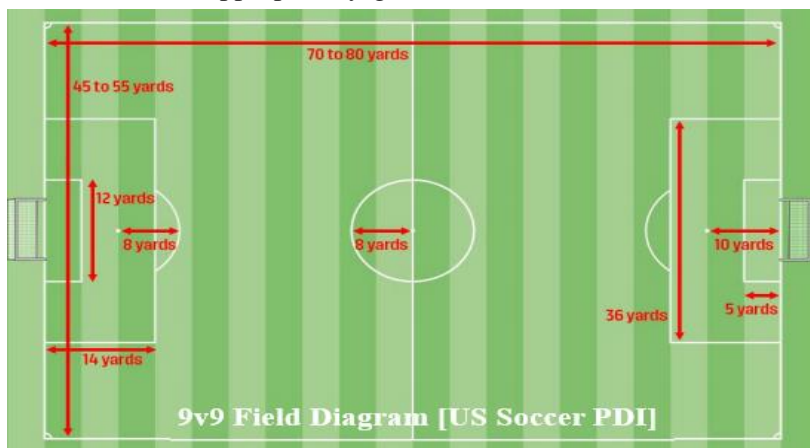
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Age - Format	Minimum	Maximum	Goal Size Minimum
U11-U12 - 9v9	45x70 yds*	55x80 yds*	6.5x18.5 ft*
U13-U19 - 11v11	50x100 yds ‡	100x130 yds ‡	8'x24' ‡

*US Soccer Federation Player Development Initiatives

‡IFAB Laws of the Game

- (a) The goal size for 9v9 is highly recommended but is not mandatory.
- (b) For all 9v9 matches, the reduced field size is mandatory. Where the facility owner does not permit paint or other semi-permanent markings, field lines may be temporarily marked using flat discs or disc cones.
 - (i) The field inventory provided to the Tournament Scheduler should clearly identify field and goal dimensions. To the extent possible, 9v9 matches will be scheduled on appropriately-sized fields where appropriately-goals are available.



(2) Playing Surface

- (a) Matches are played on artificial and natural turf. All players must be prepared to play on either surface independent of schedule.
- (b) The Portland Timbers & Thorns and OYSA reserve the right to change the match location due to adverse field conditions, scheduling conflicts or field access changes.

(3) Home Team's Club and Home Team's Responsibility

- (a) The home team's club and the home team are required to complete field preparation: mowing, lining, goal and net set-up, and corner flags.
 - (i) All goals, including portable goals, must be securely anchored to the ground or use sandbags.
 - (ii) Teams playing home matches on artificial turf fields should provide corner flags suitable for use on such fields. The referee may permit cones or other alternative corner markers on artificial turf fields when corner flags are not available.
- (b) For tournament rounds played at a venue hosting multiple matches, OYSA will arrange with the venue for field preparation. Semifinals and Finals will be venue based. Other rounds *may* be venue based.

(4) Playability of the Field

- (a) Any complaints regarding the playability of the field must be made to the referee and the opposing coach **before the match begins**. The referee will make the final decision determining whether the field is playable.
- (b) If the field is determined by the referee to be unplayable, call the Game Day Hotline and so indicate and then NO game should be played.
 - (i) If the game was not played, then it will be rescheduled as determined by the Tournament Director and Tournament Scheduler, subject to field availability. Their rescheduling of the game is final.

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- (c) If a game was played, then the coaches agreed the field was playable, given the fact that the game was played. If a game was played, the game's outcome will stand.

(E) Game Start Time & Interruptions

(1) Scheduled Time and Location

- (a) Teams are expected to play matches at the scheduled time and location.

(2) Printed Member Passes with Official Printed Match Roster

- (a) Prior to each scheduled game, referees must complete the player/coach credential check-in process, by using Printed Member Passes with the Official Printed Match Roster.

(3) 15-Minute Waiting Period

- (a) The referee will wait for 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for one or more of the teams to complete pre-match check-in (by providing Printed Member Passes with the Official Printed Match Roster, and providing the minimum number of players and eligible adults to begin the match).
 - (i) If a match cannot be started after the 15-minute waiting period, the referee and/or the coaches must call the Game Day Hotline (see pg. 2) before abandoning the match.

(4) Delayed or Suspended Play

- (a) If a game cannot be started on time, or if play must be suspended for safety issues (such as lightning or other severe weather conditions) or cannot be completed due to safety concerns or other issues arising during the match, the referee and coaches/team officials must call the Game Day Hotline (see pg. 2) for guidance.
 - (i) If the first half of the match has been completed, the match will be considered completed and the result considered final.
 - (ii) Matches that are not played or have completed less than one half of play will be rescheduled, if possible.
 - (iii) The referee must include information about the suspended play in their Online Match Report.

(5) Missing Referees

- (a) If no assigned referee is present at the scheduled field by fifteen minutes before the scheduled match start time, call the tournament's Referee Emergency number to inform and request guidance.
 - (i) If the match cannot be played, the match will be rescheduled, if possible.

(F) Minimum and Maximum Number of Participants in a Match

(1) 9v9 Matches

- (a) A team must have a minimum of 6 eligible players and 1 eligible adult who are listed on their Official Printed Match Roster to start a match.
- (b) A team's Official Printed Match Roster may list a maximum of 16 players as eligible to play, and 4 eligible adults.

(2) 11v11 Matches

- (a) A team must have a minimum of 7 eligible players and 1 eligible adult who are listed on their Official Printed Match Roster to start a match.
- (b) A team's Official Printed Match Roster may list a maximum of 18 players as eligible to play, and 4 eligible adults.

