

District VI Cup Tournament and Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest
December 1st & 2nd, and 5th, 7th & 8th, 2012



ATTENTION COACHES:

Attached are applications for the two 'End of the Season' tournaments open **ONLY** to Recreational teams in District VI. One is for the **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest** (for U8 thru U14 teams); the other is for **District VI Cup** (for U10 thru U19 teams). You may **NOT** play in both as they play on the same dates. Competitive teams may **NOT** participate in either of these tournaments; the Commissioner's Cup tournament (new in 2012) is for all District VI teams playing in CCSL.

CYSA also offers a State level 'after the season' tournament for Recreational teams, Founders' Cup. This is an 'open' tournament, see the CYSA Team Manual for additional information. Founders' Cup U10/U12/U14 play begins on the weekend of District Cup Finals in December; mid-week (evening) District Cup Finals will be scheduled on Dec 5th for any affected teams. Founders' Cup play for U16 and U19 teams takes place in late February and early March.

The **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest** is fairly informal and is designed to give teams an introduction to tournament play. SoccerFest tournament groups are made up of teams from different leagues so your team will get to meet new people and play fresh faces. Groups are seeded based on regular season results to provide levels of competition for both skilled and less skilled teams. The entire tournament takes place all day on Saturday; each team usually plays three or four shortened (half-length) games. Participant awards are given to all players. The **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest** is a great experience for your team, and a nice way to end the season. The preferred way to enter SoccerFest is online (and the online entry deadline is a week later). Go to the District VI website (www.d6soccer.org) to link to the online entry site.

The **District VI Cup** tournament provides a more competitive level of play than SoccerFest, but it is also seeded into multiple levels. The Cup Challenge group is for the most skilled teams; additional groups are formed as the number of entries permit. Each seeding group consists of six to ten teams split into two flights of three, four or five teams each. Teams play two, three, or four games in round-robin format on the first weekend. Flight winners meet in a final match for their group on the following Saturday (or mid-week). Players on all participating teams receive Tournament pins, and there are 1st and 2nd place awards for all players on the teams that play in a Final. The winning team of the final match in each of the Cup Challenge groups will also be awarded the perpetual District VI Cup trophy for their age-group.

<u>Tournament Comparison</u>	<u>Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest</u>	<u>District VI Cup Tournament</u>
Dates of Play:	December 1, 2012	Dec 1, 2, and 5-8, 2012
Age (Boys and Girls):	Recreational U8 thru U14	Recreational U10 thru U19
Match Format:	3-4 half length games	2-4 full length games
Team Entry Fee:	\$30.00	\$110.00**
'No Show' Fine:	Entry Fee	Entry Fee
Mailed Entry Deadlines:	=> October 22, 2012 <=	=> October 15, 2012 <=
Checks Payable to:	Your League	Your League
Mail Entries to:	Your League President (see list)	Your League President (see list)

** Note: Teams entered in District Cup will incur an additional cost of \$30.00 to \$80.00 for assigned center Referees.

For District VI Cup, you **MUST** include a **STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED, LEGAL SIZE (4"x 9.5") ENVELOPE** with your application in order to receive your tournament schedule and information packet (a single stamp is sufficient). Note the envelope size specified above; please include the correct size envelope with your application.

IMPORTANT: Valid USYSA Player and Coach Passes are **required** for Under 10 and older teams in these tournaments (but **not** for Under 8 teams). If your League is not currently using Player and/or Coach Passes and you wish to submit an entry for SoccerFest or District Cup, you should contact your League Registrar to have passes issued for yourself and/or your players. Passes need only be stamped by your League Registrar (a District stamp is not required). The 'goldenrod' team roster and players' birth certificates are **not** required for play, just the currently valid Player and Coach passes.

It is the District's intent that teams participating in District VI Cup or SoccerFest consist **ONLY** of those players eligible to participate in Recreational league play during the regular Fall season. **ONLY players registered to your team as of the Entry Deadline dates listed above, and who are currently eligible for Recreational league play may participate; NO EXCEPTIONS.** Players added to your team **after** the Entry Deadline dates listed above **may not** play in either of these tournaments. The participation of 'Guest' players (players registered to another team) is **PROHIBITED**.

By entering either of these Tournaments, you also agree to perform any Tournament jobs assigned to your team by the SoccerFest or District Cup committee. This may include serving as a tournament flight Convener (a Host Coach) at your designated playing field. Each team is responsible for providing at least one Referee to work in those games in which their team is **NOT** playing. Your Referee(s) may be your team's coach(es) and/or parent(s), providing that they are qualified. If you hire a Referee, **your team** is responsible for their reimbursement. Referee certification is **not** required for the **Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest**, however, it is highly recommended in the older age-groups (U12s and U14s).

