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**APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES**

Name of Tournament or Games 2024 River City Cup Website URL: richmondkickersyouth.com  
 Hosting Organization Richmond Kickers YSC Type of Tournament:  Select  Recreational  Select & Rec  
 Designate Official of Hosting Organization Tish Schrock Title Director of Operations Phone 804)938 1980 W  
 Address 2001 Maywill Street, Suite 203 Email tschrock@richmondkickers.com Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ H  
 City Richmond State VA Zip Code 23230 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX  
 State Association or Affiliate VYSA Guest Referees Applications Accepted  Yes  No  
 Location of Tournament or Games Richmond, VA **TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE:** September 11th, 2024  
 Date(s) of Tournament or Games October 12 & 13th, 2024 Estimated # of Teams 150  
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Age Groups Accepted	Type(s) of Team Accepted *	B	G	Roster Size	# Guest Players Allowed	Length of Games	# Players on Field	Awards	Minimum # of Games	Entry Fee	Bond
U- 9	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18	5	50	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	650	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 10	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18	5	50	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	650	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 11	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18	5	60	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	675	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 12	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18	5	60	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	675	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 13	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	5	70	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	700	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 14	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	5	70	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	700	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 15	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	5	70	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	700	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 16	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	5	70	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	700	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 17	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	5	70	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	700	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 19	S1, S2, S3, RT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22	5	70	11	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	700	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*List of types of teams and tournaments is on reverse side of this form.

- RT RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT -Open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.  
 Team will be restricted to teams within the state association  Teams will be invited from all US Youth State Associations/Affiliates only.  
 UT UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT (Open to all Federation affiliated participants)  
 International Teams as listed: \_\_\_\_\_

The Hosting Organization agrees to be bound by and comply with the terms contained in the TOURNAMENT AND GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT and all applicable rules of the approving State Association or Affiliate.

Signature of Designated Official of Hosting Organization

Tish Schrock

Date 9-3-2024

**APPROVAL**

(For Official Use Only) STATE ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATE

Virginia Youth Soccer Assoc

Date 9/4/2024

By Kristen Osteen

Title Membership Manager



# US Youth Soccer

## TOURNAMENT OR GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT

In consideration of permission being granted to Richmond Kickers YSC to hold a tournament  
 or games at Richmond Kickers Youth Soccer Club Richmond VA  
 (Hosting Organization) (City) (State)

On the dates of October 12th & 13th, 2024, we agree to the following conditions:

**ABIDE BY RULES:** We shall abide by all statements made in our approved US Youth Soccer *Application to Host A Tournament or Games*, in our tournament invitation, in our tournament rules, in the US Youth Soccer *Travel and Tournament Policy* and in this US Youth Soccer *Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement*. We agree that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into a tournament shall be fairly and impartially made and shall not be based upon race, creed, color or national origin and that we will not advertise by any means the tournament or games until all approvals are received.

**INVITATIONS:** The tournament or games approval form shall accompany all tournament or games invitations distributed.

**HOUSING:** We agree that we will not require a team to use only accommodations approved or provided by the hosting organization or other organization, unless disclosure is made on the tournament application form of the required hotel/motel names and the guaranteed rates.

**PROCURING LIABILITY INSURANCE:** We have procured liability insurance coverage for the tournament or games with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate and on Umbrella Liability Policy with minimum limits of not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence/\$5,000,000 aggregate which names the State Association or Affiliate with which the Hosting Organization is a member. A copy of the certificate of insurance, IF REQUIRED, is attached issued by \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS:** We shall require all teams participating in the tournament or games to provide medical releases for each player in an appropriate form (paper or electronic). These authorizations shall be reviewed by the Hosting Organization at registration and kept in the possession of a team official at all times.

**ADVANCE PUBLICATION OF RULES:** We agree that our tournament or games rules shall be included with the invitation sent to each team and shall, again, be published to all teams accepted prior to the start of the tournament/games.

**CREDENTIALS CHECKS:** We agree that we shall conduct credentials checks to ensure that all players are registered with US Youth Soccer or US Soccer or a member thereof or their national association, properly rostered with their team, and participating in accordance with representations set forth on the US Youth Soccer *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*. We agree that we will not modify or mark in any way original rosters or member passes; and will not register any player, coach, or team official or issue any member pass.

