



To: State Cup Team Managers  
From: Jennifer Weston, Chairman  
Date: 2/28/08  
RE: State Cup 2008

Enclosed is information regarding the State Cup that your team has entered. The draw was conducted at the FSSA Board Meeting conference call on February 26, 2008.

**Please read through all of the enclosed information before contacting the State Cup Chairman with questions!**

The information enclosed is:

- 1) Instructions regarding setting up your state cup games
- 2) State Cup policies
- 3) State Cup rules
- 4) Bracket for your division with game dates and team manager contact information

Following each round of play the FSSA website ([www.fssa.org](http://www.fssa.org)) will be updated with scores and the next round of play matches. Winning team managers will also be contacted via email regarding the next round of play. You will not receive updated scores and matches via regular mail unless you make a specific request to receive it via mail.

The FSSA website also has all information about the cups included in this packet so you may refer to this site at any time for up to date information.

Carefully read the attached State Cup Rules, policies and team manager instructions sheet. Your team is responsible for knowing and following all rules and policies at all times during the cup games. BE SURE to take a copy of the rules to all games just in case there are any questions.

Game scores **must be reported the day of the game.** If you have questions please contact me. Email is a great way to reach me ([jenweston@verizon.net](mailto:jenweston@verizon.net)) or you may call or fax.

Enjoy the tournament!

## Team Manager Instructions

### **State Cup Rules**

Immediately read the state cup rules and policies enclosed. Your team is responsible for knowing all the rules and policies and following them.

### **Home/away team**

The home team is the top team for the 1st round of play. After the 1st round the home team is based on whether teams win at home or away. Please see the State Cup rules for more details. If your team does not have a 1<sup>st</sup> round game you are the away team for the 2nd round. Home and away are designated on the bracket.

### **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 State 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**

The default time for ALL rounds of play prior to the quarter-finals is 1:00pm. If both teams agree to play at an alternate time they may do so as long as both teams have informed the State Cup Chairman. The home team should make all attempts to accommodate the schedule and requested game time of the traveling team.

### **Setting up your game**

The State 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, a loss of bond 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 Administrator (SRA) will be assigning referees to all rounds of the state cup (your league does not assign state cup games). Once the above details have been received the Cup Chairman will coordinate with the SRA and have referees assigned.

### **Game score**

The home team must call or email the Cup Chairman the game score on the day of the game. Failure to report the score could result in a partial loss of the team bond.

### **Over 30, Over 40 and Over 50 Cups**

At ALL games every player must provide the following at check-in time or they will not be allowed to play:

- 1) FSSA Player Pass
- 2) Government issued photo ID with birth date (passport, driver's license, government issued ID card, etc)

Referees at every game will check alternate ID at check-in time.

Players in these cups must be 30, 40 or 50 respectively by game day.

### **Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals**

Quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will be held in Naples the weekend of April 26-27, 2008. A schedule for the games will be available on the website by the end of March. Further details of the weekend will also be available on the website in March. Quarter-finals and semi-finals will be on Saturday, April 26th, finals will be on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. There will NOT be consolation games this year.

### **Finals Weekend**

The Gulf Coast Adult Soccer League is our host. They are planning a party for Saturday night. Additionally there is a water park right beside the soccer fields and beaches are nearby. Plan now to bring the family for a great weekend of soccer and fun. More details and hotel information will be sent to you soon.

**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.**