



Cal North District 5 Cup Rules & Procedures

I. CAL NORTH CUP COMPETITIONS

- A. The Cal North District 5 Cup is an District-wide event that includes U9, U10, U12 and U14 age group brackets. Participating teams will be subject to travel to the neutral site of the tournament. Cal North reserves the right to reschedule games due to adverse weather conditions. Teams that do not care to travel, or that lack the flexibility to play rescheduled games, should not apply.

II. JURISDICTION

- A. The Cal North District 5 Cup shall be under the jurisdiction of the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director reserves the right to any final decision with regard to any and all games played in these competitions. Tournament Director: Dane Denkers (ddenkens@calnorth.org)

III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Cal North District 5 Cups are open to any team that is registered for the current season with a US Soccer affiliated organization.
- B. The Tournament Director will review all registrations in order to ensure teams are placed in the appropriate level of competition. A team that contests their cup placement may withdraw without financial penalty provided they submit a withdrawal request in writing to the Tournament Director prior to their acceptance into the tournament. If placed in a higher level division, the team will be responsible for paying the entry fee that corresponds to the division in which they are placed.
- C. All rostering of individuals on District 5 Cup teams, including transfers, adds and releases will be processed in accordance with the Cal North player eligibility rules and registration requirements.
- D. A player must be on the team's team roster for the current seasonal year at the time of the roster freeze deadline for the District 5 Cup as either a player originally placed on the roster, a player added to the roster or a player transferred onto the roster.
- E. Players must be properly registered with a US Soccer affiliated organization and their credentials properly approved for the current seasonal year in accordance with Cal North rules.
 - 1. The rostering of such players with such organization shall be made in compliance with the registration rules of Cal North. Teams may have up to 18 registered players on their roster regardless of age group or division.
- F. All teams playing in the District 5 Cup must have competed at the recreational level in Fall.
- G. Any player on a frozen cup roster is considered to have participated in cup play with that team.
- H. Roster Freeze: Rosters will freeze the Wednesday prior to the event at midnight. In order to be included on the frozen cup roster all roster changes involving players must be finalized in the data management system prior to the roster freeze. Transactions involving player movement on or off the team roster (adds, transfers and/or releases) should be submitted prior to the roster freeze deadline. Following the roster freeze deadline, roster changes involving players will not

be permitted throughout the duration of the competition. Only players rostered in accordance with Cal North registration rules will be eligible to participate in this District Cup.

- I. Registered team officials may be added to or removed from a team roster at any time prior to the Cal North District 5 Cup beginning or after the competition has begun.

IV. TEAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. In order for a team to be eligible for District 5 Cup, the following steps must be completed by the published deadline.
 - 1. Complete and submit the Cal North District 5 Cup application.
 - 2. Submit the published Cal North District 5 Cup team entry fees in the form of a credit card payment, electronic check, or a check or money order payable to Cal North.
- B. In order to be eligible to play in Cal North District 5 Cup a team must be registered with a US Soccer affiliated Organization and must have played in a recognized, sanctioned playing league. Participation in a league for “paper teams” does not fulfill the league play eligibility requirement for Cal North District 5 Cup. Any team that enters Cal North District 5 Cup agrees to play wherever it is assigned to play within the Cal North geographical boundaries without complaint to Cal North.
- C. Cal North considers each team that enters Cal North District 5 Cup to be in receipt of the Cal North Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures, Specific Rules and PIMs through the publication and posting of these documents on the Cal North website and/or as a requirement of the completion of the online Cal North District 5 Cup application process. Claims of not having read the same before submitting a team entry are not admissible. Each team representative’s signature or electronic acknowledgement on the Cal North District 5 Cup Entry Form is confirmation that the team has complied with the above requirements.

V. RESERVE POOL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Any team that enters Cal North District 5 Cup after the published deadline and which meets all other entrance requirements will be placed into the “Waitlist” and is not guaranteed the opportunity to play.
- B. Teams entering the Waitlist for Cal North District 5 Cup are subject to all eligibility requirements.
- C. Teams must meet application and roster submission requirements as cited in the Cal North District 5 Cup Team Entrance Requirements.
- D. Prior to the draw for the specific Cal North District 5 Cup divisions and brackets, the Tournament Director, by means of “first come first serve”, select additional teams from the “Waitlist” for teams in a particular cup/age group/gender in order to make that division divisible by four (4)
- E. The Tournament Director will only choose enough teams to attain a number of teams that is divisible by four (4) above the number of teams that have entered each cup that is part of the Cal North District 5 Cup in the specific cup/age/gender at the time of the Cal North District 5 Cup entry deadline.
- F. The deadline to adjust and add teams to flights divisible by four (4) shall be midnight on the Wednesday preceding the draw for each age/gender division of play.
- G. The Tournament Director may select a team from the Waitlist if a team drops from Cal North

District 5 Cup play in the team's proper age/gender division.