**USE OF US SOCCER REGISTERED REFEREES:** We agree that we shall use for all games only US Soccer registered referees who are in good standing (unless US Soccer has granted a waiver to allow the use of authorized referees from another country), and shall use a one- or 3-referee system. We intend to use a 3-referee system for the following age groups: U11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19. There will be an adequate number of US Soccer registered referees available in the area during the tournament or game dates to cover the scheduled games. We have selected the following assignor to assign referees for the tournament or games (NOTE: ONLY US Soccer certified assignors may be used):

Name Beth Hatchell USA, assignor@gmail.com Phone ( ) 804-739-5095  
 Address 2001 Maywill Street, Suite 203 Email bethrock@richmondkickers.com Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ H  
 City Richmond State VA Zip 23230 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax

**AVAILABILITY OF POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICE:** We have notified the local police, ambulance, and emergency rescue services of the date of the tournament or games and the times and fields which will be used for games, and have been advised by them that they will be available to render assistance if needed. We will use all the following method(s) of contacting emergency services \_\_\_\_\_

**TOURNAMENT OR GAME RULES – BEHAVIOR:** We agree that our tournament or game rules contain provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches, and spectators is appropriately controlled, including specific provisions that—

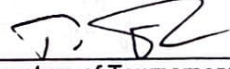
- Spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuance of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
- indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals;
- indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by hosting organizations shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament/games;
- record the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters and also report them immediately to the home State Association and the home club/league of the team; and
- state that the home State Association or member thereof and the home club or league shall, except in the case of referee assault or abuse, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the tournament or games.

**TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** We agree that our tournament or game rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to participating teams if all or a portion of the tournament or games is cancelled by the hosting organization for any reason.

**POST TOURNAMENT OR GAMES REPORT:** We agree that we shall file any required Post Tournament or Games Report with the State Association or Affiliate granting us permission to host this tournament or games within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament or games. We understand that failure to file the report may preclude the tournament/games host from receiving approval for any tournament/games for the following seasonal years until the report is filed. The Post Tournament or Games Report shall include the following information:

- the number of teams participating in each age group (boys and girls);
- if a champion is determined, the name of the champion for each group;
- the number of teams from each State Association, Affiliate, other Organization Member, or foreign country;
- if "Sportsmanship Awards" are given, the criteria for the award and to whom awards were given;
- the number of fields used for the tournament/games;
- the name of the sponsor, if any; and
- the names and teams of all players issued red and yellow cards, and details of any other matters involving the improper or unsporting conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters. **NOTE: Any incident of referee assault or referee abuse by a player, coach, manager, club official, or game official must be reported to the alleged offender's home State Association, or member thereof immediately, but in no event later than 48 hours after an incident of referee assault or abuse..**

  
 Signature of Hosting Organization Designated Official  
9.4.2024  
 Date

  
 Signature of Tournament or Games Director  
9.4.2024  
 Date

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Tournament or Games Headquarters River City Sports Plaza Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ W  
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 City Midlothian State VA Zip 23112 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax

# River City Cup 2024

## October 12th and 13th

### Tournament Headquarters

Tournament Headquarters will be located at River City Sportsplex, 13030 Genito Road, Midlothian, VA 23112.

Telephone: 804.644.5425 ext 304

Tournament Director: Tish Schrock [tschrock@richmondkickers.com](mailto:tschrock@richmondkickers.com), 804.644.5425 ext 304

### Tournament Rules

#### Laws of the Game

All tournament matches will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the game except as modified herein. All decisions by the Tournament Director(s) are final. No protests allowed.

#### General Prohibitions

**Alcoholic beverages, smoking, pets, and noise makers are prohibited.**

#### Team Acceptance/Check-in Paperwork Verification

Teams will be accepted on a rolling basis. Applications will not be considered complete until payment is received.

Teams withdrawing before the official posting date will receive a refund of \$25.00 within 45 days of acceptance posting. Teams withdrawing after the acceptance posting will not receive a refund.

#### Application Deadline

Teams must apply online by September 11th, 2024 in order to be considered for the event.