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Team Roster vs. Match Roster		
Age of Team	Team Roster	Match Roster
U11-U12	22 players/4 coaches	16 players/4 coaches
U13-U19	22 players/4 coaches	18 players/4 coaches

(3) Reducing Official Match Roster Numbers

- (a) When a team's Official Printed Match Roster lists more players than the maximum eligible to play in a match (see 9v9 and 11v11 maximums above), the team must indicate which players will not play by drawing a line through their names before the Official Printed Match Roster is given to the referee for check-in.
- (b) A player who has been indicated as ineligible for play on the Official Match Roster may be permitted in the Team Area/Technical Area ONLY if the player is NOT wearing the team uniform (including team warmups).
 - (i) A player serving a tournament disciplinary suspension is NOT permitted in the Team Area/Technical Area.

(4) Eligible Adult

- (a) An eligible adult is an adult who has with them a Printed Member Pass from the same club as the team and whose information is handwritten or printed on the team's Official Printed Match Roster.

(5) Maintaining Participant Minimums

- (a) If a team fails to maintain the minimum number of players on the field after a match has been started, the match will be abandoned.
- (b) **If at least one full half has been completed**, a match abandoned for a team's failure to maintain the minimum number of players on the field will stand as a completed match.
 - (i) If the team that failed to maintain the minimum number of players has fewer goals at the time of abandonment, the score at abandonment will be the final score of the match.
 - (ii) If the team that failed to maintain the minimum number of players has more goals at the time of abandonment, the match will be scored as a forfeit by that team.
 - (iii) If the team that failed to maintain the minimum number of players is tied at the time of abandonment, the match will be scored as a forfeit by that team.
- (c) **If one full half has not been completed**, a match abandoned for a team's failure to maintain the minimum number of players on the field will be considered a forfeit by that team.
- (d) If a team fails to maintain an eligible adult in the Team Area/Technical Area after a match has been started, the match will be abandoned and considered a forfeit by that team.

(G) Team Sidelines

(1) Team Placement / Spectator Placement

- (a) Except where field conditions prevent, both teams must be on one side of the field.
 - (i) A "team" consists of those players, coaches and team officials listed on the official Oregon State Cup tournament roster.
- (b) ALL spectators must be on the opposite side of the field from the teams.
 - (i) Spectators may, with the permission of the referee, be located on the same side of the field as the teams when the match field has bleachers or grandstands that physically separate spectators from the teams.
 - (ii) If space permits, spectators must remain at least six feet behind the touchline and at least eighteen yards from the corners of the field. Coaches, players, and spectators are not allowed behind the end line.

NOTE: (G)(1)(a) and (b) have been modified due to COVID-19. See page 5.

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(2) Team Area / Technical Area

- (a) Each coach, substitute, and all other team personnel not involved in active play must remain within their respective Team Area two (2) yards behind the touch line, five (5) yards from the halfway line, and eighteen (18) yards from the nearest corner of the field.
- (b) When there are team benches at the field site, the Team Area is limited to 5 yards on each side of the bench, except for the two yards adjacent to the touch line.

(3) Ineligible Players in Team Area / Technical Area

- (a) A player listed on a team’s Official Printed Match Roster who is indicated as ineligible to play in a match may be permitted in the Team Area/Technical Area ONLY if the player is NOT wearing the team uniform (including team warmups).
 - (i) A player serving a tournament disciplinary suspension is NOT permitted in the Team Area/Technical Area.

(4) Coaches and Other Club Officials in Team Area / Technical Area

- (a) A coach or club official who was not originally listed on a team’s Official Printed Match Roster may be in the Team Area/Technical Area, provided that this coach or club official checks in by showing a printed Member Pass from the team’s club to the referee and handwrites their information onto the Official Printed Match Roster.
 - (i) Barring circumstances involving player/team official illness or injury (see below), there may be no more than 4 adults in the team area/technical area.

(5) Circumstances Involving Player / Team Official Illness or Injury

- (a) Additional adults may be in the team area, at the discretion of the referee, to aid an ill or injured player or team official.

(H) Rosters

(1) Team Roster (all individuals assigned to a team)

- (a) No team may roster more than 22 players
- (b) No team may roster more than 4 coaches

Team Roster vs. Match Roster		
Age of Team	Team Roster	Match Roster
U11-U12	22 players/4 coaches	16 players/4 coaches
U13-U19	22 players/4 coaches	18 players/4 coaches

Team Roster: players/coaches assigned to the team

Match Roster: unique to each match, lists the players and adults who will participate in the match.

(2) Official Printed Match Roster (unique to each match)

- (a) Each team must present an Official Printed Match Roster to the referee before each match, which lists every person eligible to play in the match, and all adults who will be present in the Team Area/ Technical Area, except as provided in section (G)(4).
 - (i) A 9v9 team’s Official Printed Match Roster must not list more than 16 eligible players and 4 eligible adults
 - (ii) An 11v11 team’s Official Printed Match Roster must not list more than 18 eligible players and 4 eligible adults
- (b) The Official Printed Match Roster is generated from Affinity. It is unique for each match in the competition and shows the game time, date, and location as well as the rosters of both teams.
 - (i) The jersey numbers of all players who will play in the match must be printed on the Official Printed Match Roster.
 - (ii) Printed Member Passes are required when an Official Printed Match Roster is used.

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(3) Roster Freeze

- (a) The roster for the Oregon State Cup is frozen on the date set by OYSA. **No club pass (borrowed) players are permitted on the roster.**

(I) Member Passes

(1) Printed Member Passes are Mandatory

- (a) Each player, coach, and team official who will be in the Team Area/Technical Area during the match must provide a printed Member Pass for the current seasonal year to the referee.

(2) Printed Member Pass Details

- (a) Each printed Member Pass must be an official US Youth Soccer Member Pass.
 - (i) The printed Member Pass must show the US Youth Soccer logo as a watermark
 - (ii) The printed Member Pass must show Oregon Youth Soccer as the State Association
 - (iii) The printed Member Pass must display the club name which matches the club name on the roster.
 - (iv) The printed Member Pass must display a photo of the player or team official.
 - (v) The printed Member Pass must be laminated.
 - (vi) The printed Member Pass must show the current seasonal year.
 - (vii) The printed Member Pass must show the name and age of the player.
- (b) Only original printed Member Passes may be used. No photos of printed Member Passes or copies of printed Member Passes will be accepted.

