

## MYSL Cup Overview

The MYSL Cup is a two-year intra-league competition that begins each Fall for MYSL - registered U11 teams and concludes for those teams in their U12 Spring season. The MYSL Cup Title will include its completion year, as such the 2016 MYSL Cup is the inauguration of this multi-season competition which began with the Fall 2014 season, and will conclude at the end of the Spring 2016 season. The first three MYSL Cup Competitions and seasonal designations are illustrated on the MYSL Cup Competition timeline chart below. This competition will be conducted separately for both the girls and boys divisions.

The Michigan Youth Soccer League (MYSL) will administer and govern the MYSL Cup.

Participating Teams will be awarded points over the multi-season competition for on-field results, displays of good sportsmanship, coaching development and parent participation. The highest cumulative total points awarded will determine each team’s MYSL Cup ranking. At the conclusion of every U12 Spring season beginning in 2016 the MYSL Cup Champion will be decided by a playoff between the top four ranked teams determined by their final point totals.

Teams automatically qualify to participate in the MYSL Cup Competition that (I) have at least eight (8) U11 age-appropriate rostered players, (II) register to play in an MYSL U11 division in the team’s Fall U11 season, and (III) elect to participate. For participating teams, there are no special or additional charges above the normal MYSL registration fees.

In order to remain in the competition, participating teams must maintain 60% of the same players on the roster from the previous season however, for Fall 2016 and Spring 2017, this requirement is waived due to the calendar year age change. It is expected that teams will compete in all four (4) seasons (both Fall and Spring of U11 and U12) for the chance to be the MYSL Cup Champion.

### MYSL Cup Competitive Seasons

For the purposes of this competition, the four seasons of play will be designated MYSL Cup Season 1, MYSL Cup Season 2 (Spring of U11), MYSL Cup Season 3 (Fall of U12) and MYSL Cup Finals (Spring of U12). For this competition all participating teams will conduct play in their respective divisions under the rules and regulations including responsibility for all related field, referee and club/league fees.

**For teams participating in the MYSL Cup there are no special divisioning or scheduling procedures for any season with the exception of the top ten (10) ranked teams in the MYSL Cup Finals season as described below.**

### MYSL Cup Timeline for the first three MYSL Cup Competitions

<u>Cup Competition</u>	<u>MYSL Cup Season 1</u>	<u>MYSL Cup Season 2</u>	<u>MYSL Cup Season 3</u>	<u>MYSL Cup Finals</u>
2016 MYSL Cup	U11 - Fall 2014	U11 – Spring 2015	U12 – Fall 2015	U12 – Spring 2016
2017 MYSL Cup	U11 – Fall 2015	U11 – Spring 2016	U12 – Fall 2016	U12 – Spring 2017

## MYSL Cup Point System

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- The MYSL Cup point system is a dynamic, competitively driven system and may be adjusted prior to each season.

### MYSL CUP Season 1

- Every qualified MYSL Cup team playing in the U11 Fall season will be initially awarded 1,000 MYSL Cup points at the start of the MYSL Cup Season 1.

### MYSL Cup Game Points

#### MYSL Cup Seasons 1, 2, and 3

- Points will be awarded based on each team's best eight (8) game results over the season (this is to ensure a balance in the number of games for those divisions that have more than 8 games). Points will be awarded based on all games played in each season even though some division teams may not be participating in the MYSL Cup.
- Game points will be awarded as follows:
  - 250 points for each win.
  - 150 points for each tie.

#### MYSL Cup Finals Season

- For the Spring U12 (MYSL Cup Finals Season) game points will be awarded as follows:

Prior to the season start date, the MYSL Cup teams in each division will be designated either as a tier-one team or a tier-two team based upon the cumulative number of MYSL Cup points achieved up to that date. These designations will be indicated by a T1 for a tier one team or T2 for a tier two team on the MYSL Cup standings.

Points for wins and ties will then be awarded on a scaled point system based on the quality of a win or tie against the other division opponents as follows:

- 250 points for each win against another tier-one team.
- 150 points for each tie against another tier-one team.
- 150 points for each win against a tier-two team.
- 100 points for each tie against a tier-two team.

[Please note: Since MYSL allows teams the flexibility to seek their best level of competition, there may occur an uneven number of teams in any division. Please refer to the division tier chart below.]

**MYSL Cup Tier definitions:**

**The number of teams to be considered for each tier as ranked in order by point totals**

<u>The number of division teams</u>	<u>tier one teams</u>	<u>tier two teams</u>
5	3 (highest)	2(lowest)
6	3	3
7	3	4
8	4	4
9	4	5
10	5	5
11	5	6