- H. After the Cal North District 5 Cup draw has taken place, whenever a team is needed to "fill" a bracket, a team from the "Waitlist" in the proper age/gender group shall be drawn on a "first come first serve" basis from the "Pool".
- I. Any team not selected from the "Waitlist" when play commences shall receive a full refund.

VI. CREDENTIALS

- A. Prior to participating in any round of Cal North District 5 Cup, proper credentials that have been approved in accordance with Cal North registration requirements by the appropriate Registrar(s) for each participating team, player and registered team official shall be presented. Credentials must be properly checked in by designated Cal North officials beginning with the first preliminary round game.
- B. Properly approved team, player, and registered team official credentials that meet Cal North District 5 Cup requirements will be required at each and every game in order to participate in Cal North District 5 Cup.
- C. Any improperly registered players or registered team officials will result in the individual being ineligible to participate until proper credentials are presented and cleared.
- D. A properly approved member pass must be presented for each player in all Competitive divisions.
- E. Any exception to the requirement for presenting properly approved credentials for a team, player and/or registered team official prior to the start of a game can only be approved after a review of the facts by the on-site cup staff.
- F. The credentials for which an exception is allowed must be presented to on-site cup staff before the conclusion of the weekend on which the game(s) in which the exception was granted takes place.
- G. If it is later deemed that the team, player(s) or registered team official(s) for which an exception was granted is not properly approved and credentialed or is not eligible to participate in Cal North District 5 Cup, the individual(s) will be subject to any and all Cal North and US Soccer disciplinary policies, including but not limited to Cal North District 5 Cup forfeiture policy.
- H. **An ineligible player, participating in a Cal North District 5 Cup game shall cause their team to forfeit any game that the player has participated in and may result in further disciplinary action, against the team's coach, registered team official or player.**

VII.

TEAM FORMATION

- A. Any team entering the Cal North District 5 Cup may not release a player or players in order to qualify for a lower age group division.
- B. A team is required to play in Cal North District 5 Cup at the oldest age group at which it was ever rostered during the seasonal year.

VIII.

BRACKETING

- A. All properly received Cal North District 5 Cup entries will be entered into cup/age/gender specific preliminary rounds by a modified blind-draw.
- B. Teams will be bracketed for the preliminary rounds by means of a blind draw conducted by the Cal North District 5 Cup Tournament Director.
- C. If a team drops after the draw, no adjustment of brackets will be made if the replacement team is from the same club as another team already assigned to that bracket.
- D. The Cal North District 5 Cup Tournament Director reserves the right to restructure/eliminate brackets due to teams dropping to try to ensure as many brackets as possible have 4 teams or more in them.
- E. The winners of each bracket will advance to the single elimination round competition, if the Tournament Director deems one necessary. If necessary for the formation of the next round of single elimination competition, the Tournament Director reserves the right to advance runner-up teams from brackets pre-designated by random selection prior to the draw taking place
- F. The bracket winners and runners-up will be determined by the scoring point system outlined in Section XVI of the Cal North District 5 Cup Rules & Procedures.
- G. The Tournament Director reserves the right to combine brackets with less than three (3) teams in the brackets after the draw has taken place. (This would take place after a team has dropped from the competition and there are not any teams available in the "Waitlist" to take the place of the team/teams that have withdrawn from competition in the specific bracket or brackets).
- H. If the draw has taken place and due to an administrative error a team must be added to a Cal North District 5 Cup division, that team will be placed into the competition as follows: The brackets of three (3) in the specific age/gender group will be put into a hat, one of the brackets will be drawn from the hat and the team will be inserted as the fourth (4th) team in that bracket.
- I. If in the opinion of the Tournament Director, an uncorrectable error is made in the draw of a division of teams, and it is discovered after the draw has taken place, they will determine the best and most expeditious manner in which to redraw the particular division(s) if they determine that a partial or complete redraw is necessary.
- J. If due to the withdrawal of teams, half or more of the preliminary brackets contain three or fewer teams, the Tournament Director may schedule a redraw of that age group. In addition, the Tournament Director may redraw any age group if withdrawals reduce the total number of teams in that age group competition to a level which would eliminate the need for an extra round of competition.