(J) Check-in Procedures

(1) Referee Responsibilities During Check-In

- (a) The referee is responsible for verifying that a printed Member Pass is presented for each eligible person whose name appears on the Official Printed Match Roster, including coaches and team officials.
- (b) When a team uses printed Member Passes for check-in, the referee must make a visible “check mark” next to the name of each eligible player, coach, and team official on the Official Printed Match Roster who has completed check-in for the match.
 - (i) The referee must ensure that a line is drawn through the name of any person listed on the Official Printed Match Roster who will not participate in the match.
- (c) If the referee obtains approval from the Tournament Director (by calling the GameDay Hotline), the referee may use digital player cards presented by a team to check-in a team on a printed roster.
- (d) All printed Member Passes will be returned to the teams before the referee leaves the field.

(2) Player(s) Arriving After Check-In

- (a) A player who is not present for pre-match check-in (*i.e.*, arrives late) may only participate provided that the following conditions are met:
 - (i) The player’s name was on the Official Printed Match Roster presented to the referee at check-in. Players may not be added to the Official Printed Match Roster after the match begins.
 - (ii) The player’s name was not crossed off the Official Printed Match Roster.
 - (iii) The player completes check-in upon arrival by identifying their name on the Official Printed Match Roster and presenting a printed Member Pass to the referee.

(3) Missing Official Match Roster and/or Member Passes Guidance

- (a) An Official Printed Match Roster lists both teams. If one of the teams does not have an Official Printed Match Roster, but the other team does, the referee may use the single Official Printed Match Roster to check-in both teams – and should note in their Match Report which team did not present one.

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- (i) Even though a single printed roster may be used to check-in teams, all players, coaches, and other team officials who will participate in the match MUST present a valid Member Pass to the referee.
- (b) Before abandoning a match due to no access to an Official Printed Match Roster with printed Member Passes, the referee must call the tournament's Game Day Hotline for guidance.

(K) Responsibilities of Coaches and Team Officials

(1) Knowing the Laws of the Game and Oregon State Cup Rules

- (a) The coach in charge of a team at a match is responsible for knowing the IFAB Laws of the Game and the Oregon State Cup Rules.

(2) Ensuring Proper Conduct of Team's Players, Coaches, Team Officials, and Spectators

- (a) The coach in charge of a team at a match is responsible for the conduct of the team's players, coaches, team officials, and spectators.
 - (i) The referee may require the coach to take action to control the behavior of or remove spectators whose words or actions are offensive, insulting, abusive, profane, disruptive or interfere with a referee or the orderly conduct of the match.
 - (ii) The coach in charge of the team may be warned, cautioned, or sent off for failing to control the conduct of the team's spectators, officials, or players.
 - (iii) If a game is abandoned because of the behavior of a team's spectators, team officials, or players, the team's coach may be suspended in addition to any other administrative discipline assessed to the team resulting from the abandonment.
- (b) Any reported instances of referee abuse or referee assault by a player, coach, team official, or spectator will be forwarded to OYSA for disciplinary proceedings as specified by US Soccer Federation Policy 531-9.
- (c) See Rule (T)(6) for fines that will apply to a club and team when a player, coach, team official, or spectator has been found to have committed referee assault.

(3) Ensuring Proper Coaching

- (a) Giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position is permitted from the Team Area/Technical Area by ONE coach at a time.
 - (i) No device may be used by a coach or team official to receive coaching direction from anyone outside of the Technical Area/Team area.
 - (ii) Coaching must be informative, not abusive or derogatory.

(L) Disciplinary Actions for Players, Coaches, and Team Officials

(1) Players

- (a) Referees will note all cautions (yellow cards) in their Match Report.
- (b) Referees will note all send-offs (red cards) as soon as possible in their Match Report.
 - (i) Referees will provide a detailed description of all player send-offs in their Match Report and call the Referee Emergency number to report the send-off.
- (c) All printed member passes will be returned to the team before the referee leaves the field.

(2) Coaches and Team Officials

- (a) **Note:** Per the IFAB Laws of the Game, coaches and other team officials may be warned, cautioned (referee shows a yellow card), and/or sent off (referee shows a red card) for engaging in misconduct (irresponsible behavior), based on the judgement of the referee.
- (b) **Warnings:** the following offences committed by a coach or team official should usually result in a warning; repeated or blatant offenses should result in a caution or sending off:
 - (i) Entering the field of play in a respectful/non-confrontational manner (without the

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permission of the referee)

- (ii) Failing to cooperate with a referee *e.g.* ignoring an instruction/request
- (iii) Minor/low-level disagreement (by word or action) with a referee decision
- (iv) Occasionally leaving the confines of the Team Area/Technical Area without committing another offence
- (c) **Cautions:** Caution offences committed by a coach or team official include (but are not limited to):
 - (i) Clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of their Team Area/Technical Area
 - (ii) Delaying the restart of play by their own team
 - (iii) Deliberately entering the Team Area/Technical Area of the opposing team (non-confrontational)
 - (iv) Dissent by word or action, including throwing/kicking bottles or other objects, and gestures which show a clear lack of respect for the referees (like sarcastic clapping)
 - (v) Excessively/persistently gesturing for a red or yellow card
 - (vi) Gesturing or acting in a provocative or inflammatory manner
 - (vii) Persistent unacceptable behavior (including repeated Warning offences)
 - (viii) Showing a lack of respect for the game
- (d) **Sending-Off:** Sending-off offenses committed by a coach or team official include (but are not limited to):
 - (i) Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team *e.g.* holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, and/or obstructing the movement of a player
 - (ii) Deliberately leaving the Team Area/Technical Area to show dissent towards a referee or act in a provocative or inflammatory manner
 - (iii) Entering the opposing Team Area/Technical Area in an aggressive or confrontational manner
 - (iv) Deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play
 - (v) Entering the field of play to confront a referee or interfere with play, a player or a referee
 - (vi) Physical, aggressive, or threatening behavior (including spitting or biting) towards any player, substitute, team official, referee, spectator, or any other person (*e.g.* ball boy/girl, competition official, etc.) in the vicinity of the match.
 - (vii) Receiving a second caution in the same match
 - (viii) Using offensive, insulting, abusive, or profane language and/or gestures
 - (ix) Violent Conduct
- (e) Referees will provide a detailed description of all warnings, cautions (yellow cards), and send-offs (red cards) of coaches or team officials in the “cards issued” section of the referee's online Match Report.
 - (i) Referees will call the Referee Emergency number after the match to immediately inform it of any send-offs of coaches or team officials.
- (f) If a coach is sent-off, the assistant coach or an eligible adult with a valid Member Pass from the team's club will assume the coach's responsibilities.
 - (i) If no eligible adult with a valid Member Pass from the team's club is available to assume the coach's responsibilities, the referee will abandon the match and inform the Game Day Hotline.