TEAM TYPE	AGE AND FORMAT	FEE	AWARDS	# OF MATCHES & LENGTH
BOYS: TOP LEVEL TRAVEL & CLASSIC LEVEL TRAVEL GIRLS: CLASSIC LEVEL TRAVEL (INCLUDING REC)	U9/U10 7V7	\$650	CHAMPIONS AND FINALISTS	3-4 50-MINUTE GAMES
BOYS: TOP LEVEL TRAVEL & CLASSIC LEVEL TRAVEL	U11 TO U12 9V9	\$675	CHAMPIONS AND FINALISTS	3 OR 4 60-MINUTE GAMES

GIRLS: CLASSIC  
LEVEL TRAVEL  
(INCLUDING REC)

BOYS: MID TO  
CLASSIC LEVEL  
TRAVEL

U13 TO  
U19  
(11V11)

\$700

CHAMPIONS  
AND  
FINALISTS

3 OR 4, 70-MINUTE  
GAMES

## Mandatory Check In / Tournament Weekend Registration

Mandatory Team Check In / Paperwork verification will be online this year.

This is a USYSA/VYSA sanctioned tournament for club and tournament teams. Teams must be USYSA, USSF, FIFA, or US Club Soccer affiliated, in good standing with their state association, and players possess current year passes. Teams affiliated with AYSO, SAY, US Club Soccer, Super Y League, and FIFA are also welcome. National, state or league select teams are not eligible. Official state USYSA approved rosters, USSF player passes, medical release forms and permits to travel must be presented at registration. **US Club soccer passes may not be used with USYSA rosters, and USYSA passes may not be used with US Club soccer rosters.**

Teams that are members of organizations of the United States Soccer Federation but not members of US Youth Soccer (such as AYSO, SAY, US Club Soccer or Super Y Leagues) DO NOT have to have a US Youth Soccer Application To Travel form (although that team's organization may require that the team have permission). An approved team roster does need to be provided to tournament officials, along with current player passes from its organization.

## The River City Cup 2024 is an Un-Restricted tournament

- Region 1 Policy Regarding Application To Host A Tournament

Region I has established the following policy concerning permission to travel when attending US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournaments in Region I. The purpose of this policy is to make it as simple as possible for the US Youth Soccer Region I teams to travel to tournaments within Region I.

The new policy states that any US Youth Soccer State Association **teams** within Region I that are accepted into a tournament in Region I do not need permission to travel papers. Permission to Travel is not required in friendly games within Region I.

## National State Associations in Region I

- Connecticut Jr. Soccer Assn.
- Delaware Youth Soccer Assn
- Eastern New York Youth Soccer Assn
- Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Assn
- Soccer Maine
- Maryland Youth Soccer Assn
- Massachusetts Youth Soccer Assn
- New Hampshire Soccer Assn
- New Jersey Youth Soccer Assn

- New York State West Youth Soccer Assn
- Pennsylvania West State Soccer Assn
- Soccer Rhode Island
- Vermont Soccer Assn
- Virginia Youth Soccer Assn
- West Virginia Soccer Assn

You may still need to notify your state association.

## US Teams

US teams must have current US Youth Soccer or approved organizational player passes or the appropriate National Association passes. All teams must provide an official roster, which includes all traveling players and team officials, signed or stamped by the appropriate registrar. Birth certificates and passports will not be accepted at this tournament as valid proof of ID for US Teams.

## Referees:

Referees will be allowed to wear headsets to assist in game management.

## Roster Sizes

Rosters will be limited to 18 players maximum for U9, U10, 18 players for U11, U12, and 22 for U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, and U19 age groups. **Coaches can only declare 18 players per game for the U13 through U19 age groups.**

**A player may only play for one team during the tournament.** Any team found using a player that is registered with another team in the event will forfeit the match, and may not be permitted to advance into semi-finals or final matches.

## Guest Players

Up to five (5) guest players will be allowed in all age groups.

Team Representative must have present at registration:

1. 2024/ 2025 Official team roster (VYSA teams no longer have an "original").
2. All player passes (USYSA or US Club Soccer)
3. Permission to Travel forms if required. Region I Travel Policy states that any US YOUTH Soccer team within Region I that is accepted into a tournament in Region I does not need permission to travel papers. You may still need to notify your state association.
4. Guest players must be written in on the bottom of the copy of your roster, and make 2 copies of that roster for the tournament. Guest players must be carded and eligible according to the rules.
5. Medical release forms for all players. (Your league forms are acceptable and they DO NOT have to be notarized.) **\*\*Medical release forms for each participating player must be available at the event. A Physician's release must also be available for any player wearing a cast. The cast must be bubble wrapped. This release must be available for a match official to review. The final decision on whether the player may participate will be up to the match official. \*\***

6. Guest players can be added prior to the first game at the site. Guest players may not be added after that game has started.