IX. SCHEDULING

- A. Requests for scheduling accommodations or adjustments on behalf of any specific team will not be taken into consideration when creating the schedules.
- B. A complete schedule of games, playing dates, and opponents will be emailed to all teams as soon as possible prior to the preliminary round games beginning.
- C. Cal North cannot guarantee that requests for rescheduling of games to accommodate circumstances of participating teams or participation in the events hosted by other soccer organizations will be granted.

- D. It is the responsibility of each team to be aware of all potential conflicts which may affect its ability and the ability of its players to participate in Cal North District 5 Cup on any and all dates for which play is scheduled (both primary dates for play and alternate dates for play) for its age group.
- E. A game upon which a protest/appeal is upheld will be replayed as called for by the Tournament Director. It shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Director to reschedule the game and set a time and place for the game that will allow all Cal North District 5 Cup play to continue with the least amount of delay.
- F. The team listed first on the Cal North-issued schedule of games shall be the home team in all cases and will provide a game ball.

X. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- A. All games will be governed by the FIFA Laws of the Game and those rules and/or mandates included in the US Soccer Player Development Initiative, US Youth Soccer Rules, Cal North Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures, Specific Rules and PIMs unless the rules of this competition determine otherwise.
- B. For this competition Cal North unlimited substitution rules as indicated in PIM 10-3 item E will be in effect.
- C. In all District 5 Cup games, both teams' bench areas will be on the same side of the field, with spectators on the opposite side.
- D. Spectator areas will be established on the opposite side of the field from teams at all games. No individual is allowed on the team side of the field in these games unless they are credentialed members of one of the teams participating in the game.
- E. No more than four (4) registered team officials from each team, including coaches, shall be on the same side of the field as the teams during any round of the competition.

XI. UNIFORMS.

- A. A team should have light and dark jersey options available whenever possible. When not possible, the team shall use pinnies if necessary to achieve a jersey color distinctive from that of their opponent.
- B. With the exception of the Goalkeeper's jersey, each player on a team's game day roster must have a separate and distinct identifying number on their jersey*. If necessary, and ONLY with the permission of the referee, a jersey number that was assigned to one player on the game day roster may be assigned to another player on the game day roster. The reassignment of the jersey number must be noted by the referee on the Cal North Referee's Game Report (game card).

*In Recreational District Cups, uniform numbers shall be optional in the spirit of inclusive competition.

- C. Socks must be of the same color and should be correctly worn in the pulled-up position covering shin pads or guards.
- D. The wearing of tights or track pants in a color that coordinates with the team's colors is permissible in adverse weather.
- E. Tights may be worn under a player's shorts.

- F. The wearing of long sleeves beneath the players' uniform jerseys is permitted.
- G. All Cal North District 5 Cup referees will be instructed to enforce this uniform rule in all games.
- H. Home teams will change jerseys in the event of a conflict in jersey color.
- I. The referee will have final determination as to whether or not a team must change their jersey or base layer under-garments due to conflicting colors.

XII. FIELDS

- A. Fields should be properly marked and ready by game time, with corner flags and nets in good condition.
- B. Fields modified for small-sided competitions will be used for all District 5 Cup U9 through U12 matches.
- C. The referee's decision, as to whether any field is playable or not, is not protestable.

XIII. GAME LENGTH

- A. Length of games and ball specifications shall be as follows:

Age Group	Preliminary Round Halves	Single Elimination Round Halves	Ball Size
U9 and U10	Two 20 min	Two 20 min	#4
U11 and U12	Two 25min	Two 25 min	#4
U14+	Two 30 min	Two 30 min	#5

- B. Preliminary round games are reduced by five (5) minutes per half from regulation length as modified for the specific age group in section XIV-5.
- C. Single elimination games are regulation length as modified for the specific age group in section XIV-5, subject to change due to constraints of field space, timing of games and daylight/availability of lights. The Tournament Director shall have the final say in the time length of halves in all instances.
- D. All ties in the opening round shall stand and no extra time shall be played subject to Law 7 of the Laws of the Game.
- E. In single-elimination games, the result of a tie at the end of regulation time means the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty spot per FIFA.