(3) Players, Coaches, and Team Officials who are Sent-Off

- (a) A player who has been sent-off by the referee may remain on the team sidelines under the supervision of a team official unless removed by the referee for continued irresponsible behavior.
 - (i) A sent-off player must remove or cover their team jersey to the satisfaction of the referee to clearly indicate their ineligibility to participate further in the match.
 - (ii) If a player is removed from the Team Area/Technical Area, they will be escorted from the

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Team Area/Technical Area by a rostered team official who will remain with the player for the duration of the match. During venue-based matches, the player and team official may be directed to remain in a waiting area designated by tournament officials. If no responsible adult listed above is available to accompany the player for the rest of the match on the spectator side, the player may remain in the Team Area/Technical Area under the supervision of the team's coach.

- (iii) Any additional misconduct or irresponsible behavior by a sent-off player may result in additional disciplinary action by the tournament.
- (b) A coach or team official who has been sent-off by the referee must promptly leave the playing area and remain out of sight until the match has ended.
 - (i) If the coach or team official who has been sent-off refuses to leave the playing area, or returns after leaving, the referee may abandon the match.
 - (ii) Details regarding the coach's or team official's failure to leave the area and subsequent abandonment of the match must be included in the referee Match Report, and the Game Day Hotline must be called.
- (c) **Players, coaches, and team officials who are sent off by the referee are automatically suspended for at least the next match.**
 - (i) A suspension longer than one match may be imposed. See Rule (P)(1) for minimum suspensions.
 - (ii) See Rule (W)(3) for appeal procedures.

(M) Referee's Match Report

(1) Verify the Score

- (a) Both coaches should verify with the referee at the game's conclusion that their score matches the score recorded in the referee's Match Report.

(2) Submitted Online

- (a) All referees must submit online Match Reports through Oregon Soccer Central.

(3) Submit Official Printed Match Rosters

- (a) Referees must submit the Official Printed Match Roster to OYSA when a suspended player or coach is listed on the Official Printed Match Roster used to check-in a team.
- (b) Referees must submit the Official Printed Match Roster to OYSA when any coaches are handwritten onto the Official Printed Match Roster.
 - (i) Official Printed Match Rosters submitted to OYSA must clearly indicate which listed players/coaches participated in the match and which were ineligible.
 - (ii) Official Printed Match Rosters may be submitted to OYSA by scanning/photographing them and sending as an email attachment to roster@oregonyouthsoccer.org, or mailing them to Oregon Youth Soccer Association, 7920 SW Cirrus Drive, Beaverton, OR 97008.

(N) Score Reporting in Affinity

(1) Both Teams Must Enter Scores Online

- (a) **Both teams** are required to enter their score into the Affinity online software as soon as possible after the game ends.
 - (i) Any coach or team manager rostered to the team may enter the scores.
 - (ii) Instructions for entering scores into the Affinity online software are available on the Leagues page of the OYSA website:
https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/e0e3f4_034cd340cb534b5f9871267ee291a359.pdf
 - (iii) If the teams involved in a match enter conflicting scores, the final score will be entered by the Tournament Director based on the score reported by the referee.

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(2) Teams: Do Not Enter Red/Yellow Cards Online

- (a) **Neither team** enters disciplinary information from a match into the Affinity online software.
 - (i) Disciplinary information will be entered by tournament administrators, from the referee's online Match Report.
 - (ii) See Rule (W)(3) for information about appeals.

(O) Scoring Method, Tie-Breakers, and Wildcards

(1) Bracket Play

- (a) The standings of teams during bracket play are based upon the number of points earned in bracket play matches. Teams earn points as follows:
 - (i) 3 points for a win (forfeits are considered a 4-0 victory)
 - (ii) 1 point for a tie
 - (iii) 0 points for a loss

(2) Abandoned Games in Bracket Play - Scoring

- (a) If the referee abandons a match without fault by either team, and a reschedule is determined to not be possible, the game will be scored as follows:
 - (i) The score of a match abandoned following the end of the first half will be the score at the time of abandonment.
 - (ii) The score of a match abandoned during the first half will be entered as a 0-0 draw.
- (b) If the referee abandons a match because of the improper behavior of a coach, player, spectator, or any combination thereof, the match will not be rescheduled.
 - (i) If both teams are at fault, the game will be scored as a forfeit by both teams so that neither team receives any points from the match in standings.
 - (ii) If only one team is at fault, the score will be entered as a forfeit by the team at fault.
 - (iii) See Rule (T)(6) for fines imposed because the abandonment.