Each team entering the **District VI Cup** tournament (at any level, and in any age-group) **MUST** provide a **Certified Referee** who will work in those games in which their team is **not** playing. Your team's coaches and/or parents may fulfill this obligation, provided that they have attended and passed the USSF Referee certification class. If you **hire** a Referee, he/she must be currently certified, and **your team** is responsible for their reimbursement. In **all** round-robin games played on the first weekend, your Referee will work as an assistant Referee (neutral Linesman); District will assign the center Referees for all games played on this weekend (the District may delegate Referee assignment duties to the Leagues in which the preliminary matches are played). Participating teams are responsible for reimbursement of these assigned center Referees (refer to the 'Assigned Referees' paragraph at the bottom of the following page). **Failure to provide a Certified Referee as required on the first weekend may result in your team being fined up to \$400.** The District will assign and reimburse **all** Referees for **all** Final matches (played mid-week or on the second weekend).

Please be sure that **ALL** requested information has been supplied in your application. An incomplete application, or an application without a check and/or a stamped self-addressed envelope will **NOT** be included in seeding. If you miss the entry deadline, don't call to inquire about late entries, just send in your completed application and a money order or cashier's check made payable to **CYSA-District VI** in the amount of the entry fee. All teams who apply by the deadline date will be scheduled to play (unless there are insufficient entries to form at least one tournament group). Late entries are accepted on a space available basis in order to fill out the tournament groups. There is no limit on the number of teams that may enter the Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest or the District VI Cup tournament.

Please **carefully** fill out the section of the application that covers your league, playing division, and win-loss-tie standings. Most teams are formed within a club that is part of a league. Your playing league (for example, CPL for U16 and U19 teams) may be different than your league of formation (your home league, such as: ARYSL, CVYSL, PYSL, SYSL, etc.). Larger leagues and CPL sub-divide age-groups into playing divisions ('A'/'B' or 1st/2nd, etc.) for play during the season. The tournament seeding is based on each teams' standing within their playing division; please make sure this information is **correctly and completely** entered for your team (preferably after at least five games have been played). Seeding is done in early November; tournament schedules will be mailed to all coaches about two weeks before the first weekend of play. If you have not received any schedule information in response to your application by the weekend prior to the first weekend of play, give us a call (see the Voice Mail number below) so that we can double check your address and phone number, and then send another tournament schedule package to you. **The entry fee will NOT be refunded to teams who withdraw after seeding is completed and schedules printed (after November 12th, 2012).**

Note that these deadlines are late in the season; please make note of them so that you do not miss the opportunity to play. If you lose this application, contact either your Club Manager or League President, or visit the District VI website at 'www.d6soccer.org'. Refunds will **NOT** be made after teams have been seeded into tournament groups and flights and scheduled for play, unless the committee determines that there are extenuating circumstances. Before you enter either tournament, be sure you have the support of your players and parents, and that you will be able to **provide a Referee** as required. As both tournaments are played after the end of the regular season; this requires some dedication from you and your team parents to follow through once you have committed to play. Your team should find either tournament to be a rewarding and enjoyable learning experience. There are fourteen different leagues in District VI and all of them are normally represented in both tournaments (last year, there were about 400 participating Recreational teams). Some traveling (usually not more than an hour) may be involved, however, most flights play in the greater Sacramento area.

Good luck to all who choose to enter. This is an exciting way for you and your team to wrap up the soccer season. If you have any questions, please call your Club Manager or your League President, or leave us a message on the SoccerFest and District VI Cup Tournament voice mail phone line listed below. You may also contact us via the District website.

District VI Cup Tournament and SoccerFest Voice Mail line: (916) 558-0400

==> REMEMBER ... NO CHECK and/or NO RETURN ENVELOPE ... NO TOURNAMENT <==
(Not required for online SoccerFest entries)

DISTRICT VI CUP TOURNAMENT

Dec 1 & 2, and 5, 7 & 8, 2012



TEAM CLASSIFICATION & SEEDING and ASSIGNED REFEREES:

CalNorth, the current labeling for CYSA (California Youth Soccer Association) classifies teams into two categories: Competitive and Recreational. Competitive teams are **NOT** eligible to play in the District VI Cup tournament; District Cup is specifically for Recreational teams who have participated in the Fall season of recreational play. There will be a separate end of the season tournament for Competitive teams (those who play in CCSL).