XIV. MODIFIED RULES FOR U9, U10, U11 AND U12 AGE GROUPS

- A. All Cal North District 5 Cup games for the U9-U12 age groups shall be played according to Cal North Cup rules and directives with the following modifications:
 - 1. Field of Play
 - a. The field of play will be rectangular in shape with the length of the field exceeding the width.

Fields modified in size and marked for small-sided games will be used in District 5 Cup.

- b. Fields for U9 and U10 games will incorporate a Build Out Line

2. Goals

- a. Goals modified in size for small sided games will be used in District 5 Cups.

3. Ball

- a. The ball will be a size 4 ball

4. Number of Players

- a. U9/U10 teams will play with a maximum of 7 players per team on the field (including the goalkeeper).
- b. U11/U12 teams will play with a maximum of 9 players per team on the field (including the goalkeeper.)
- c. Teams will play a minimum of 5 players per team on the field.

5. Duration of Game

- a. Regulation length game halves will be two 20 minute halves for the U9/U10 age groups and two 25 minute halves for the U11/U12 age group with a 5 minute half time.
- b. Preliminary round game halves will be shortened by 5 minutes
- c. Single Elimination round games will be regulation length game halves as noted in "a" above.
- d. There will be no overtime for single elimination games ending in a tie, rather the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty spot per FIFA.

6. Heading the Ball

- a. Players 10 years old and younger cannot head the ball in a game.
- b. When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. However, if a player deliberately heads a ball within their goal area, the indirect free kick by the attacking team should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.

7. Fouls and Misconduct

- a. All other FIFA and Cal North Rules and Procedures will be in effect for U9-U12 teams.

8. Restart of Game

- a. Opponents must be at least 6 yards from the ball when the game is restarted by a kick.
- b. Opponents must be at least 6 yards from the corner arc on a corner kick

XV. GAME REPORT

- A. Cal North District 5 Cup Game and Referee Report (game cards), supplied by Cal North, shall be presented to the referee and will be used for all District 5 Cup games. Such game cards, properly filled out, will be submitted to the tournament headquarters after each game is completed.

XVI. SCORING

- A. In the preliminary rounds, the following point system will be used to determine which teams

advance.

1. 3 points for a WIN
1 point for a TIE
0 points for a LOSS
 2. In the instance of a 6-team bracket where teams A, B and C crossover within the bracket to play teams D, E and F, should one team withdraw and it is not possible to reschedule the bracket to become a 5 –team bracket, in order to give all teams an equitable opportunity to advance, each team's total score will be based on the total number of points earned (3 for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss) divided by the total number of games played. Each team's composite score will be calculated to two decimal points if necessary. The same points averaging method will to determine goal differential, fewest goals allowed and goals scored (as designated in the tiebreaker system below in item B #2, #3 and #4.)
- B. If teams are tied in points at the conclusion of the preliminary round, the following tie-breaking procedure will be employed to determine which teams advance to the next round:
1. Results of head-to-head competition between teams that are tied.
 2. Goal differential (goals scored - goals allowed to a maximum differential of 4 a game)
 3. Least goals allowed.
 4. Most goals scored to a maximum of 4 per game.
 5. Kicks taken from the penalty spot per FIFA
- C. In three team groups, if FIFA kicks involve a team that had completed play on a previous day and is unavailable to take the kicks, an alternative time and site for the kicks shall be scheduled by the Tournament Director.
- D. To determine the advancing team(s) when more than two teams in a bracket are tied at the end of the preliminary round matches, the tie breaker criteria listed in section XVI, items B and C will be applied in the order listed to determine the placement of each team in the bracket, beginning at tie breaker #2. One or more teams' order of finish in the bracket can be determined at any step of the tie breaking process. Until the order of finish of each of the tied teams in the bracket can be determined, the tie breaking steps will be applied in the order shown without reverting to a previous step at any time during the tie breaking determination.
- E. Should three or more teams be tied at the end of the preliminary round after completing the above list of tie-breakers, a Round Robin Shoot-out will then be utilized as follows: Ten (10) shots will be taken per team, five (5) each against opposing keepers. Total from two (2) shoot-outs, i.e. Team A scores 3 versus Team B keeper, then scores 2 versus Team C keeper, Team A's total is 5. Team with the most goals advances. If teams remain tied after two (2) rounds, re-shoot. Coach will designate ten (10) shooters of which any rostered player may shoot.

