



ISC 15U-19U POLICY AND FAQ DOCUMENT

FOR THE FALL 2023 STATE CUP

2023-2024 Season

Frequently Asked Questions Related to the FALL 2023 State Cup for ISC 15U-19U Players:

1) What if my son or daughter is not available to play for one of the two weekends of the State Cup?

SHORT ANSWER: We will allow players to list themselves as available for 1 of the 2 weekends of the state cup. You do not need to be available for both weekends to participate in the state cup. The roster for the state cup may change from weekend #1 to weekend #2 based on availability and selection criteria established by the coaches.

MORE DETAIL:

Like all tournaments, players need to be available to play on both the Saturday and Sunday of a tournament weekend to be included on a tournament roster. Therefore, this is why we will not select a player to play in a particular weekend of the state cup if they have a conflict for one of the days of the weekend.

The only exception is the religious exemption rule. For example, I would allow players to commit to only the Saturday of any tournament, including the state cup, if they have communicated directly to me that their child can never play on Sundays due to religious commitments on Sundays. The Sunday exemption for religious reasons has to be pre-approved by me prior to the start of the soccer season.

In sum, I will not allow someone to play only one day of a weekend for the state cup unless they have an approved Sunday religious exemption established with the ISC. However, the tournament is held over 2 weekends, so if you cannot commit to one weekend because of a conflict, you could still potentially play in the other weekend if you were selected.

2) Can my son or daughter count the state cup tournament as 1 of the 2 tournaments that they must attend to meet the 15u-19U tournament requirement?

YES- BUT only If they play in the first weekend.

We do not allow players to select the 2nd weekend of the state cup to use as 1 of the 2 tournaments that they must attend because the team may not even advance to the second weekend of the state cup.

3) Can a player on the "B" team be selected to participate with the "A" team for the state cup?

YES!

All players in the age group are competing all Fall to be included in the roster of 17 with the top team in their age group.

For example, if your son is on the 16U boys' team, but is on the "B" team, they still can be selected to play in the state cup with the "A" team if they are available to play and the coaches believe that they belong with the "A" team. If selected to the "A" team for the state cup though, this does not mean the player is moved permanently to the "A" roster, but they are moved to the "A" roster for the state cup tournament.

4) Is it possible that my child may not be included on the state cup roster with the "A" team if they were selected to the "A" team during tryouts.

Yes.

If we are going to give players from the "B" team in the same age group the opportunity to prove that they belong with the "A" team for the state cup, that also means that players selected to the "A" team during tryouts may be moved down to the "B" team for the state cup.

5) How many players are included on the state cup roster?

No more than 17 players are assigned to each state cup roster.

This means that if there were 20 players selected to the "A" team during tryouts, not all of those players will be included on the state cup roster.

6) What if the "B" team in my child's age group does not have enough players to field a team?

As was mentioned in the "Age Group Commitment Expectations" Document, we may merge age groups to ensure that more players can participate in the state cup for the ISC "B" players. When you make your commitment to the state cup, like any other

tournament commitment, you are committing your son or daughter to play with the ISC with whatever team that they are selected to. Therefore, we should be able to place players even if your age group does not have a full "B" team.

However, as is discussed below, we DO NOT and CANNOT guarantee that all ISC 15U-19U kids will participate in the state cup.

7) Is it possible that my child may not be selected to either the "A" or "B" team for the state cup?

Yes

If the age group has both an "A" and "B" team, the maximum number of players that could be selected from one age group would be 34 players. For example, If your child's age group has 40 kids in the age group, some players may not be selected to either the "A" or "B" team for the state cup because only two rosters of 17 players will participate.

8) Is playing time guaranteed at the 15U-19U state cup

NO.

Unlike the 13U-14U state cups, we do not guarantee playing time for players on teams that participate in the 15U-19U age groups at the state cup.

9) When will the Fall 2023 state cup rosters for Weekend #1 be sent out to players and parents?

Tuesday, October 17.

Rosters will be sent from the Director of Coaching, Jon Cook, to the team managers by 3 PM on Tuesday, October 17.

10) When will the Fall 2023 state cup rosters for weekend #2 be sent out to players and parents?

Tuesday, October 24

Rosters will also be emailed from the Director of Coaching for weekend #2 by 3 PM on Tuesday, October 24.

11) What happens if I commit my child to the state cup to count as 1 of their 2 required tournaments and they are not selected? Will the commitment still count toward the requirement even though they were not selected?

Yes.

12 If we win the state cup, who will be included on the roster for the National Tournament during July of 2024?

The players that were on the roster during the final game/weekend will be given the first opportunity to be included on the roster for the National Tournament. If your son or daughter helped us win the state cup, they will NOT be displaced by someone else from our club or any other club.

If your son or daughter cannot attend the national tournament and they have communicated that clearly to me, then we would seek replacements from players within the ISC.