(3) Tie-Breaking Criteria:

- (a) Except when advancing wildcards from unequal brackets [Rule (O)(5)(c)] standings within a bracket or advancement from the bracket will be determined by applying the criteria below. See Rule (O)(4)(b) for ties among 3 or more teams and Rule (O)(5)(b) for advancing wildcards from equal brackets.
 - (i) Winner in head-to-head competition
 - (ii) Winner of most games.
 - (iii) Highest goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum differential of four (4) goals per match counted both for and against.
 - (iv) Total goals allowed
 - (v) Total goals scored
 - (vi) Most shutouts
 - (vii) Kicks from the Mark:
 - (A) When a game in bracket play ends in a tie, FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark will take place and the results will be reported separately from the tied score.
 - (B) The results of the FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark in bracket play will only be used if two teams remain tied in their brackets after all other tie-breakers have been applied.

(4) Breaking Ties in Bracket Play Within a Bracket

- (a) If 2 teams are tied in points at the conclusion of bracket play, team placement or advancement will be determined by applying the criteria in Rule (O)(3), in the order listed, beginning with (O)(3)(a)(i).
 - (i) The tie is broken when the first of the tie-breakers in Rule (O)(3) distinguishes between the two teams.

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- (ii) Results of Kicks from the Penalty Mark as provided in Rule (O)(3)(a)(vii) will only be used if the 2 teams have played each other and none of the tie-breakers in (O)(3)(a)(i)-(O)(3)(a)(vi) have differentiated the teams.
- (b) If 3 or more teams are tied in points at the conclusion of bracket play, team placement or advancement will be determined by applying the criteria in Rule (O)(3)(a), in the order listed, beginning with (O)(3)(a)(ii), but not including (O)(3)(a)(vii).
 - (i) The tie is broken when the first of the specified tie-breakers sorts the teams.
 - (ii) If a tie-breaker only sorts some of the tied teams, the standings of the remaining teams is determined by applying the tie-breakers to the remaining teams beginning again with (O)(3)(a)(ii), but not including (O)(3)(a)(vii).
 - (iii) If two teams remain tied after applying all the tie-breakers in (O)(3)(a)(ii)-(O)(3)(a)(vi), and the two teams have played each other, the two team's results will then be compared using (O)(3)(a)(i) and (O)(3)(a)(vii).

(5) Wildcard Advancement – Comparing Teams Across Brackets

- (a) When the tournament format for a particular age group requires advancing an unequal number of teams (wildcards) from each bracket (e.g., best 2nd place team or top two 2nd place teams), teams in different brackets will be compared to each other using criteria that are applied the same way to all teams in the group being compared.
 - (i) Wildcards are always drawn from the same level in each bracket.
 - (A) When the format is the top team and NN wildcards, only the teams finishing 2nd in each bracket will be compared for wildcard advancement.
 - (B) When the format is the top 2 teams and NN wildcards, only the teams finishing 3rd in each bracket will be compared for wildcard advancement.
 - (ii) When all brackets have the same number of teams, results within brackets can be directly compared as specified in (O)(5)(b).
 - (iii) When brackets do not have equal numbers of teams, results within brackets cannot be directly compared because teams will not have played the same number of games. The method of comparing teams between brackets with unequal numbers of teams is specified in (O)(5)(c).
- (b) **Equal Brackets:** When all brackets have the same number of teams playing the same number of games, the first criterion for advancing teams is the number of points earned. If there is a tie in the number of points, the tie will be broken by applying the criteria from (O)(3)(a)(ii) through (O)(3)(a)(vi), in the order shown. The criteria will be applied until the teams have been sorted. If a tie-breaker only sorts some of the tied teams, the teams remaining tied will be compared by restarting the tie-breaker comparison with (O)(3)(a)(ii) until all slots in the next round have been filled.
- (c) **Unequal Brackets:** When not all brackets have the same number of teams and a comparison is made across brackets, the teams will be compared using the following criteria in the order shown:
 - (i) Average points per game: determined by dividing a team's total points earned in bracket play by the number of games the team has played.
 - (ii) Average goal difference: determined by dividing a team's total goal difference (using a maximum of four (4) goals difference per game counted both for and against) by the number of games a team has played (e.g., team A plays 3 games with a +3, +2, and -1 goal difference in each game. The total goal difference is +4. The average goal difference is $4/3=1.33$. Team B plays 2 games with a goal difference of +3 and - for a total goal difference of +3. The average goal difference for team B is $3/2=1.5$. In a comparison between team A and team B, team B would advance based on a superior average goal difference).
 - (iii) Average goals allowed: determined by dividing the total number of goals allowed by the number of games played.

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- (iv) Average goals scored: determined by dividing the total number of goals scored by the number of games played.
- (v) The criteria in this section (O)(5)(c) will be applied until the tied teams have been sorted. If a tie-breaker only sorts some of the tied teams, the teams remaining tied will be compared by restarting the tie-breaker comparison with (O)(5)(c)(i) until all slots in the next round have been filled.
- (d) **Wildcard Placement:** Wildcard teams will be ranked based on points earned in bracket play and the application of tie-breakers as required. Wildcard teams will be seeded into knockout matchups based on their rank, except that no team will be matched against a team it has already played in its preliminary bracket.

(6) Coin Toss

- (a) If all the tie-breakers and team comparisons specified in (O)(4), (O)(5)(b), or (O)(5)(c), as appropriate, have been applied and a tie remains, any remaining ties will be determined by a coin toss conducted by the Tournament Director. In any coin toss, the higher seeded team will select heads or tails before the Tournament Director tosses the coin.

(7) Breaking Ties in Knockout Rounds

- (a) When a game other than a semifinal or final ends in a tie, and the tournament format requires that a winner be determined for that match (e.g., a quarterfinal match), the winner will be determined by Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with IFAB Laws of the Game. No overtime will be played.
- (b) When a semifinal or final match is tied at the conclusion of the regulation period:
 - (i) Teams will play two equal overtime periods
 - (ii) Matches which remain tied after the overtime will be determined by FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark.