Round 1

Team A	5 Players (1 - 5) versus Team B Keeper
Team B	5 Players (1 - 5) versus Team C Keeper
Team C	5 Players (1 - 5) versus Team A Keeper

Round 2

Team A	5 Players (6 - 10) versus Team C Keeper
Team B	5 Players (6 - 10) versus Team A Keeper
Team C	5 Players (6 - 10) versus Team B Keeper

XVII. CANCELLATIONS

- A. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director will notify teams as soon as possible before games if fields are unplayable. Only the Tournament Director may reschedule a game for different dates. If inclement weather should necessitate field and/ or playing date change, it is the prerogative of the Tournament Director to schedule such changes.
- B. The Tournament Director may schedule makeup games necessitated by inclement weather or reentry games due to a Protest and Appeals decision on consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday) or between scheduled dates (weekdays). The Tournament Director decisions are not protestable.

XVIII. ABANDONED/TERMINATED GAMES

- A. Should a scheduled game be terminated or abandoned before its completion and the situation is not covered by District 5 Cup Rules the status of the game shall be determined by the Tournament Director.
- B. The terms “abandon” and “terminate” are interchangeable and mean the same thing for purposes of District 5 Cup play.
- C. A game can be abandoned or terminated by the referee when one of the following situations occur:
 - 1. The referee is unable to control the players on the field.
 - 2. The referee is unable to control the actions of individuals that are not playing in the game (coaches / registered team officials / spectators, etc.)
 - 3. The field has become unsafe to play on for any reason (weather related, objects being thrown onto the field, or any other circumstance that makes the field “unsafe” for play.
 - 4. The referee has been instructed by the District 5 Cup Tournament Director to abandon/terminate for a specific purpose related or unrelated to District 5 Cup Rules.
 - 5. The referee and his/her assistants have been threatened by a player, coach, registered team official, and/or spectator and feel that it is in the best interest of the referees/assistant referees to abandon/terminate the game and leave the site.
 - 6. Any reasons that are consistent with the risk of continuing to play being outweighed by the possibility of someone being seriously injured if the game continues.
 - 7. The team does not present at least one registered team official of the appropriate age with the required Cal North credentials at any time once the game has begun. If this situation occurs the game will be deemed an abandoned/terminated game.
- D. A game can be deemed abandoned/terminated only after the game has begun or just prior to the game if the field is determined to be unsafe for play or the weather is such that in the opinion of the referee or a District 5 Cup staff member the game cannot be played for reasons of safety or potential field damage. Any game that is abandoned / terminated prior to the game beginning shall be played at a later time unless the game will not have any bearing on which team wins the bracket that the two (2) teams are in.

- E. Once a game has begun and the game is abandoned/terminated the status of the game shall be determined by the Tournament Director regardless of at what point during the game it was abandoned/terminated. The Tournament Director shall render a decision as to the status of the game within seventy-two (72) hours which shall allow the competition to continue pending any further action by Tournament Director. The Tournament Director may determine that the game that was abandoned / terminated must be played over again in its entirety.
- F. The Cal North PAD Committee may also take separate action regarding team's or individual's behavior that is related to the abandonment/termination of any game as a result of information that has been brought to their attention during the review of the abandoned/terminated game or games.

XIX. FORFEITURES

- A. In the event that a team forfeits and/or withdraws during the preliminary round competition, all games involving that team shall not be considered in determining the team that advances. If a team forfeits one game, all games that team is scheduled to play are forfeit.
- B. A game is forfeit when:
 - 1. A team does not show up to play at the time and field at which they are scheduled to play as per the Cal North District 5 Cup Schedule. It is the team's responsibility to know when and where they are assigned to play ANY Cal North District 5 Cup game in which they are scheduled to participate. It is the team's responsibility to be aware of any schedule changes that take place in the Cal North District 5 Cup play that affects their team.
 - 2. A team is not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start time of a Cal North District 5 Cup game in which the team has been scheduled to participate with at least seven (7) players who have proper credentials as specified in the Cal North District 5 Cup Rules and who are dressed in uniforms that meet the District 5 Cup Guidelines. The team must also have a registered team official of the appropriate age and with proper Cal North credentials as called for in the District 5 Cup Rules at the beginning of and throughout the game.
 - 3. A team allows a player, registered team official, or coach to participate in a District 5 Cup game and it is found out before, during, or after the game that the player, coach OR registered team official was not properly credentialed, was not in good standing or was otherwise ineligible to participate in the game/games.
- C. Once a game has begun, the game cannot be forfeit unless one of the teams has at least one individual that is not eligible to participate in District 5 Cup Play and the individual participates in the game as described in Section B, Item 3 above.
- D. If due to a sendoff during the game there is no adult who is a registered team official available to take charge of the team, the game shall immediately be terminated and the opposing team shall be declared the winner of the game. If the score of the game exceeds 1 - 0 in favor of the opposing team at the time of the game being terminated, that score shall stand as the final score of the game. If the score is 1 - 1 or the score favors the team that is causing the game to be terminated the score shall be recorded as a 1 - 0 score in favor of the opposing team.