District VI Cup contains brackets for U10 through U19 Girls and Boys teams (a total of ten age group brackets). Due to the large number of entries, teams are normally seeded into multiple groups within each bracket based on their league record and estimated strength. Within each age-group, **ONLY** the top six to ten teams will be seeded into the Cup Challenge round; the remaining teams will be seeded into additional groups of six to ten teams for play. Each seeding group is then split into two flights of approximately equal strength. All participating teams (including those in the Cup Challenge groups) play round-robin within their flight of three to five teams on the first weekend; the two flight winners from each seeding group will meet in a final game mid-week or on the second weekend of play. Here is an **example** of tournament seeding, in this case, for an Under 12 Boys tournament group consisting of 35 teams:

U12 Boys Cup Group:	Flight A (4 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)
U12 Boys 'A' Group:	Flight A (5 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)
U12 Boys 'B' Group:	Flight A (5 teams)	Flight B (5 teams)
U12 Boys 'C' Group:	Flight A (4 teams)	Flight B (4 teams)

Note that we try to seed into groups of eight teams (resulting in two four team flights) whenever possible. We try to avoid five team flights for U16 and U19 teams. Five team flights are acceptable for the U10 thru U14 age-groups. We also try to avoid three team flights and will solicit late entries to create an eight team group from a six or a seven team group.

On the second (Finals) weekend (or the Wednesday evening Finals date), each 'A' flight winner will meet each 'B' flight winner in a final match to play for first or second place in their seeding group. In the example above, there are four U12 Boys Finals to be played on this 'Finals' evening / weekend. Players on **all** teams reaching the Final for their group will receive either 1st or 2nd place trophies. The winner of the Cup Challenge final in each age group will also be awarded the perpetual District VI Cup trophy for their bracket.

Use the Cup Challenge Box at the bottom of the application to indicate that you wish to be seeded into the Cup Challenge round for your team's age-group. If you check the Cup Challenge box, your team will be given a high preference for selection (but **not** a guarantee of selection) into the Cup Challenge group. If you do not check the box, your team **may** still be placed in the Cup Challenge group based on their standing during the regular season of league play, and/or a need to fill out the Cup group. **You do NOT have to check the box in order to play in the District VI Cup Tournament.**

You should consider a Cup Challenge if your team is standing in the top half of the 1st ('A') division in your League, or is leading in the standings in a League with only a single division for your age-group. Your team does **NOT** have to be one of the top teams to play in the tournament; no matter what your team's record or playing division during the season, there **WILL** be a seeding group and division for your team. The District VI Cup Tournament is structured to accommodate **ALL** Recreational U10 through U19 teams playing within District VI.

Assigned Referees (District Cup round-robin games): In **addition** to the requirement that each team provide a Certified Referee who will work as an assistant Referee (neutral Linesman), each District Cup round-robin game will have a District VI assigned center Referee who is to be paid a total of \$30 (U10-U14) or \$40 (U16-U19) per game for his/her services. Payment is to be shared by **both** teams playing the game. Each District Cup team will pay \$15 or \$20 per game played during the round-robin series, resulting in a total of \$30 to \$80 depending upon the age of the team and the number of games in their flight (two in a 3 team flight, three in a 4 team flight, and four in a 5 team flight).

The District assigned center Referee is to be paid **prior** to the start of the match; any team declining to pay the assigned Referee shall forfeit that match, and may also be assessed a fine of up to \$400.00. Please be sure to bring a sufficient amount of cash to cover payment of the District assigned center Referee. Note that this payment is totally separate from, and in addition to, any arrangements that you make with the Certified Referee that your team is required to provide.

IMPORTANT . . . PLEASE NOTE

Both of these tournaments require the assistance and cooperation of the coaches and parents of the teams that enter. Note the requirement that participating teams provide a Referee. **Each team MUST provide a Referee (a USSF certified Referee for District Cup) in order to participate in either of these tournaments; there are NO exceptions.** You, your assistant, and/or team parents (they must be certified for District Cup) may perform this obligation as they will work games in which your team is **NOT** playing. If you are not a certified Referee, we highly recommend that you and one or more of your team parents attend a Referee clinic. This is the best way to ensure that your team will be able to meet the requirement that each team provide a Referee. If you **hire** a Referee to handle your team's obligation, your team is responsible for any reimbursement. **If you cannot meet this obligation to provide a Referee, then your team should not enter either tournament.** As much as we wish to have all teams participate, it is of the greatest importance that all teams who do participate in either of these tournaments are able to play their matches **safely and fairly.**

