



To: National Cup Team Managers  
From: Jennifer Weston, Chairman  
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RE: National Cup Draw 2008/Team Manager Instructions

### **Read all this information very carefully!**

Attached is information regarding the National Cup that your team has entered. You must read the rules completely as **some of the rules have changed!** *You are responsible for knowing and following all the rules in this book.* Go to [www.usasa.com](http://www.usasa.com) and find the rules under “download.”

#### **Players: This is a BIG deal.**

Read the National Cup Rules section on player eligibility VERY CAREFULLY. It explains who is eligible, how they should be registered and which players need an international clearance.

Registration: All players must be registered correctly according to USSF rules. Pro players (not allowed in the Men’s Amateur cup) must be registered on pro registration forms and approved by USSF.

International clearance: International clearances must be received for ANY players for whom it applies. Read the enclosed information about international clearances carefully! If even one player on your team plays one game in the competition and is not properly registered or does not have an international clearance your team will be eliminated from the tournament and not be allowed to participate for a minimum of a year. It can take up to 30 days to receive an international clearance so you should apply for any you need NOW! If you have any doubt about whether a player needs an international clearance just get one!

#### **Rosters**

Use only the USASA Player Pool form. Send me a copy of your roster prior to each game. You may also download this form at [www.fssa.org](http://www.fssa.org).

#### **Referee Fees**

Referee fees for national cup games are \$60 center and \$35 for each assistant referee and \$35 for a 4<sup>th</sup> official if one is assigned. Referee fees will be split between the teams and are payable in cash prior to the start of the game.

#### **Home/away team**

Home and away are designated by (h) or (a) on the bracket. Following the first round the home team is based on whether teams win at home or away. If your team does not have a 1<sup>st</sup> round game and plays a team in the second round that has already had a first round game, the team that did not have a first round game WILL TRAVEL to the

winner of the first round game. Following each round of play a copy of the updated bracket with scores will be posted on the website ([www.fssa.org](http://www.fssa.org)) and will be emailed to you. If you need a hard copy you must request one.

### **Game date**

The date listed on the bracket is the play by date. The game must be played no later than this date. If both teams wish to play earlier both teams must inform the National Cup Chairman in writing (fax, letter or email) of the agreed upon date, time and location of the game. Note: the cup chairman may need to change a listed game date to accommodate another state or national cup game if games are cancelled due to inclement weather or other acts of nature. You will be informed if there are any changes to your game date.

### **Game time**

It is highly recommended that the home team try to accommodate the schedule of the traveling team. If the teams can't agree on a game time, the default time is 1:00pm on the game date specified on the draw. If the home team's field is not available at 1:00pm on the game date then the home team may choose another field in their area or we will schedule the game at the opponent's home field.

### **Setting up your game**

The National Cup Chairman must have the following details for every game in writing no less than 10 days prior to each game (or you may incur penalties or even a forfeited game):

- 1) Location of game including street address and directions to the field
- 2) Game date and time agreed upon by both teams

The State Referee Assignor (SRA) assigns all national cup games – your local league does not assign these games. The National Cup Chairman will provide the SRA with your game details.

### **Game score**

The home team must call or email the Cup Chairman the game score on the day of the game.

### **At All Games**

Only players with passes and coaches/managers with FSSA passes may be on the player side of the field during the game.

### **Funding for Regional Tournament**

The Florida State Soccer Association will be providing some funds to help national cup winners get to the regional tournament in Baton Rouge, Louisiana the weekend of May 27-30, 2006. This information will be available later in the spring.

### **Dates**

Rosters due for Region III tournament	May 1, 2008
Rosters frozen for regional tournament	May 6, 2008
Region III coaches meeting, Orange Park, FL	May 22, 2008 (Thursday)
Region III competition, Orange Park, FL	May 23-26, 2008
USASA National Cup Finals, Seattle, WA	August 7-10, 2008

Need more forms? Player pool forms, International Clearance forms, National Cup rules, etc. are all available to download from the FSSA website at [www.fssa.org](http://www.fssa.org). Information about the regional tournament, hotel information, etc is available at [www.region3adultsoccer.org](http://www.region3adultsoccer.org).