## Heading Rule

All players in divisions U12, U11, U10 and U9 are not allowed to head the ball.

## At Age Group Divisions U12 and Younger

Whenever the ball strikes a player in the head, play is stopped. The proper restart depends upon whether the player deliberately played the ball with his or her head. If deliberate, the proper restart is an indirect free kick to the opposing team. If this occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If the play by the head is deemed inadvertent, then the proper restart is a dropped ball.

## At Ages U10 and Under - BUILD OUT LINES

Build out lines promote playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting. When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punting is not allowed). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal. The ball is considered "in play" when the goalkeeper's intended recipient has received the ball. Not the moment that the goalkeeper releases the ball.

If a goalkeeper punts the ball, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the spot of offense. If the punt occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

The build out line will also be used to denote where the offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line.

Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and the goal line.

## Placement of Divisions

**U15 through U19 divisions will play in a SHOWCASE format when possible. 1st and 2nd place winners will be determined by points and will be awarded medallions.**

There will not be a championship match in showcase format groups. Winners for those groups will be determined by points as outlined below. (Exception- Divisions of 8 and Divisions of 6 - see notes below).

Divisions with 4 teams (1st & 2nd Place Awards). Three matches will be guaranteed. Winners will be determined by points.

Divisions with 5 teams (1st & 2nd Place Awards). Four matches will be guaranteed in a round robin format. The champion and runner up will be determined by the point system in rules A & B.

Divisions with 6 teams (1st & 2nd Place Awards). Three matches will be guaranteed. Teams will be divided into two groups of 3, Group A & B. Each team in Group A will play 2 matches against the teams in Group A and the teams in Group B will play 2 matches against the teams in Group B. At the conclusion of Group Play teams will be ranked in their respective groups and play the same ranking from the other group. IE/ 1st place A will play 1st place B, 2nd place A will play 2nd place B, 3rd place A will play 3rd place B. The 1st place games may not end in a tie and will proceed to an overtime period of 5 equal halves in their entirety. If still tied, Penalty kicks will determine the 1st and 2nd place winners. The 2nd place and 3rd place games are treated as Consolation matches and can end in a tie. \*\*In some age groups, the groups of 6 will have a situation where after group play on Saturday, 1st Place A will place 2nd Place B and 2nd Place A will play 1st Place B in Semi finals. The two 3rd place teams will play in a consolation match. The semi final winners will advance to a final.

Divisions with 7 teams (1st and 2nd Place Awards). Three matches will be guaranteed. Teams will be divided into 2 groups (3 in A and 4 in B). Each team in each group will play two matches in their group on the 1st day of play. On the 2nd day, the group of 4 will play their 3rd match of group play to determine the top two teams in that group. 1st Place A will play 1st Place B for the Championship. 2nd Place A will play 2nd Place B in a consolation match. The 3rd place team in A will play the 3rd place team in B in a consolation match.

Divisions with 8 teams (1st & 2nd Place Awards). Three matches will be guaranteed. Teams will be divided into 2 Groups of 4 with each team playing three matches within its Group. Ties will not be broken during group play. The top team in each Group will advance to the Championship Match.

U15, U16, U17, U18 and U19 teams will play in a showcase format when possible which is set up in groups of 4. The 1st and 2nd teams will be determined by points. If it is not possible to set up a showcase bracket, then they will be set up per the Placement of Divisions as listed above.

U9/U10 Divisions: With the new format, divisions of 5, 6 and 7 will all play within their division and play each team in their division 1 time. The top 2 teams will play in a final.

## **Advancement Point System**

Group or Division winners will be decided on the following basis:

Win = 3 points  
Tie = 1 point  
Loss = 0 points

Ties for 1st and 2nd place in Group or Division will be broken according to the rules listed below. An effort has been made to form competitive divisions in selecting tournament participants.

Scores will only be reported with a maximum goal differential of 5. Example: Team A scores 8 goals Team B scores 2 goals. Score recorded at 7 to 2.

