

# **COSMOPOLITAN SOCCER LEAGUE**

## **2018-2019 LEAGUE CUPS RULES AND PROCEDURES**

### **THE CUPS:**

1. The CSL will sponsor three cups: John Kilby League Cup, Harry J. Saunders Cup and Over-30 Cup.
  - a. The John Kilby League Cup is open to all 1st Division, 1st Division Reserve and 2nd Division teams. 2nd Division Reserve and Metro Division teams may enter at the discretion of the cups committee.
  - b. The Harry J. Saunders Cup is open to all 2nd Division Reserve and Metro Division teams.
  - c. The Over-30 Cup is open to all Over-30 Division and Over-39 Division teams.
2. The competition shall be a “knockout” (single loss elimination) competition.

### **TEAMS & PLAYERS:**

1. Only CSL affiliated teams which are no longer in national or state cup competitions as of the mid year meeting are eligible to participate.
2. Clubs may enter multiple teams, but players may only participate for one team of their club. Once a player has signed a match day roster form for one team, he may not play for any other team.
3. The following player participation rules also apply:
  - a. All players may participate in the John Kilby Cup as long as the player is not “cup tied” to another team.
  - b. Only players registered on the CSL website for a 2nd Division Reserve, Metro Division, Over-30 Division or Over-39 Division team may participate in the Harry J. Saunders Cup. Players registered for a 1st Division, 1st Division Reserve or 2nd Division first team may not participate in the Harry J. Saunders Cup.
  - c. Only players registered on the CSL website for an Over-30 Division or Over-39 Division team may participate in the Over-30 Cup.

### **SEEDINGS, HOME TEAMS & REFEREE FEES:**

1. The seeding and drawings will be done by the CSL Cups Committee. The exact format will depend on the amount of entries. If there are not 16 entries in a cup, teams will be awarded BYES based on the current standings, with the top teams in the tables awarded BYES.
2. If the team selected to play HOME does not have a field, then the league cup match will be played at the team selected to play AWAY's home field. If neither team has a home field and a league supplied field is used, the cost of the field will be evenly split between the two teams.
3. The team at whose field the match is NOT PLAYED (i.e. the visiting team) team will be responsible for the referee fee. If neither team has a home field, the cost of the referee fee, will be evenly split between the two teams.
4. A team drawn away, will be awarded a home match in the next round unless both competing teams had been drawn away or both competing teams had been drawn home in the prior round, in which case the higher drawn team will be awarded a home match.
5. In the John Kilby League Cup, assistant referees will be assigned unless both competing teams advise the league office ten days before a match that they do not wish to have ARs assigned. The cost for the ARs is evenly split no matter where the match is played. Assistant referees are not assigned in the Harry J. Saunders or Over-30 Cups unless both teams agree to use ARs, in which case the cost is evenly split.
6. League cup finals will be played at a field selected by the league and the cost of the field and all of the referees will be borne by the league.

#### **SCHEDULING:**

1. The scheduling of league cup matches will be handled by the CSL Cups Committee and will be done in manner as to not interfere with regular league matches.
2. As a general rule, regular league matches take precedence over league cup matches. Therefore, if a regular league match needs to be "made-up", a previously scheduled league cup match may be postponed.
3. In accordance with CSL by-laws, the Cups Committee reserves the right to schedule league cup matches during the week at night if the Cups Committee in its judgment believes that league cup matches need to be played by a certain date.

#### **GAME REGULATIONS:**

1. All cup matches will be played in accordance with all FIFA rules and in accordance with the CSL by-laws.
2. All participating teams are expected to follow all CSL rules governing passes, uniforms, etc.
3. Participating teams are permitted to use 18 players in a match and re-substitution is permitted in all cup matches.

4. At the start of every cup match, each team will submit a roster form to the referee in the same manner as a league match.
5. If the cup match is tied at the end of regulation, the match will be decided by a 5 round penalty kick shoot out similar to ENYSSA state cup competition.

#### **CAUTIONS & EJECTIONS:**

1. Cautions (yellow cards) and ejections (red cards) received during league cup competition will be treated in the same manner as cautions and ejections received during ENYSSA state cup competition.
  - a. Cautions (yellow cards) received during league cup competition will not count towards the accumulation of league yellow cards.
  - b. Ejections (red cards) received during league cup competition will result in a period of suspension for a time period determined by the Arbiter. The period of suspension will be served during a player's team's next match, which could be a regular league match, league cup match or state or national cup match.
2. A participating player who is currently suspended from league play will serve his suspension in league cup competition if the cup match is his registered team's next scheduled match.

#### **PROTEST & APPEALS:**

1. All protests will be handled by the Arbiter in the same manner as with regular CSL league matches. The same protest time periods listed in the CSL by-laws apply.
2. Any appeals from a decision of the Arbiter are sent to the CSL Appeals Committee.

#### **TEAM & PLAYER BREACHES OF RULES:**

1. The CSL Executive Board, at the recommendation of the Cups Committee, shall have the power to disqualify and remove from further participation in the competition any team or player(s) of any participating team who have been found to have violated the rules of the CSL League Cups or the CSL.
2. The CSL Executive Board, at the recommendation of the Cups Committee, shall have the power to issue fines for the violation of the rules and for misbehavior as set forth in the CSL bylaws.

#### **MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR:**

1. Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be determined by the Cup Committee, which shall consider all other rules and regulations of the CSL, the state and national associations and FIFA, before making its decision.