PAYMENT OF TOURNAMENT FEES

Payment of fees for both District Cup and SoccerFest is to **Your League.** Mailed applications are to be sent to your League President (addresses listed below). Entry deadline for District Cup is **Monday, October 15, 2012.** SoccerFest entry deadline is **Monday, October 22, 2012** (October 29th for online entry). SoccerFest entries may be submitted online (preferred); link to the process from the District VI website (www.d6soccer.org). Late applications must be accompanied by a **Money Order** or **Cashier's Check** made payable to **CYSA-District VI** for the tournament fees, and mailed to the 'late application' address near the top of the application.

LEAGUE PRESIDENTS

06:01	Marlene Vega	Sacramento YSL (SYSL) 1125 Charity Lane Dixon, CA 95620 707-678-9368	06:09	Stacy Andersen	Vacaville YSL (VYSL) 206 Sandalwood Court Vacaville, CA 95687 707-330-6761
06:02	Debra Carlton	Elk Grove YSL (EGYSL) P.O. Box 63 Elk Grove, CA 95759 916-662-6277	06:10	Denea Rexroad	Yuba-Sutter YSL (YSYSL) 2238 Drummond Drive Yuba City, CA 95991 530-701-5561
06:03	Jerry Everts	Placer YSL (PYSL) 2540 Crosby Herold Rd Lincoln, CA 95648 916-645-7636	06:11	David Pistone	Gold Country YSL (GCYSL) 14885 Bear Claw Court Nevada City, CA 95959 530-265-8574
06:05	Joe Dominguez	El Dorado YSL (EDYSL) 1008 Van Cortland Court El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 916-801-0411	06:12	Ron Wall	Butte YSL (BYSL) P.O. Box 1161 Paradise, CA 95967 530-876-8070
06:06	Eileen Peebles c/o Bill Norris	River City YSL (RCYSL) 73 Grand Rio Cir Sacramento, CA 95826 916-381-4166	06:13	Gary Powell	49'er YSL (49YSL) 4015 Bonanza Way Loomis, CA 95650 916-652-9377
06:07	Chris Grenz	American River YSL (ARYSL) 8881 Tahan Lane Fair Oaks, CA 95628 916-799-2434	06:14	John Cobbinah	Capital Valley YSL (CVYSL) P.O. Box 864 Carmichael, CA 95608 916-501-1941
06:08	Mike Pierce	Fairfield-Suisun YSL (FSYSL) 3437 Norwalk Place Fairfield, CA 94534 707-426-4407	06:16	John Flores	Natomas Utd YSL (NUYSL) 240 Forastera Circle Sacramento, CA 95834 916-200-8201

2012 DISTRICT VI CUP TOURNAMENT

Dates: Dec 1st, 2nd, and 5th-8th, 2012
ENTRY DEADLINE: October 15, 2012



TEAM ENTRY FORM (Type or Print neatly):

Entries **MUST** be accompanied by a check in the amount of **\$110.00**, payable to your home League (ARYSL, CVYSL, PYSL, RCYSL, SYSL, etc.), and **MUST** include a stamped, self-addressed (4" x 9.5") legal-size envelope. Mail your entry to your League President on or before the entry deadline shown above (see the attached list of League Presidents' mailing addresses). Late entries are only accepted on a space available basis; they **MUST** include a **MONEY ORDER** or **CASHIER'S CHECK** payable to **CYSA-District VI**. Late entries should be mailed directly to the following address; if there is no tournament slot available for your team, your entry fee will be refunded:

District VI Cup Tournament, 73 Grand Rio Circle, Sacramento, CA, 95826

Coach's Certification: I understand and agree with the CYSA policy that each player or coach **MUST** present a valid USYSA Player or Coach Pass (with picture affixed and League Registrar's stamp) to the Referee prior to each game, **and that NO player or coach may participate without this specified identification.** I also understand and agree with the District VI policy that **ALL** players are to participate in at least half of each game; that **ONLY** players registered to my team as of the deadline date listed above are eligible to participate in the tournament; and that 'Guest' players are **not** allowed. I agree to accept any tournament job assigned, and understand that my team may be required to travel to a game site (within District VI) to best convenience the rest of the teams in my flight. I agree to forfeit the \$110.00 entry fee if my team withdraws after schedules are printed (Nov 12th, 2012), or is a 'no show' for scheduled games, and understand that if my team is a considered a 'no show', my team may **NOT** be allowed to participate the following year.