## **Tie Breaking Procedure**

Tie-breaking procedure to determine finalists in divisions with 4, 5, or 8 teams and semi finalist in divisions with 6, 10, or 12 teams will be determined as follows:

1. Results of Head to Head competition with team(s) with which tied (Except where three teams are tied head to head competition will not be used. When three teams are tied begin with tiebreaker #2
2. Goal Differential (Goals Scored minus Goals Against, Maximum goal differential is 5 goal differential per game)
3. Goals Allowed in ALL matches (maximum of 5 goals per game)
4. Most goals scored (maximum 5 goals per game) ALL matches.
5. Most shutout wins.
6. If tied after Tie Breaker #5 Penalty Kicks

If Championship matches cannot be played on Sunday but Semi Final matches have been played to completion, a Champion and finalist will be selected from the semi final matches. If Semi Final matches have not been played to completion, results will revert back to Saturday's matches for Final determination.

**\*\*Please Note: scores will only be posted with a maximum of 5 goal differential\*\***

### **Resolving ties in a Championship Match**

If the Championship match is tied at the end of regulation time, the teams will be given a 5 minute rest and then two 5 minute overtime periods will be played. Both 5 minute overtime periods will be played to completion. If still tied after the two overtime periods are completed, the Champion will be decided by using the FIFA penalty kick procedure.

### **Resolving ties in a Semi Final Match**

If the semi final match is tied at the end of regulation time, the winner will be decided by using the FIFA penalty kick procedure. There will be no overtime play in a semi final match.

### **Resolving ties in where a winner must be determined other than a Championship Match or Semi Final Match**

If a match is tied at the end of regulation time where a winner must be declared in order to advance in a consolation game, the winner will be decided by using the FIFA penalty kick procedure. There will be no overtime play for such matches.

### **Substitution Rules**

Unlimited substitutions may be made with the referee's permission:

- After a goal has been scored
- At the beginning of the second half of play or prior to the beginning of overtime play
- At a goal kick by either team
- At a throw in by the team in possession\*\* the opponent may substitute if they are at the half line and ready to enter play
- In case of stoppage of play for an injury
- A cautioned player may be substituted

Under **NO** circumstances may substitutions be made (1) on corner kicks or (2) after the game has ended in a tie and FIFA penalty kicks will be required to determine a winner.

Players must exit the field on the COACHES AND PLAYERS side of the field only when exiting the game.

## **Length of the Game and Ball Size**

There will be no time allowance for substitutions and injuries or other compensating time.

The referee will start the clock at the beginning of each half and run it continuously until the conclusion of that half. The only time the referee will stop his clock for an injury is if the game has to be stopped because a player on the field may not be moved while the rescue squad is summoned.

All halftime periods will last 5 minutes.

In semi final or final matches, if the game has been stopped for a serious injury, the referee will resume the game at the point where the match was stopped and finish out the match in its entirety. No semifinal or final match will be shortened due to a serious injury, daylight permitting.

- U9 & U10 7 v 7; size 4 ball, 50 minutes played, Registration fee is \$650 for both days.
- U11/12 9 v 9; size 4 ball, 60 minutes played, Registration fee is \$675
- U13-19 11 v 11; size 5 ball, 70 minutes played, Registration fee is \$700

## **The Match Ball**

If available, the tournament will provide the adidas match ball for each game. In the event this ball is lost during play or no tournament ball is available, the home team must provide a backup ball to be approved by the referee.

## **Players Equipment**

1. Players wearing splints or casts will be permitted to play if deemed safe by the referee and a physician's release form provided at registration.
2. All players must wear shin guards that are appropriate for their age and size, with the minimum size of shin guard being 6 inches.
3. If a uniform conflict occurs, the Home team (team listed 1st on the schedule) must change jerseys, unless the visiting team offers to do so.
4. The shirt number of each player must be the same as the number on the tournament roster. No player will be permitted to participate until they match. Each player on the roster must have a unique number.
5. A team must have two jersey's colors available. Home shall wear dark colors, and away shall wear lighter colors.

## **Forfeits**

Teams not having 7 players for 11 v 11 matches, (6 players for U9/10 age groups) ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled game time will have a forfeiture declared for the match. The score of a forfeited game will be 3 to 0 in favor of the team ready to play. A team forfeiting a match will not be allowed to play in a semi-final or championship match.

