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**APPLICATION TO HOST A TOURNAMENT OR GAMES**

Name of Tournament or Games Ultimate Cup - Boys Weekend Website URL: http://www.ultimatecuprichmond.com/  
 Hosting Organization Virginia State Soccer - Richmond Strikers Type of Tournament:  Select  Recreational  Select & Rec  
 Designate Official of Hosting Organization Chris Friant Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ W  
 Address 4202 Park Place Ct Ste D Email director@ultimatecuprichmond.com Phone (804) 288-4625 H  
 City Glen Allen State VA Zip Code 23060-3329 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX  
 State Association or Affiliate VYSA Guest Referees Applications Accepted  Yes  No  
 Location of Tournament or Games Richmond, VA TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE: 1/22/2020  
 Date(s) of Tournament or Games 02/22/2020 - 02/23/2020 Estimated # of Teams 200  
 Tournament or Games Director or Contact Person Steve D'Adamo Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ W  
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Age Groups Accepted	Type(s) of Team Accepted *	B	G	Roster Size	# Guest Players Allowed	Length of Games	# Players on Field	Awards	Minimum # of Games	Entry Fee	Bond
U- 09	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	5	50	7V7	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	600	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 10	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	5	50	7V7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	600	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 11	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18	5	60	9v9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	700	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 12	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18	5	60	9v9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	700	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 13	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	5	70	11v11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	750	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 14	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	5	70	11v11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	750	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 15	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	5	80	11v11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	800	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 16	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	5	80	11v11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	800	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 17	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	5	80	11v11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	800	<input type="checkbox"/>
U- 18	T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	5	80	11v11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	800	<input type="checkbox"/>
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\*List of types of teams and tournaments is on reverse side of this form.

- RT RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT - Open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.  
 Team will be restricted to teams within the state association  Teams will be invited from all US Youth State Associations/Affiliates only.  
 UT UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT (Open to all Federation affiliated participants)  
 International Teams as listed: \_\_\_\_\_

The Hosting Organization agrees to be bound by and comply with the terms contained in the TOURNAMENT AND GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT and all applicable rules of the approving State Association or Affiliate.

Signature of Designated Official of Hosting Organization

Date 4-29-19

**APPROVAL**

(For Official Use Only) STATE ASSOCIATION OR AFFILIATE

VIRGINIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOC Date

4/30/19

By

Title

Executive Director

## I. DEFINITIONS OF TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS AND TEAMS

(Place corresponding letter in appropriate space on application.)

### TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS

UT **UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENT:** A tournament that is open to all Federation affiliated participants. Any tournament that allows international participants must be an Unrestricted Tournament.

RT **RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT:** A tournament that is open only to members of US Youth Soccer and its State Associations.

### SELECT TEAMS (teams formed by a selection or tryout process):

S1 generally a team which competes at the highest level of play in a state or region  
S2 generally a team which competes at other than the highest level of play in a state or region  
S3 generally a team which competes in a local area or state

### TOURNAMENT SELECT TEAMS

S4 a team which is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other sanctioned non-league competition, whose roster includes select players who are members of one club.

### RECREATIONAL TEAMS

RT a team which was formed in a random nature without regard to players' abilities.

### US YOUTH SOCCER ODP TEAMS

ODP TEAM: the official US Youth Soccer Olympic Development team of US Youth Soccer, any of its regions, a State Association, an Affiliate, other Organization Member, or any district or geographical subdivisions thereof.

### NATIONAL TEAMS

NATIONAL TEAM: the official national team of US Soccer or any other member of FIFA.

