

Proposed Policy – to be presented at the next USASA National Council meeting 2/28/25; Offered by Cezar Wasecki

Policy Title: National Cup Qualification and Registration Policy

1. Purpose

This policy establishes the criteria and procedures for the organization National Cup competitions under United States Amateur Soccer Association (USASA). It ensures fair participation, consistent qualification standards, and proper administrative processes for all National Cup Competition.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all state teams, regions, and organizers participating in or overseeing USASA National Cup competitions.

3. Definition of a National Cup

A competition will be officially recognized as USASA National Cup only if the following conditions are met:

A minimum of four (4) teams from each of the four regions or, a minimum of any 16 state associations, must participate in entering into qualifying rounds leading to the National Cup Finals.

Qualifiers: Regional qualifiers will determine the teams advancing to the National Cup Finals.

4. Registration Requirements

Registration Deadline: All participating teams must register and pay the required tournament registration fees at least ninety (90) days prior to the start date of the National Cup Finals.

Registration Process: Teams must complete the official USASA registration form and submit payment through the designated USASA platform or as instructed by the national office.

5. Consequences for Non-Compliance

Failure to meet the above criteria will result in the following:

Insufficient Regional Participation: If fewer than four (4) teams from any region or less than 16 state associations participate in the qualifiers, the National Cup will not be held for that specific annual competition cycle.

Late Registration: Teams that do not register and pay the fees within the 90-day deadline will be ineligible to participate in the tournament. No exceptions will be made unless explicitly approved by the USASA Executive Committee under extraordinary circumstances.

6. Responsibilities

Regions: Ensure adequate promotion of the National Cup, facilitate regional qualifiers, and verify that the minimum participation threshold is met.

Teams: Adhere to registration deadlines, participate in qualifiers, and comply with USASA rules and regulations.

USASA National Cup Committee & National Office: Oversee the implementation of this policy, resolve disputes, and make final decisions on any exceptions.

7. Amendments

This policy may be amended by the USASA Executive Committee as needed to reflect changes in organizational structure, competition format, or other relevant factors.