2026/27 State Cup and Presidents Cup Procedures

We are excited to get our Fall 2026 State Cup and Presidents Cup events underway! With the new structure of the events, we want to clarify this year's rules and procedures.

Age Group	Half lengths (half time)	Referee fees
U15-U16	40 mins (10 mins)	$70/$45/$45 $80 per team
U17-U19	45 mins (10 mins)	$80/$50/$50 $90 per team
All matches will proceed directly to penalty kicks if tied, with no extra time played.		

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE (click here to read the new check-in procedure)

- Coaches are responsible for checking each other's team in at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to kick off, following SCYS new check-in procedure.
- Teams must have their **Competition Roster** accessible physically, or digitally (click either for instructions on how to access). Physical rosters that do not include player photos **must** be accompanied by player cards.
- The referee must be provided access to the physical or digital roster (via QR code on digital check in assistant) prior to kick off.
- Referees are responsible for player equipment checks.
- Jersey numbers should match the numbers on the roster. Any discrepancies must be disclosed to the referee and opposing coach at check in so that players can be correctly identified throughout the match.
    - No duplicate numbers are permitted.

Check-in procedures are in place to avoid postgame personnel complaints. Please take the time to address roster or player issues prior to kickoff. If the game is played, the results stand. ***If necessary, please contact Hans Pauling at 803-600-0064.***

SUBSTITUTIONS

1) ***State Cup***
    a) **U13-U14:** Unlimited over three (3) moments per **half** plus halftime
    b) **U15 - U19:** Unlimited over four (4) moments per **match** plus halftime
2) ***Presidents Cup*** - Unlimited

Substitutions may be made at any stoppage with the approval of the referee. Any substitution during active play or a stoppage is counted as a "moment" regardless of whether the opposing team also substitutes.

Players with a head injury can be substituted without it counting as a moment, however, for it to not be considered a moment, can only return by replacing the same player they were substituted for.

ADVANCEMENT/ELIMINATION

1) Each game is single elimination and must have a winner.
2) Games ending in a tie will go straight to penalty kicks. There will not be an overtime period.
    a) Only players on the field at the end of regulation play are eligible to participate in the penalty kick shootout.

Scores can be entered using the digital game scoring assistant or emailed to leagues@scysa.org.