## II. HOSTING RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENTS AND GAMES

### APPLYING TO HOST RESTRICTED TOURNAMENTS OR GAMES

1. These procedures apply when hosting ONLY US Youth Soccer State Association or US Youth Soccer Affiliates teams for tournaments or games.
2. Applications, agreements to host and other required information must be submitted as provided by the designated approving association or affiliate to include:

Not later than the date established by the State Association or Affiliate for submitting an Application to Host a Tournament or Games, the hosting organization must submit to its State Association or Affiliate and, if any game is to be played in another State Association or Affiliate, to that other State Association or Affiliate, for approval a completed Application to Host a Tournament or Games signed by the designated official of the hosting organization and the following items:

- a) a completed US Youth Soccer Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement with appropriate supporting documents and information, signed by the president or chief officer or designee of the hosting organization and by the tournament or games director;
  - b) a copy of the approved Rules for the Tournament or Games; and
  - c) any fees required by the State Association or Affiliate for processing the application. **Incomplete applications will be returned and considered as not having ever been submitted.**
3. The State Association or Affiliate is not required to approve any application not submitted by the deadline established by the State Association or Affiliate. Any application which is not submitted in a timely manner may be subject to late fees if approved. The team must contact its State Association for its specific policies and fees.
  4. The State Association or US Youth Soccer Affiliate shall make a determination as to whether or not they will sanction the tournament or games in accordance with the policies they have established within their organization for the sanctioning of tournaments or games.

### APPLYING TO HOST UNRESTRICTED TOURNAMENTS INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TEAMS (TEAMS FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES) AND OTHER FEDERATION ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

1. The provisions below are in addition to those required as stated above under "Applying to Host Restricted Tournaments or Games". All those provisions so stated above must also be complied with.
2. For all tournaments and games involving international teams (teams from outside the United States), the Rules for the Tournament or Games must comply with the following substitution requirements: For matches involving players under 16 years of age, the number of substitutions allowed is as provided by the Rules of the Tournament or Game. For all other matches, the number of substitutions is as agreed to prior to the match and the referee is informed prior to the match of that number. The number agreed to can be as provided in the Rules of the Tournament or Game.
3. The completed US Soccer forms Application to Host a Tournament or Games Involving Foreign Teams and Certification Regarding Compliance with the Ted Stevens and Olympic Amateur Sports Act, must be submitted and approved by the hosting State Association or US Youth Soccer Affiliate and any additional fees required by the State Association, Affiliate and/or the United States Soccer Federation for processing the application.
4. For all teams that are not members of US Youth Soccer or a US Youth Soccer Affiliate, Proof of medical and liability insurance must be provided by their organization of registration.



# US Youth Soccer

## TOURNAMENT OR GAMES HOSTING AGREEMENT

In consideration of permission being granted to Virginia State Soccer - Richmond Strikers to hold a tournament or games at 12700 Oak Lake Ct Midlothian VA  
 (Hosting Organization) (City) (State)

On the dates of 02/22/2020 - 02/23/2020, we agree to the following conditions:

**ABIDE BY RULES:** We shall abide by all statements made in our approved US Youth Soccer *Application to Host A Tournament or Games*, in our tournament invitation, in our tournament rules, in the US Youth Soccer *Travel and Tournament Policy* and in this US Youth Soccer *Tournament or Games Hosting Agreement*. We agree that all decisions regarding acceptance of teams into a tournament shall be fairly and impartially made and shall not be based upon race, creed, color or national origin and that we will not advertise by any means the tournament or games until all approvals are received.

**INVITATIONS:** The tournament or games approval form shall accompany all tournament or games invitations distributed.

**HOUSING:** We agree that we will not require a team to use only accommodations approved or provided by the hosting organization or other organization, unless disclosure is made on the tournament application form of the required hotel/motel names and the guaranteed rates.

**PROCURING LIABILITY INSURANCE:** We have procured liability insurance coverage for the tournament or games with limits of not less than \$1,000,000/\$2,000,000 which names the State Association or Affiliate with which the Hosting Organization is a member. A copy of the certificate of insurance, IF REQUIRED, is attached issued by

**REQUIRING MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS:** We shall require all teams participating in the tournament or games to provide medical releases for each player in an appropriate form. These authorizations shall be reviewed by the Hosting Organization at registration and kept in the possession of a team official

**ADVANCE PUBLICATION OF RULES:** We agree that our tournament or games rules shall be included with the invitation sent to each team and shall, again, be published to all teams accepted prior to the start of the tournament/games.