I also understand that on the first weekend of play my team is **REQUIRED** to provide (at our cost if hired) a **Certified Referee** in suitable uniform to be an assistant Referee in games in which my team is **NOT** playing (a coach or a parent is acceptable, if certified). I understand that all teams share a responsibility for payment of the District VI assigned center Referee on the first weekend (total of \$30.00 to \$80.00 per team, based on the age of the team and the number of games). **I agree to be fined up to \$400 if I do not comply with my responsibility to provide a suitable Referee or if I decline to pay the District assigned center Referee.** I have read, understand, and agree to abide by these tournament rules.

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

My Referee is: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

AgeGroup: _____ Boys Girls Mixed Home League: _____ Club: _____

Team Name: _____ Number of players: _____ Jersey Color: _____

Coach Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ 2nd Ph: (____) _____ - _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Seeding Information (print neatly): League games: Won ____ Lost ____ Tied ____ Goals For ____ Against ____

We played in: Division ____ of ____ divisions in _____ (your playing league: ARYSL, PYSL, SYSL, CPL, etc.)

Within our age-group, my players are: 75% or more younger 75% or more older Mixed young & old

U10, U12 and U14 Teams: My team is entered in Founders Cup (plays on Dec 8th and 9th): Yes No

U19 Teams: There are players on my team who must take SAT exams on Saturday, Dec 1st: Yes No

Our Home field is: _____ in _____ (city)

All Teams: Check the Cup Challenge box **ONLY** if you wish to be considered for the Cup Challenge bracket for your age-group (highest seeding). If your Cup Challenge is accepted, your team will play in the most skilled bracket for your team's age-group. Note that highly seeded teams may be seeded in the Cup Challenge group even if they did not check the box. (You do **NOT** have to check the Cup Challenge Box in order to play in the tournament.)

CUP CHALLENGE BOX

2012 ERNIE HAZELTINE SOCCERFEST

Date: Saturday, December 1st, 2012
Mailed Entry Deadline: October 22, 2012
Online Entry Deadline: October 29, 2012



TEAM ENTRY FORM (Type or Print neatly):

Entries must be accompanied by a \$30.00 check made payable to **your** League (such as: SYSL, CVYSL, PYSL, etc. -- refer to the list of League Presidents), and a stamped self-addressed legal sized (4" x 9.5") envelope. Mail your completed application to your League President on or before the entry deadline noted above. **Late** entries must include a **Money Order** or **Cashier's Check** made payable to **CYSA-District VI** (**not** to your league), and are only accepted on a space available basis. Any **late** entries should be mailed directly to the following address (If there is no slot available for your team, your entry fee will be refunded):

Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest, 9643 Foremast Court, Elk Grove, CA, 95758

You may also submit your application and make payment online (the preferred method). From the District VI website (www.d6soccer.org) you may link to the TeamSideline site for online application and payment. The entry deadline for online application is one week later than the entry deadline for mailing.

Coach's Certification: I agree that my team will travel; I will accept any SoccerFest task, including that of hosting one of the SoccerFest tournament groups; and that I will forfeit the \$30.00 entry fee if my team is assessed a no-show penalty. I also understand that each team **MUST PROVIDE** a reasonably qualified person to act as **REFEREE** in at least two, and up to four half length games, and I agree to do so.

I understand that if my team does not show for their scheduled games, my team may **NOT** be allowed to participate the following year. I subscribe to the concept of the SoccerFest, and will do all in my power to create and maintain a friendly relaxed atmosphere for the Ernie Hazeltine SoccerFest.

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team Information, CYSA Recreational teams only: Age-group: _____ Boys Girls Mixed

League: _____ Club _____ Team Name _____

Number of players registered to team (as of entry deadline): _____ Jersey Color: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ 2nd Ph: (_____) _____ - _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Our standing in League games is: Won ___ Lost ___ Tied ___ Goals For _____ Goals Against _____

We played in: Division ___ of ___ divisions in _____ (your playing league: ARYSL, PYSL, SYSL, etc.)

Within our age-group my team is: 75% or more younger 75% or more older Mixed young & old

Our Home field is: _____ in _____ (city)

U08 teams will play 7 vs 7 ... U10 teams will play 9 vs 9 ... U12/U14 teams will play 11 vs 11

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(Not required for online SoccerFest entries)

REFUNDS will NOT be made for RAINOUTS