(P) Match Suspensions for Individuals

(1) List of Minimum Suspensions

- (a) Minimum suspensions that apply without a disciplinary hearing are listed in the table below. A greater penalty may be imposed.
 - (i) Where a penalty is shown as a range, the length of the suspension will be set by the Disciplinary Committee.

Offense	Minimum Suspension
Player sent-off for a second caution received in the same match	1 match
Player sent-off for denying a goal or obvious goal-scoring opportunity by committing a handball offence	1 match
Player sent-off for denying a goal or obvious goal-scoring opportunity by committing a foul	1 match
Player sent-off for serious foul play	1-3 matches
Player sent-off for offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures (OIALG), directed at no one	1 match
OIALG directed towards a specific person (other than a referee)	1-5 matches
OIALG directed towards a referee	1-5 matches

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Player sent-off for Violent Conduct	2-3 matches
Coach or team official sent off	1-5 matches [default is 2]
Coach or team official refused to leave game site after being sent-off (added to suspension for sending-off)	2 matches – rest of tournament
Accumulation of 3 yellow cards in separate games by player or coach during the tournament	1 match
Refusing to give name to referee by player or coach when a card is recorded (added to any suspension for the card, if applicable)	1 match

(2) Disciplinary Result of a Suspended/Ineligible Player or Coach Participating

- (a) A team will forfeit every match in which a suspended (or otherwise ineligible) player or coach participates.
 - (i) The suspended (or otherwise ineligible) individual who participated in the match(es) will be subject to additional disciplinary action.

(3) Other Suspension Details

- (a) A suspension of up to 3 games may be assessed for each game in which a player or coach participated while suspended may be imposed.
- (b) A player who is found to have submitted false birth documentation is ineligible to compete further in the National Championship Series, at any level, in the current and next seasonal years.
- (c) A coach who forces the abandonment of a match by removing a team from play after the match has begun will be suspended from participation with any team for the remainder of the tournament.
- (d) A coach who forces abandonment of a match by refusing to leave the premises of the match after being sent-off by the referee will be suspended from participation with any team for the remainder of the tournament. The coach will also be referred to OYSA for consideration of additional penalties.
- (e) An individual who has been sent-off for fighting, or who has received a second red card for violent conduct during the tournament may be suspended for up to an additional 5 games.
- (f) A coach or team official who has been previously sent-off from competitions operated by the Portland Timbers and Thorns in the same seasonal year will be suspended for an additional 1-2 games for a 2nd expulsion in the same seasonal year.
 - (i) A coach or team official may be suspended for participating in any competitions operated by the Portland Timbers and Thorns for up to one seasonal year for receiving a 3rd expulsion during the current seasonal year from any competitions operated by the Portland Timbers and Thorns.
- (g) The Tournament Director will refer any issues regarding participation by an unregistered or improperly registered player to OYSA for disciplinary proceedings.
- (h) Any allegations of referee abuse or referee assault will be forwarded to OYSA for disciplinary proceedings in accordance with USSF policy.
- (i) Any player or team official who is alleged to have committed referee assault will be suspended from further participation in the current year's tournament until after the individual's home State Association conducts a hearing on the charge of referee assault, in accordance with USSF Policy 531-9.

(4) Suspensions Imposed After Disciplinary Hearing

- (a) A coach who knowingly permits a suspended player to participate will be suspended for the remainder of the current year's tournament.

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- (b) A coach who knowingly permits an ineligible player to participate will be suspended for the remainder of the current year's National Championship Series competition and for the National Championship Series competition in the next seasonal year.
- (c) A coach or other team official who brings the game into disrepute may be fined and/or suspended up to the remainder of the tournament when the person engages in any of the following conduct:
 - (i) Stating publicly in the vicinity of a match that match officials or assignors have engaged in improper conduct, such as taking payment from an opponent, displaying bias towards players, coaches, or teams because of ethnic origin, race, religion, or gender;
 - (ii) Making public statements at—or in the vicinity of—a match which question the integrity of the tournament or match officials;
 - (iii) Removing a team from a match after play has begun because of disagreements with officiating or the other team;
 - (iv) Causing a team to not make a good faith effort to compete in a match.

(5) Conditions of Suspension

- (a) Coaches serving suspensions cannot participate in any game activities related to the team from which they were suspended.
 - (i) Coaches are prohibited from participating in any pre-match and post-match activities and must remain out of game site during the match(es) from which they are suspended.
 - (ii) The use of cell phones for team contact is expressly prohibited.
- (b) Suspensions not served during the current Oregon State Cup tournament carry forward to the next National Championship Series games in which the team to which the person is rostered participates, including regional or national tournament games.
- (c) Suspensions not served in the current seasonal year's tournament carry over into Oregon State Cup competitions in the next seasonal year(s).

(Q) Team Eligibility

(1) Qualifying League

- (a) OYSA-registered competitive teams that have participated in a competitive league designated by OYSA as a qualifying league are eligible to enter the Oregon State Cup.

(2) Roster Continuity

- (a) A U12-U19 team's tournament roster must have at least 9 players who were on the team's roster at the conclusion of their qualifying league.
- (b) U11 teams are not required to establish that a specific number of players on their tournament roster were on the team's roster during qualifying league play.

(3) Transfer Limitations

- (a) A team's Oregon State Cup tournament roster may include any player who is registered with the team's club prior to the roster freeze date as long as the team meets the roster continuity requirements of Rule (Q)(2), the age limitations of Rule (Q)(4), and the State Cup participation limitations of Rule (Q)(2).
- (b) A team's Oregon State Cup roster may not include more than 5 players who were previously registered with US Youth Soccer during the current seasonal year through a club other than the team's club.
- (c) A player registered with a different state association, e.g., Washington Youth Soccer, will be considered one of the 5 permitted transfers when rostered to a team registered with Oregon Youth Soccer, even if the player's current and previous teams are both part of the same club.