**CREDENTIALS CHECKS:** We agree that we shall conduct credentials checks to ensure that all players are registered with US Youth Soccer or US Soccer or a member thereof or their national association, properly rostered with their team, and participating in accordance with representations set forth on the US Youth Soccer *Application to Host a Tournament or Games*. We agree that we will not modify or mark in any way original rosters or member passes; and will not register any player, coach, or team official or issue any member pass.

**USE OF US SOCCER REGISTERED REFEREES:** We agree that we shall use for all games only US Soccer registered referees who are in good standing (unless US Soccer has granted a waiver to allow the use of authorized referees from another country), and shall use a one- or 3-referee system. We intend to use a 3-referee system for the following age groups: all age groups. There will be an adequate number of US Soccer registered referees available in the area during the tournament or game dates to cover the scheduled games. We have selected the following assignor to assign referees for the tournament or games (NOTE: ONLY US Soccer certified assignors may be used.):

Name Beth Hatchel Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ W  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ H  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax

**AVAILABILITY OF POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICE:** We have notified the local police, ambulance, and emergency rescue services of the date of the tournament or games and the times and fields which will be used for games, and have been advised by them that they will be available to render assistance if needed. We will use the following method(s) of contacting emergency services email & phone

**TOURNAMENT OR GAME RULES – BEHAVIOR:** We agree that our tournament or game rules contain provisions ensuring that the behavior of teams, players, coaches, and spectators is appropriately controlled, including specific provisions that—

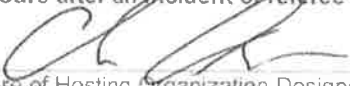
- Spell out the disciplinary measures to be imposed for the issuance of red and yellow cards or other improper conduct;
- indicate what procedures will be followed regarding protests and appeals;
- indicate that all disciplinary measures imposed by hosting organizations shall be limited to placing restrictions upon an individual's group participation in the tournament/games;

- record the issuance of all red and yellow cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches, and supporters and also report them immediately to the home State Association and the home club/league of the team; and
- state that the home State Association or member thereof and the home club or league shall, except in the case of referee assault or abuse, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional penalties within their respective jurisdictions with regard to any matters arising from the tournament or games.

**TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** We agree that our tournament or game rules shall state what refunds, if any, shall be made to participating teams if all or a portion of the tournament or games is cancelled by the hosting organization for any reason.

**POST TOURNAMENT OR GAMES REPORT:** We agree that we shall file any required Post Tournament or Games Report with the State Association or Affiliate granting us permission to host this tournament or games within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament or games. We understand that failure to file the report may preclude the tournament/games host from receiving approval for any tournament/games for the following seasonal years until the report is filed. The Post Tournament or Games Report shall include the following information:

- the number of teams participating in each age group (boys and girls);
- if a champion is determined, the name of the champion for each group;
- the number of teams from each State Association, Affiliate, other Organization Member, or foreign country;
- if "Sportsmanship Awards" are given, the criteria for the award and to whom awards were given;
- the number of fields used for the tournament/games;
- the name of the sponsor, if any; and
- the names and teams of all players issued red and yellow cards, and details of any other matters involving the improper or unsporting conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters. **NOTE: Any incident of referee assault or referee abuse by a player, coach, manager, club official, or game official must be reported to the alleged offender's home State Association, or member thereof immediately, but in no event later than 48 hours after an incident of referee assault or abuse..**

