

Florida State Soccer Association
Official State Cup Entry Form

Competition format has changed – all teams will play a minimum 2 games, one home, one away!
Read the State Cup Rules and Policies before you complete this application.

Application deadline: February 13, 2009
No applications will be accepted after this date!

Team Name: _____

League: _____ Division: _____

Cup Competition – please check one (see attached sheet for descriptions)

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| 1. Florida Cup – Men’s | \$100 | _____ | 5. Men’s Over 40 Cup | \$100 | _____ |
| 2. President’s Cup – Men’s | \$100 | _____ | 6. Men’s Over 50 Cup | \$100 | _____ |
| 3. Chairman’s Cup – Men’s | \$100 | _____ | 7. Women’s Cup | \$100 | _____ |
| 4. Men’s Over 30 Cup | \$100 | _____ | 8. Coed Cup | \$100 | _____ |

\$200 Performance Bond must be included with application or application will not be accepted.

Team Manager: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email (**required**): _____

Uniform Colors Shirt: _____ Shorts: _____

Home Field: _____ Location: _____

Enclosed is a cashier’s check/money order in the amount of \$_____ (include application fee and performance bond. Make check payable to **FSSA** (personal checks not accepted).

Important: Any team not willing or able to travel up to 5 1/2 hours one-way or participate at the default day and time of play (see attachment) should not enter the State Cup.

Changes have been made to the State Cup policies/rules/tournament format. Your signature below indicates you have read the State Cup Policies 2009 and state cup rules.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Team Manager

Return to: Jennifer Weston, 2108 S. Cortez Avenue, Tampa, FL 33629
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2009 Florida State Cup Policies

- 1) **State Cup format change for 2009: All teams will play a minimum of two games** – a home game and away game. In each round of play competitors will play twice – a home game for each team – to determine the winner who will move on to the next round. Aggregate scoring will be used to determine the winner of each round.

Aggregate scoring: Home goals count one point, away goals count two points; if the score is tied at the end of the second game there will be overtime and PKs if needed. See State Cup rules for complete information.

The finals weekend will have semi-finals on Saturday, April 25 and finals on Sunday, April 16. Finals weekend is being hosted by Gulf Coast Adult Soccer League at Collier Park in Naples. There will NOT be consolation games.

- 2) Read the State Cup rules before applying to participate in the state cup (www.fssa.org).
- 3) **First rounds of games may be March 1, 2009** – you will be notified immediately following the draw of the date of your first game. The earlier games will be determined by the number of teams in a cup. If you enter the state cup you must be prepared to begin play on March 1.
- 4) **Prize money**: Cups with 8 or more teams in them: Cup Champion will receive \$500, finalist will receive \$250. Cups with less than 8 teams in them: Cup Champion will receive \$250, finalist will receive \$100.
- 5) A team may enter only one cup competition per year (a team may not enter multiple cups – such as entering the Over 30 cup and the Florida cup).
- 6) If your team won a cup in 2008 you must enter the next highest level of competition in 2009.

The following is a guideline for choosing which cup your team should enter:

<u>Cup name</u>	<u>Who May Participate</u>
Florida Cup – Men’s	All men’s teams (highest level of play) – Premier and upper 1 st division teams <u>must</u> enter this cup
President’s Cup – Men’s	Excludes top level teams or divisions such as premier or 1 st Div
Chairman’s Cup – Men’s	Lower division teams only – 2 nd or 3 rd division
Women’s Cup	All women’s teams
Co-ed Cup	All co-ed teams

If you have a question about which cup you should enter please contact the State Cup Chairman. All teams must be registered with an FSSA affiliated league.

Travel

If you enter the state cup you will travel – it is a travel tournament. Drive times between cities will be determined using Mapquest. If the drive time for a team is in excess of 5 hours the visiting team may request a neutral site game. The request must be made within 24 hours of the visiting team being notified of their next round of play. The visiting team may be required to help cover costs incurred in acquiring a neutral site not to exceed \$100.

Drive time to the neutral site may be in excess of 5 hours in the case of extreme distances (for example a Pensacola-Miami match), however, the neutral site will be closer for the visiting team though not necessarily equidistant.

Neutral sites will be determined by the State Cup Committee and will be based on field and referee availability.

Game Date/Day/Times

The default day/time for State Cup Games is Sunday at 1pm. The play by date will be listed on the cup bracket. Games may be played no later than the date listed on the bracket. By **mutual agreement**, teams may elect to play the game at an earlier date and other time. *If the teams make such agreement, each team must notify the State Cup Chairman in writing of the agreement at least 10 days in advance of the game.*

Important: Any team not willing or able to travel up to 5 1/2 hours one-way or participate at the default day and time of play should not enter the State Cup.

The Draw

The draw for all State Cup Competitions will be conducted by the weekend of February 14-15, 2009 (date and location to be determined – check the FSSA website for updates).

Extreme travel distances will be avoided in the first round of play. Should a match result in extreme travel that match will be re-drawn. Matches between teams in the same league will also be avoided in the first round of play. The State Cup Committee will do its best to work with teams participating in other FSSA approved tournaments in regards to scheduling.

Game Dates

Depending on the number of teams in a cup, the earliest rounds of play could be March 1, 2009. All teams entering the State Cup must be prepared to play their first game on this date until otherwise notified.

The State Cup Finals will be held the weekend of April 25-26, 2009 in Naples. Further details will be sent to participating teams as soon as they are available and will be posted on the website.

Communication

Each team must provide an email address that will be checked regularly throughout the state cup.

Your team will receive email notifications regarding games and scheduling. Schedules and scores will be updated on the FSSA website after each round of games at www.fssa.org.

Performance Bond

Applications will not be accepted without the \$200 performance bond. Performance bonds will be returned to those teams meeting all their responsibilities **after** the conclusion of the State Cup finals in April 2009.

Referee fees

Referee fees for all games in all rounds of the state cup are \$60 center, \$35 lines and \$35 4th official if one is assigned. The total fees will be split between the teams. FSSA pays referee fees for final games only. See State Cup Rules for more information.

State Cup Rules

Your team is responsible for knowing, understanding and following the state cup rules.