XX. AWARDS

- A. Awards commemorating District 5 Cup will be presented.

XXI. SEND OFFS / EXPULSIONS / SUSPENSIONS

- A. Any team accumulating three (3) send offs and/or expulsions throughout this competition shall be immediately placed on probationary status. Upon receipt of a fourth (4th) player or registered team official send off or expulsion for any team, the team shall immediately be eliminated from the competition
- B. for the remainder of the current District 5 Cup. The game shall be terminated by the referee upon the issuance of the fourth send off or expulsion. The preliminary round games involving that team shall not be considered in determining the team that advances. In single elimination games, the opposing team automatically advances.
- C. Each District venue shall have, on site, a Cup Protest, Appeals, Disciplinary (PAD) Committee, or Tournament Director to determine penalties for red card send offs and expulsions. Cup PAD Committee and/or Tournament Director decisions shall be communicated to applicable players, coaches or team officials. Any appeals of decisions made by the Cup PAD committee and/or Tournament Director will be considered by different individuals than those who were involved in the original determination.
- D. Any player or registered team official who is sent off or expelled from the field before, during or after a District 5 Cup game shall automatically receive the recommended minimum penalty prescribed by Cal North for the applicable age group and offense per Cal North Specific Rule 4:05 Disciplinary Rulings including the mandatory two additional game suspension required for any registered team official. Additional games may be added by the Disciplinary Committee if the circumstances of the offense warrant it.
- E. Sendoffs shall be administered in accordance with Cal North PIM 10-4. If a player or registered team official is sent off or expelled and has not served his/her suspension, the governing authority for that competition shall mail the member pass, game report and Send-Off Report to the individual's District Commissioner, with the exception of send offs for referee assault which will be sent to the Board of Directors of this Association.
- F. The suspended individual shall be ineligible for further Cal North Cup Play until the player pass is returned, upon completion of suspension. All Cal North Cup suspensions must be served during Cal North Cup Competition and Regional Cup/National Cup competition if applicable. If the individual does not complete their suspension in the current season of District 5 Cup the suspension shall carry over to the following season's Cal North Cup Competition/ Regional Cup/ US Youth Soccer National Cup Competition until the suspension is completely served.
- G. When a coach or registered team official is serving a suspension earned in a previous season of Cal North Cup or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup competition, he/she shall serve the suspension with the team with which he/she earned the suspension as long as the coach or registered team official is still associated with that team.
- H. When a suspension is carried over from a previous season Cal North Cup or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup Competition, if the coach or registered team official is no longer with the team with which he or she earned the suspension, the coach or registered team official will serve the suspension with the team that he/she is currently registered with that is competing in Cal North or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup Competition.
- I. Coaches or registered team officials who are listed on multiple rosters and who are suspended during Cal North Cup competition and/or US Youth Soccer National Championship Series

games will serve their suspension during the next scheduled Cal North Cup and/or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup competition games involving the team with which they were participating as a registered team official at the time of their suspension. If that team is eliminated from Cal North Cup and/or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup competition prior to the suspension being served in its entirety the individual will continue to serve his/her suspension in the following season with the next team to which he/she is registered and which participates in the Cal North Cup competition and/or US Youth Soccer Regional or National Cup competition.

- J. Any individual who is sent-off or expelled during a District 5 Cup game and the suspension exceeds the minimum suspension for the conduct that caused the send-off or expulsion shall have recorded in the Cal North Referee's Send Off Report the reason for the additional suspended games, or an attachment to the Cal North Referees Send Off Report that indicates the reason for the additional suspension. The lack of such backup may be grounds for reduction of suspension. The minimum suspensions are located in Section 4:05 of Cal North Specific Rules.
- K. Suspension penalties that cannot be served in the current season will carry over to the next seasonal year.

