

303 UNIFORMS

1. When the referee determines that the uniforms of the two competing teams are so similar as to create possible player identification problems on the field, the home team shall change its uniform. However, if the visiting team is wearing colors other than those submitted on the Official Entry Form, the visiting team shall change.
2. Clearly visible numbers, at least six inches high and sewn, pressed, or silk screened on, must be worn on the back of each player's jersey, including the goalkeeper. Each player on a team must wear a different number. A description of the team's uniforms shall be provided on the "Official Entry Form" and on the Player Pool Form.

304 PLAYER PASSES

1. Each player shall carry a laminated, or otherwise tamper-resistant, USASA-approved identification pass bearing the player's photograph and indicating the player's membership on the team. The pass shall be presented to the referee before entering the game and shall be made available to the representative of the opposing team on request.
2. All players on eligible youth teams participating in a National Cups competition shall present an appropriate identification pass issued by the youth organization bearing the player's photograph.
3. Each player pass shall be verified by the player's state association, national or regional league, affiliate or other organization member, as appropriate, and by the designated representative of the state association, league, or member.

305 PLAYING RULES

1. In all rounds played in the National Cup competitions, the playing rules are the FIFA Laws of the Game in effect at the time of the deadline of entry, with the following exceptions:
 - (a) The length of the field may not be more than 120 yards nor less than 100 yards, and the width of the field may not be more than 80 yards nor less than 65 yards.
 - (b) Goal nets must be used. The field shall be marked in accordance with the plan in "The Laws of the Game". A flag on a post not less than five feet high and having a non-pointed top shall be placed at each corner.
 - (c) In all rounds of the Men's Open cup competition, a maximum of four substitutions shall be allowed in each game in all Open Cup matches. A maximum of seven substitutions shall be allowed in each game of all other competitions, unless modified by the regional council for regional rounds of competition or by the national state association for state rounds of competition.
 - (d) In any National Cups competition, a player who has been replaced by a substitute may not re-enter the game at any time.
 - (e) No more than 18 players from the player pool may be in uniform for a game.
 - (f) Regional Cups Commissioners may organize the regional rounds of competition in a manner agreed to at a regional council meeting. This may include round robin brackets, double elimination, or single elimination. Depending upon the format chosen and approved by the regional council, a tie may be allowed to stand. In games in which a winner must be determined, the Regional Cups Commissioner shall have the authority to decide whether games will go into overtime periods, or directly to kicks from the penalty mark as prescribed by FIFA. In all national rounds of competitions in which the score of any game is tied at the end of the second half, there will be two overtime periods of 15 minutes each. If the game remains tied at the end of the two overtime periods, the winner will then be determined by kicks from the penalty mark as prescribed by FIFA.
 - (g) If, for any cause, a game is not completed, it must be replayed in its entirety.
 - (1) However, if the non-completion of a game results from misconduct clearly traceable to one of the competing teams, its management, or its followers, the Cups Commissioner for that level of play shall decide on the disposition of the game
 - (2) If a game is not completed because one of the teams is unable to field at least seven players, the score will stand as of the moment of termination or abandonment. If the team responsible for abandonment has more goals than the opposing team, or the game is tied, the opposing team will be awarded a forfeit victory.
 - (3) If the team awarded the forfeit has scored fewer than three goals, it shall be awarded the forfeit victory of three goals.

- (4) The decision of the Cups Commissioner is final.
2. Each team will be allowed to select not more than 18 players from its player pool to participate in any particular game. Prior to the start of the game, each team will provide to the referee and the other team a game roster designating not more than 11 starting players and the other players from the player pool list as the 18 players from which substitutions may be made.

306 GAME OFFICIALS

The selection of game officials is subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Only officials registered with the Federation shall be eligible to be appointed as referees and assistant referees for games in any of the National Cups competitions.
- (b) Neither a member of the USASA Referee Committee nor a member of the National Cups Committee may be a game official. Individuals who are, or have been, a member of one of two competing teams during the past two years may not officiate a game between the two teams, unless both teams waive this prohibition in writing.
- (c) In all regional rounds of competitions, the referee fee shall be set by the Regional Cups Commissioner.
- (d) In semifinal and final games of the regional rounds of competitions, the referees must be from neutral states. In final games of national rounds of competitions, the referees and assistant referees must be from neutral states.

307 PLAYER AND TEAM OFFICIAL DISCIPLIN

1. Team officials (coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, and others allowed to be in the technical area) are expected to behave in a responsible manner. A team official may be expelled from the field by the referee, in which case the team official must leave the area of the field entirely and no longer participate directly or indirectly in the match. The dismissed team official will also be suspended from participating in the next scheduled match of the official's team, but the National Cup Committee may increase or add other penalties as the behavior warrants.
2. Players shall be suspended for one game if they were sent off the field by the referee for a second cautionable offense. Exhibition games and indoor games do not count in satisfying the game suspension requirement.
3. Suspension of an ejected player for all other reasons shall be for a minimum of the two subsequent, pre-scheduled league or National Cup games. Exhibition games and indoor games do not count in satisfying the game suspension requirement. The ejected player's pass, along with a copy of each referee and assistant referee report must be promptly sent to the player's state association, national league, regional league, or organization member, which shall have the authority to increase the period of suspension.
4. If any player or team official is participating in more than one National Cups competition during the same weekend, that ejected player or dismissed team official will be suspended from the next one [Rule 307(1)] or two [Rule 307(2)] games of all competitions in which that player or team official was eligible to participate.