**MYSL Cup - Additional Awarded Points**

- Between the Fall and Spring U11 seasons and/or the Spring U11 and Fall U12 seasons, if a team both elects to move to a higher division and MYSL accepts this request, it will be awarded 300 additional points. Teams which remain in the highest ranked MYSL division will also receive 300 points. Teams electing to move to a lower division will not lose any points.
- Beginning with the 2017 MYSL Cup Competition, if by the beginning of the MYSL Cup Season 3 (Fall U12 season) the rostered head coach of the team has earned a USSF E license; the team will be awarded 500 pts. If the original head coach doesn't have an E license and is replaced during the two year competition by a coach who has an E license, only 250 points will be awarded. If a head coach is coaching more than one team in the same age group, these awarded points may only be assigned to one team per MYSL Cup Competition.
- Beginning with the 2017 MYSL Cup Competition, if by the beginning of the MYSL Cup Season 3 (Fall U12 season) the rostered head coach of the team has earned a USSF D license; the team will be awarded 1,000 points. If the original head coach doesn't have a D license and is replaced during the two-year competition by a coach who has a D license, only 300 points will be awarded. If a head coach is coaching more than one team in the same age group, these awarded points may only be assigned to one team per MYSL Cup Competition.
- MYSL may in the future award additional points, starting no sooner than with the 2017 MYSL Cup, for parent/guardian participation in an approved, but as yet unidentified, soccer course. It is anticipated that this course would be completed by all parents prior to the team's registration in the MYSL Cup Finals season as such points may affect rankings.

## **Loss of MYSL Cup Points\***

In order to stress the importance of good sportsmanship and behavior by the players, coaches, team officials and parents, the following will be enforced:

- Teams will lose points for receiving Red and/or the equivalent by Yellow Cards:
  - – 500 pts. for each instance where a player is issued a Red Card in categories b, c, f.
  - – 250 pts. for each instance where a player is issued a Red Card in categories a, d, e, g.
  - – 500 pts. for each instance where any team official is issued a Red Card or send-off.
- Teams will lose 500 points for each forfeited game.

\* For the 2016 MYSL Cup Competition this will be enforced beginning with the MYSL Cup Season 3.

## **Team verification of awarded MYSL Cup Points**

While every effort will be made to accurately reflect each team's point totals, it is anticipated that differences may occur. It will be the responsibility of each team to review its standings and challenge by emailing the MYSL CUP submission form identifying all differences within 15 days of each game to the MYSL Cup Director. Also, it will be the responsibility of each head coach to report any USSF licenses earned during this competition.

Additionally, if a team wishing to participate does not find its name listed on the standings, it should contact the MYSL Cup Director with information why it should be included in this competition.

Teams changing names should also send an email to the MYSL Cup Director identifying the prior name and MYSL Cup team number to correctly assign the team's point total.

## **The MYSL Cup Awards – Season 2**

At the conclusion of the MYSL Cup Season 2 the top five (5) teams ranked by cumulative MYSL Cup points for both the U11 girls and U11 boys will receive a grant valued at \$200.00 to be applied to any MYSL sponsored tournament of their choice. These grants will be awarded by August 15.

## **Minimum Team Participation**

The MYSL Cup Competition is designed for a minimum of thirty (30) teams, of each gender, competing in each of the four seasons. Therefore MYSL in exercising its governance may make any adjustments it deems necessary should the minimum number of qualified teams not be met.

## MYSL Cup Finals and Championship

### The MYSL Cup Finals Season and Championship

After the conclusion of the MYSL Cup Season 3 (Fall U12 season), the top ten (10) teams ranked by MYSL Cup points will have the opportunity to continue to participate in the MYSL Cup Competition by placement into two MYSL Cup Divisions (6 teams in each) – the MYSL Cup Blue Division and the MYSL Cup Gold Division. The divisions will be seeded starting with the team awarded the most points being placed in the MYSL Cup Blue Division and then the team next highest number of points being placed in the MYSL Cup Gold Division and each successively ranked team by points being likewise placed in alternating divisions until the divisions are filled.

[All other MYSL teams playing U12 or opting out of the MYSL Cup Competition would follow normal divisioning procedures for the U12 Spring season.]

At the beginning of the MYSL Cup Finals season, MYSL will equalize the point totals for all 10 teams in the MYSL Cup Blue and Gold Divisions by resetting each team's point total to 7,000 points. Awarded points throughout this season will then be made as indicated above. At the conclusion of seasonal play the top two (2) teams based on their total MYSL Cup competition points in each of the two MYSL Cup divisions will then be invited to play in a MYSL Cup semi-finals round robin on the MYSL Cup Championship weekend. This will occur on selected dates just the prior to the tryout weekend. MYSL will be responsible for the field site and referee expenses for the MYSL Cup Championship weekend.

### MYSL Cup Championship

Format for MYSL Cup Semi-Finals and Championship (Spring U12 Season):

- I) The Semi-Finals will be played as follows: the First Place Team of the MYSL Blue Division vs. Second Place Team of the MYSL Cup Gold Division and the Second Place Team of the MYSL Cup Blue Division vs. the First Place Team of MYSL Cup Gold Division.
- II) The Championship Game: Winners of the Semi-Final games.

### The MYSL Cup Finals and Championship Awards

At the conclusion of the MYSL Cup Finals season the players on each of the Semi-Final teams will receive a valuable merchandise card. The two teams playing in The Championship Game will receive the following awards; the players and coaches of the second place team will each receive a \$25 merchandise card and an MYSL Cup Finalist jersey; and the players and coaches of the MYSL Cup Champion will each receive a \$50 merchandise card and an MYSL CUP Champion jersey.