XXII. PROTEST, APPEALS AND DISCIPLINE

- A. Other than a formal protest, any question regarding the eligibility of any team, player and/or registered team official participating in a Cal North Cup must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 24 hours of the issue in which the eligibility question is a factor.
- B. With cause, the Board of Directors may remove from District 5 Cup any team, which violates section 3:01:03 of the General Procedures of the Cal North Constitution.
- C. Send offs and/or expulsions are not subject to Protest or Appeal.
- D. Referees will retain member passes, for those individuals who have been sent off or expelled, and along with the Cal North Referee Send Off Report and the game report will turn them in to the on-site Protest, Appeals and Discipline (PAD) Committee for disciplinary action.
- E. Referees' judgment calls and send-offs may not be protested or appealed. Only protests or appeals of a misapplication of the Laws of the Game will be considered.
- F. Disciplinary action that exceeds Cal North's recommended minimum penalty for an offense for an age group may be appealed.
- H. In order for a protest of a competition to be valid, a member of the Cal North staff must be notified by a registered team official of the protesting team within 2 hours following the game being protested. The protest should be noted on the game card by Cup staff. Cal North Cup staff will inform the opposing team's coach as well as the coaches of other teams in the bracket that may be impacted that a protest of the game has been filed. Notification will be made to the affected team(s) as soon as possible but not later than the end of the day on which the protest was filed. A registered team official may be contacted if the coach cannot be reached. The Tournament Director will consider the protest and notify all affected teams of their determination by the end of the day on which the protest was filed. If no other appeal is filed within 2 hours following the determination of the Tournament Director, the decision will be final and all affected teams will be notified.

- I. In order to appeal a decision of the Tournament Director, a member of the Cal North staff must be notified by a registered team official of the appealing team immediately following the decision being rendered. Within 2 hours of the Tournament Directors determination being issued the appeal must be filed in writing and submitted to Cal North Cup staff at the Cup venue. The Cup PAD Committee will consider the appeal and notify the appealing team of their determination by the end of the day on which the appeal was filed. Any affected teams will be notified of the final determination of the Cup PAD Committee. In the instance when a decision is rendered by the Cup PAD Committee following the conclusion of competition on the weekend during which the decision being appealed was rendered, arrangements will be made by the Cup Committee director or their designee to accept the appeal within a time frame as established by the Tournament Director or Their designee.
- J. A protest or appeal that pertains to a specific Cal North Cup game result may be heard by the Cal North Cup PAD Committee on site. Any protest or appeal that pertains to Cal North Cup Competition activity including but not limited to team entry status, team eligibility, player or registered team official eligibility or any other area pertaining to Cal North Cup Competition except a specific game result shall be heard by the Cal North Cup Committee within three days of the filing of the protest or appeal.
- K. Notification of the decision of the Tournament Director shall be communicated by email to the affected parties at the time the decision is rendered with a hard copy notification of the decision being mailed to the affected parties within 48 hours of the Cup PAD Committee's Tournament Director's decision.
- L. Game results and determinations of the Cal North Cup Protest & Appeals Committee will stand, and scheduled Cal North Cup games will continue. No further protest or appeal shall be allowed.
- M. There will be no make-up games against teams that have lost during the time of any protest or appeal procedure not filed by or against them.
- N. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make decisions regarding appeals and protests in the instance that the Protest & Appeals Committee is not available.
- O. By entering a District 5 Cup a team agrees to waive any appeal rights other than to the Cal North Protest & Appeals Committee and/or Tournament Director.

XXIII. WITHDRAWALS

- A. In order to withdraw from District 5 Cup play, a team must submit an email to Tournament Director and must receive written email confirmation from the Cal North office that the notice has been received.
- B. Any team that withdraws from the District 5 Cup after their application has been accepted will forfeit their entry fee.

XXIV. AUTHORITY

- A. The Tournament Director and, as necessary, other Cal North Staff, shall serve as the Competition Authority in oversight of the District 5 Cup.
- B. The Cal North Board of Directors reserves the right to change any rule prior to the competition.

- C.** During the competition, questions regarding interpretation of these rules and matters not addressed herein shall be resolved by the Tournament Director on site.