(4) Roster Limitations

- (a) A team's age is established by the age group of the oldest player on the roster.
- (b) Teams may not compete in an age group younger than the team's age.
- (c) Teams will not be permitted to play up at an older age group.
- (d) The following chart shows the tournament's age groups and the youngest aged player that can be on the roster of a team in each age group:

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Team Age	Youngest Player Allowed	Maximum Tournament Roster	Maximum Match Roster
U11	U10	22	16
U12	U10	22	16
U13	U11	22	18
U14	U12	22	18
U15	U13	22	18
U16	U14	22	18
U17	U14	22	18
U18	U14	22	18
U19	U14	22	18

(R) Player Eligibility

(1) Properly Registered, Listed on Roster

- (a) Every player on a team's official Oregon State Cup roster must be properly registered to OYSA and listed on the team's official tournament roster in Affinity by the roster freeze date set by OYSA.

(2) Player Restrictions

- (a) A player whose name has been on the National Championship Series roster of a team participating at the state level of the National Championship Series in any other state during the current seasonal year is not eligible to participate in the Oregon State Cup.

(3) By the Roster Freeze Date

- (a) All player eligibility issues for the Oregon State Cup are determined as of the roster freeze date.

(4) Improperly Registered Player

- (a) An improperly rostered player may be removed from the team's roster without penalty, so long as the team has not played any matches in the tournament.

(S) Ineligible Participation

(1) Team Will Forfeit

- (a) A team will forfeit any game in which an ineligible player is listed on the team's tournament roster, regardless of whether the ineligible player participates in game play.

(2) Removed from Oregon State Cup

- (a) Any team found to have an ineligible player on its roster at the time of its first tournament match, or thereafter, is not eligible to compete further in the National Championship Series competitions in the current seasonal year.
- (i) The team will be removed from the tournament.
 - (ii) See Rule (T)(6) for fines and penalties resulting from disqualification.
- (b) A coach, manager, team official, or club official who knowingly allows an ineligible player to participate is ineligible to compete further in the National Championship Series competition, with any team, in the current and subsequent seasonal year.
- (c) A player who is found to have submitted false birth information is prohibited from competing further in the National Championship Series competitions, with any team, in the current and subsequent seasonal year.
- (d) A player who participates with a team knowing that he or she is ineligible for such participation is ineligible to compete in the National Championship Series competitions, with any team, in the current and subsequent seasonal year.

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(T) Penalties for Failure to Play and Abandoned Matches

(1) Failure to Play

- (a) A team fails to play a match when a team does not have the required minimum number of players and coaches/team officials at the location of a scheduled match, checked-in with Official Printed Match Roster and printed Member Passes, to begin the game within 15 minutes after the official match start time.
- (b) The result of the game will be scored as a forfeit by the team that failed to play.
- (c) The penalty for failing to play a match as scheduled is shown in Rule (T)(6).
- (d) A travel match is any match in which the visiting team is required to travel more than 50 miles, as measured by Google Maps from the residence address of the visiting team's head coach to the scheduled game site. See Rule (T)(6) for fines for failing to play a travel match.
- (e) A team that makes a good faith attempt to play a match but is unable to have enough players at the game location in time to begin play may have the penalty reduced by up to 50%.
- (f) The Tournament Director will review the circumstances of any failure to play forfeiture.
 - (i) The Tournament Director may impose additional penalties, up to and including the removal of a team from the tournament.

(2) Match Manipulation

- (a) Teams that fail to compete in the spirit of the competition or are involved in the manipulation of a match result will forfeit the match and will be disqualified from all levels of the National Championships Series competition.
- (b) A referee who observes a failure to compete should warn the teams involved. If the teams do not take corrective action the referee may abandon the match.
- (c) Tournament officials who observe failure to compete may also warn the teams involved. If corrective action is not taken, the team, or teams, will be subject to disqualification.

(3) Abandonment – Forced (refusal to continue play)

- (a) A team that forces a referee to abandon a match by refusing to continue to play after the match has begun will forfeit the match.
- (b) If a team refuses to continue a match after a coach is sent-off, and there is another eligible adult for the team present at the match, the team will be removed from the tournament.

(4) Abandonment - Behavior

- (a) When a match is abandoned due to the conduct of coaches, team officials, players, or spectators, the team or teams at fault will forfeit the match and be subject to fines.
- (b) If both teams are found to be at fault,
 - (i) both teams will be fined
 - (ii) the game will be scored as a 0-0 draw and a forfeit by both teams so that neither team gains any points towards standings from the result.
- (c) The Tournament Director may impose additional penalties, up to and including, removing a team (or teams) found to be at fault from the tournament.

(5) Effect of Removal from Tournament

- (a) If a team is removed from the tournament during bracket play, all of that team's scheduled games, played or unplayed, will be scored as forfeits.
- (b) When a team is removed from the tournament at quarterfinals or semifinals, the opponent will automatically advance to the next round. When a team is removed from the tournament during a final match, the team will not be eligible to receive any awards that go to a tournament finalist.

