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State Cup Tournament

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GUIDELINES

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AYSO SCEDSL State Cup Addendum

DOCUMENT

This document serves as an addition to the SCEDSL Program Guidelines. It does not replace any information in the SCEDSL Program Guidelines. If there happens to be a contradiction between this addendum and the SCEDSL Program Guidelines above, the latter should be regarded as accurate.

THE TOURNAMENT

There are three main factors determining a team's invitation to the tournament: opting-in, eligibility, and qualification. **Each team must pay a team participation fee of \$250.**

OPT-IN

Teams interested in being considered for postseason play must register via the SCEDSL postseason registration system by the date indicated in the SCEDSL Program Calendar.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility pertains to a team's compliance with program rules (e.g., adhering to season regulations). The SCEDSL Program Guidelines outline various factors that may result in a team's disqualification (ineligibility) from the tournament. Instances include the use of ineligible players, repeated coach/spectator misconduct, among others. Please refer to the SCEDSL Program Guidelines for a comprehensive understanding of eligibility regulations.

QUALIFICATION

Qualification relates to a team's position in the final standings of the regular season. Due to our limited number of fields, we cannot accommodate every team for tournament participation. In such instances, available spots are offered to the top-ranked teams. The specific process for offering these spots is known as "Team Selection" and is outlined below. It's essential to highlight that timely registration for the tournament is also a factor in qualification. Teams must register by the deadline to be eligible for consideration.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

To participate in the tournament, teams must register their interest by completing a registration form, which will be available on the SCEDSL website starting October 22, and must be completed by

November 9th. Fall season teams will be notified via email once the tournament registration dates are finalized. Teams failing to register by the deadline will be deemed ineligible.

On the other hand, teams that are registered and meet all eligibility and qualification criteria will be included in the tournament schedule and are expected to take part. Once scheduled, teams are obliged to attend and participate. Failure to do so negatively impacts multiple teams and diminishes the quality of the tournament. Teams withdrawing from the tournament after schedules have been published will forfeit their tournament participation fees.

ROSTERS

Teams participating in the tournament are not permitted to make modifications to their fall season rosters. However, special consideration may be granted to teams facing roster shortages due to player injuries.

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

The tournament will be held at various sites across Sections 1, 10 and 11. The tournament is structured into three stages to determine the division champions in each flight:

Stage 1: Play-in Matches:

In this stage, select teams may compete against each other to gain entry into the SCEDSL State Cup Tournament.

Also, if the number of interested teams exceeds the tournament's capacity, Play-In games may be necessary to determine which teams secure the last available spots in the tournament.

Stage 2: Pool Round:

Teams will be divided into pools and scheduled to play each team within their respective pools. Standings at the conclusion of the pool round will dictate which teams progress to Stage 3.

Stage 3: Final Round:

Teams advancing to this round will engage in single-elimination matches to determine the division champion in their division. The final rounds in each division are expected to include Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Championship matches.

Tournament Limitations

Our objective is to include as many teams as possible in the tournament on the dates outlined in the SCEDSL program calendar. The smooth operation of the tournament depends on several factors, including field availability, site resources, weather conditions, and the availability of

weekends, among others. If any of these factors prevent us from adhering to the original plan, the tournament committee retains the authority to modify the tournament structure and the number of participating teams to suit the available resources.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

The SCEDSL State Cup Tournament will feature teams from every group and flight. Detailed explanations of team selection are provided below.

Team Selection

The number of teams and the criteria for selecting which eligible and qualified teams will be invited to participate in the SCEDSL State Cup Tournament will depend on the following regular season criteria: if teams were split into balanced flights, the number of flights, and the total number of teams involved.

Details regarding which teams will be invited to participate in the SCEDSL State Cup Tournament are outlined below.

Unbalanced Divisions (9UB, 9UG, 13UG, 14UB, 14UG)

In divisions where regular season teams were not divided into competitively balanced flights, typically seen in 9U divisions, the following criteria will determine which teams will be invited to participate in the SCEDSL State Cup Tournament.

9U Division		
9U Boys	Groups 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D	Top 3 in each group invited to Pool Play rounds
9U Girls	Groups 1A, 1B, 1C	Top 4 in each group invited to Pool Play rounds

13U Division		
13U Girls	Groups 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D	Top 3 in each group invited to Pool Play rounds

14U Division		
14U Boys	Groups 1A, 1B	Top 4 in each group advance straight to single elimination rounds on 12/13-14
14U Girls	Groups 1A, 1B	Top 4 in each group advance straight to single elimination rounds on 12/13-14

Balanced Divisions

In divisions where regular season teams were divided into competitively balanced flights, the following criteria will determine which teams will be invited to participate in the SCEDSL State Cup Tournament.

10U Boys/Girls Division	
Flight 1	Top 4 invited to Pool Play rounds
Flight 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D	Top 2 invited to Pool Play rounds

11U Boys Division	
Flight 1	Top 6 invited to Pool Play rounds
Flight 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D	Top 3 invited to Pool Play rounds

11U Girls Division	
Flight 1	Top 4 invited to Pool Play rounds 5th place team will play in a play-in game on 11/22
Flight 2A	Top 2 invited to Pool Play rounds 3rd place team will play in a play-in game on 11/22
Flight 2B	Top 3 invited to Pool Play rounds 4th & 5th place team will play in a play-in game on 11/22
Flight 2C	Top 3 invited to Pool Play rounds 4th & 5th place team will play in a play-in game on 11/22

12U Boys Division	
Flight 1	Top 4 invited to Pool Play rounds
Flight 2A	Top 2 invited to Pool Play rounds
Flight 2B, 2C	Top 3 invited to Pool Play rounds

12U Girls Division	
Flight 1	Top 4 invited to Pool Play rounds 5th place team will play in a play-in game on 11/22
Flight 2A, 2B, 2C	Top 2 invited to Pool Play rounds 3rd place team will play in a play-in game on 11/22

13U Boys Division	
Flight 1	Top 4 invited to Pool Play rounds 5th place team will play in a play-in game on 11/22
Flight 2A, 2B, 2C	Top 2 invited to Pool Play rounds 3rd place team will play in a play-in game on 11/22

GAME DAY GUIDELINES

These guidelines will be amended to include comprehensive game day guidelines, including the number of referee slots each team must cover, before the conclusion of the Fall regular season. This draft of the guidelines aims to provide visibility to those involved in the SCEDSL program regarding the tournament's intentions, structure, eligibility, qualifications, and selection criteria prior to the start of the regular season.

MODIFICATIONS & EXCEPTIONS

While these guidelines serve as the primary governing document for the SCEDSL State Cup Tournament, the tournament administration reserves the right to modify or make exceptions to these guidelines at any time. Any such modifications or exceptions require prior approval from the involved Section Directors.

END OF DOCUMENT

CHANGE LOG

VERSION	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	WHO UPDATED
v01	10/22/2025	Guidelines for 2025-2026 SCEDSL State Cup Tournament	
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