## **Inclement Weather**

Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at their respective field site, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match.

Only the Tournament Director(s) may cancel or postpone a match. Referees may suspend a match only.

In case of severe weather, at his/her discretion, Tournament Director(s) may cancel any and all games. In case of severe weather that occurs after the beginning of play, the Tournament Director(s) may reduce the length of the match and may discontinue or cancel the game. Should a match be terminated due to weather conditions after 20 minutes of play, the match will be considered official and the score at the time will stand. If a match is terminated prior to 20 minutes of play, every attempt will be made to complete the match. However, if necessary other means, determined by the Tournament Director(s), may be used to determine a winner. Referees and field marshals will not consider beginning or continuing matches when a lightning storm exists.

## **Refund Policy**

In the event a team withdraws from the tournament prior to the acceptance posting the team will receive a refund less a \$25.00 administrative fee within 45 days of the event. **If a team withdraws after the acceptance posting, no refund will be issued.**

**If the tournament is canceled due to Covid-19 a FULL REFUND will be given.**

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION OTHER THAN Covid-19 EITHER IN WHOLE OR IN PART.**

## **General Rules**

### **Protests**

All decisions of the referee and the Tournament Director(s) are final. There are no protests!

### **Disclaimer**

The 2024 Richmond Kickers River City Cup Tournament Director(s), and RKYSC will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by tournament participants if the tournament is canceled for any reason. The Tournament Director(s) reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and its decision shall be final.

### **Conduct**

Any player dismissed/sent off (red carded) shall not be allowed to participate in the team's next game. A coach who is dismissed will not be allowed to participate further in the tournament. A report will be sent to the state association and league/club of teams whose players or coaches receive yellow/red cards. A case of referee assault will be referred immediately to the Virginia Youth Soccer Association in accordance with USSF Rule 1108.

**Referee abuse will not be tolerated. Any tournament official is permitted to remove a spectator or coach if referee abuse is seen.**

Each Coach is responsible for the conduct of the players and parents on his/her team. Coaches not taking responsibility for their sideline's behavior may be cautioned and / or ejected.

Any player or coach ejected will be asked to leave and will not be within sight or sound of the playing field. Per FIFA rules, only players will be shown a card (yellow or red) when being cautioned or sent off.

Two yellow cards in the same match equal an ejection and the player will sit out his/her next immediate match.

There is no penalty for accumulation of yellow cards in different matches.

If in the opinion of the Tournament Director(s), the conduct of a team, its coaches or supporters do not meet the standards of sportsmanship that are expected, a team, a player (s) , coach, or supporter may be barred from further participation in the tournament. There will be no refunds of fees or costs in the event of expulsion. A full report of the reason for the barring will be sent to the state association and league of any team so expelled.

### **Home/Team Field Positions**

During games, coaches and players shall remain on 1 side of the field and the spectators shall remain on the other side. Only coaches and aides listed on the roster are permitted on the coach/player sideline. The teams will stay on one half of the side of the field from the halfway line down to the 18 yard box. Coaches, players, and spectators will remain at least 1 yard from the touchline. **It is requested that all teams pick up all trash around their bench area including the “pre wrap”.**

The home team shall have the right to decide which half of the players/coach side of the field that they will occupy. The home team is the team listed first. In the event of a jersey conflict, the home team is required to change jerseys unless the away team offers to do so.

### **Hotels**

To ensure the quality of service provided at the Richmond Kickers River City Cup Tournament, the tournament has appointed Anthony Travel as the official hospitality service of the tournament. All teams are mandated to book any hotel reservations through Anthony Travel to ensure their place in the Richmond Kickers River City Cup Tournament. Any teams that do not comply will be a risk of forfeiting their acceptance.

By using Anthony Travel and our booking service, The River City Cup can offer our "Act of God" clause. This states that, "Should this event be canceled for reasons beyond the directors control, all rooms will be released without further charges to the client."

### **Important Notes**

Have all player passes, official roster, and medical release forms with you at the fields during the tournament. Although only checked at registration, the tournament committee reserves the right to check credentials during the event.

**The tournament is dedicated to the development of all the players participating, good sportsmanship, and the “good of the game”. The Tournament Director(s) may suspend, without recourse or appeal any players, coaches, or spectators who demonstrate anything else.**