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(6) Table of Fines in addition to Forfeit

Offence	Fine/Punishment
Failure to play a game (local)	\$500
Failure to play a game (local) - 2 nd offense	Remove from Tournament
Failure to play a game (Travel)	\$1,000
Failure to play a game (Travel) - 2 nd offense	Remove from Tournament
Abandoned Game - Behavior [Rule (T)(4)]- 1 st offense	\$500
Abandoned Game - Behavior (2 nd offense for same reason)	Remove from Tournament
Abandoned Game - Forced [Rule (T)(3)]	\$500
Abandoned Game - Forced (2 nd offense)	Remove from Tournament
Abandoned Game – Forced after coach expulsion [Rule (T)(3)(b)]	Remove from Tournament
Match Manipulation [Rule (T)(2)]	Remove from Tournament
Ineligible Player - Suspended [Rule (P)(2)]	\$300
Ineligible Player - Suspended (2 nd offense)	Remove from Tournament
Ineligible Player - Registration	Remove from Tournament
Abandoned Game - No Adult - Discipline	\$300
Abandoned Game – Not enough Players – Discipline	\$300
Removal from Tournament (penalty added to other accrued fines)	\$1,500 Forfeit entry fee Forfeit all Games \$300/unplayed game
Referee assault by player, coach/team official, or spectator (1 st offence in seasonal year)	\$2,000
Referee assault by player, coach/team official, or spectator (2 nd offence in seasonal year)	\$5,000 Remove from competition

(U) Withdrawing from Tournament - Refunds and Penalties

(1) Refunds or Penalties due to Withdrawal from Tournament

Withdrawal Date	Refund	Penalty
Before entry deadline	Full refund	N/A
After entry deadline, before seeding	Refund entry fee less administrative fee	\$100 administrative fee

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After seeding, before scheduling	None	Forfeit entry fee
After scheduling has begun	None	\$1500 Forfeit entry fee
After first game played	None	\$1500 Forfeit entry fee Forfeit all games \$300/ unplayed game

(V) Payment of Fines and Penalties

(1) Fine Notice

- (a) Fines are due and payable upon notice sent to the individual, team, or club against which the fine has been imposed.

(2) If not Paid within 10 Days

- (a) If a fine against an individual is not paid within 10 days after notice of the fine has been delivered, the individual will be suspended from participation until the fine has been paid.
- (b) If a fine against a team has not been paid within 10 days after notice of the fine has been delivered, the team will be suspended from participation until the fine is paid. Any game that a team misses while suspended will be considered a forfeit and may subject the team to additional fines and/or removal from the tournament.

(3) Failure to Pay

- (a) A club that fails to pay fines levied against it, or has teams, or individuals representing the club who fail to pay fines, may have its teams denied entry into other leagues or tournaments operated by the Portland Timbers and Thorns.

(W) Protests, Appeals, Hearings

(1) Protests

- (a) A protest is a complaint arising out of the misapplication of the IFAB Laws of the Game or misapplication of an Oregon State Cup rule or US Youth Soccer National Championships Policy. The protest must be based upon a specific violation of those tournament rules or the IFAB Laws of the Game.
- (b) The Tournament Director will appoint a Protest/Appeals committee to deal with issues related to the Laws of the Game that may arise from the competition. Referee judgement decisions during the game are final (not appealable). The minimum game suspensions provided in Rule (P)(1) of these rules do not require a hearing and are final (not subject to Protest or Appeal).

(2) Protests Procedures

- (a) A protest may only be submitted by the head coach of a team, or the acting head coach of a team, who is present at the match being protested.
- (b) The person submitting the protest must verbally notify both the referee and the opposing coach within 15 minutes following the end of the match that the game will be protested.
- (c) A written protest that clearly states the tournament rule or IFAB Law of the Game that was violated, must be submitted to the Tournament Director by the end of the first business day following the protested game.
- (d) The protest must be submitted using the protest form available on any of the league or tournament pages of the OYSA website.

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[\(https://oysa.wufoo.com/forms/zeic9i80cvvvq4/\)](https://oysa.wufoo.com/forms/zeic9i80cvvvq4/).

- (e) A protest fee of \$100 must be delivered to the Tournament Director not later than the close of business on the 2nd business day following the game being protested.
 - (i) If the protest fee is not received, the protest will be summarily dismissed.
 - (ii) If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned.

(3) Appeals

- (a) An individual may appeal a sending-off (player or coach) from a match by submitting the appeal form available on any of the league or tournament pages of the OYSA website:
<https://oysa.wufoo.com/forms/z1g8gwr810zt0a4/>. Only appeals submitted using the official form will be considered.

(4) Review

- (a) The Tournament Director and protest committee will review and decide all protests and appeals.
 - (i) The Protest Committee may hold such hearings as the committee deems appropriate or may determine issues based on written documentation.
 - (ii) The Protest Committee will provide a written notice of decision to the person who submitted the protest or appeal.
- (b) A decision of the Protest Committee regarding protests or appeals is final.
- (c) A decision of the Tournament Director imposing a disciplinary suspension is not subject to appeal unless a suspension would extend to an individual's right to participate in competitions beyond the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series.

(X) Powers of Tournament Director

(1) Powers

- (a) Decide all contested scores and other matters pertaining to the operation of the tournament.
- (b) Determine all questions of eligibility for players and teams to participate in the tournament.
- (c) Make final decisions whether to accept teams into the tournament.
- (d) Provide written notice of fines imposed in accordance with these rules.
- (e) Decide all disciplinary matters that do not require a hearing and may impose sanctions up to and including suspension from participation in the state level of the tournament.
- (f) Appoint a Protest and Appeals Committee that will:
 - (i) Hear and decide all protests;
 - (ii) Decide all appeals from send-offs and expulsions during the tournament; and
 - (iii) Decide disciplinary matters that may exceed minimum suspensions.
- (g) Provide written notice of the disciplinary sanctions imposed for sanctions other than the automatically imposed minimum sanctions for cards issued in a match.
- (h) Arrange for a hearing on all matters that require a hearing under these rules, the applicable bylaws and policies of OYSA, or the applicable policies of the USSF.
- (i) Refer matters to OYSA for additional disciplinary proceedings when the Tournament Director believes that behavior warrants penalties that exceed the Tournament Director's authority.
- (j) Decisions of the Tournament Director regarding the conduct of the tournament, application of tournament rules, and interpretation of tournament rules are not subject to appeal.
- (k) The Tournament Director may delegate performance of any one or more of the powers and/or duties of the Tournament Director described in these rules to one or more persons that the Tournament Director designates.
- (l) The person(s) exercising any of the powers or authority delegated by the Tournament Director shall have all of the power and authority of the Tournament Director in regard to such matters.