  
 Signature of Hosting Organization Designated Official  
 4-29-19  
 Date

  
 Signature of Tournament or Games Director  
 4/29/2019  
 Date

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## 2020 Rules

A reminder to all teams, parents, and spectators –

- (1) **Drones and Arial video and photography are NOT permitted at any time. The use of HI-Pods (or similar) video camera equipment will not be permitted at any facility unless prior approval by the tournament director as well as all requirements are met. Those requesting approval must complete HI-Pod Request Form**
- (2) **NO DOGS are allowed at any complex or field used by the Ultimate Cup.** This includes all common areas and parking lots. If dogs are seen on the premises owners will be asked to leave the complex immediately and if dog is present near or around any field the game will be halted until the dog is removed to the parking area, but must be removed permanently from the complex as well.  
Properly marked and leashed service dogs are permitted at the complex but are not allowed within 15 yards of any field.
- (3) **Alcoholic Beverages & Smoking are Prohibited.**

A. **Tournament Headquarters:**

Tournament Headquarters will be located at 4202D Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060;  
Tournament Director: Steve D'Adamo; 804-288-4625

B. **Registration:**

**Team Check-in for the 2020 Ultimate Cup will be via online check-in only.**

### **Registration Requirements**

US Teams:

- Original 2019/2020 Player Passes; either USYS State Association or US Club Soccer passes
- Original 2019/2020 Official Roster; either USYS State Association or US Club Soccer
- Two Copies of Official Roster
- Guest Players identified: Written on front or back of COPIES of Rosters
- Player Passes for Guest Player
- Individual Player Medical Release Forms
- Permission to Travel Paper Work: Not Required for US Club Soccer Teams. USYS State Association teams from Region I do not need Permission to Travel Paper Work. USYS State Association teams from all other Regions need Permission to Travel Paper Work.

### **The Ultimate Cup is Dual Sanctioned for 2020**

For US Club Soccer teams the tournament is sanctioned by US Club Soccer under the Open Cup format and a USYSA Sanctioned Tournament. This allows competitive teams from both US Club Soccer and any other USSF affiliated members (state associations, etc) to compete in this event. The US Club Soccer teams DO NOT have to have a US Youth Soccer Application to Travel Form, but must bring their proper roster, plus 2 copies for the tournament and player pass cards.

For USYSA Registered Teams: Teams must have the proper USYSA state rosters, plus two copies for the tournament, permission to travel forms, player pass cards and medical release forms for each player at registration.

Teams that are members of organizations of the United States Soccer Federation but not members of US Youth Soccer (such as AYSO, SAY, US Club Soccer or Super Y Leagues) DO NOT have to have a US Youth Soccer Application to Travel form (although that team's organization may require that the team have permission). An approved team roster does need to be provided to tournament officials, along with current player passes from its organization.

**Note for Region I teams:**

**Region 1 Policy Regarding Application To Host A Tournament**

Region I has established the following policy concerning permission to travel when attending USYS sanctioned tournaments in Region I. The purpose of this policy is to make it as simple as possible for the US Youth Soccer Region I teams to travel to tournaments within Region I.

The new policy states that any USYS State Association teams within Region I that is accepted into a tournament in Region I do not need permission to travel papers.

**C. Roster Sizes:**

- 2011-2010 (U10) 7v7 teams are limited to 14 players identified at Registration.
- 2009-2008 (U11 to U12) 9v9 teams are limited to 18 players identified at Registration
- 2001/02-2007 (U13 to U18/U19) Teams can have 22 players on their rosters turned in at Registration; however, teams must identify 18 players before each game with the referees. Only 18 players in each game are allowed to play.

Five guest players per team will be permitted for all age groups. US Club Soccer teams may only take guest players registered under US Club Soccer, and USYSA teams may only take guest players registered with properly stamped USYSA player pass cards.

Players can only play for 1 team throughout the tournament.

**D. Ball Size:**

Size 5 2001/02-2007 (U19 - U13)

Size 4 2008-2011 (U12 – U9)

**E. Game Duration: (Same for both Boys and Girls Weekend)**

80 min. 2001/02-2004 (U19, U18, U17, U16) Halftime - 5 min

70 min. 2007-2005 (U13, U14, U15) Halftime - 5 min

60 min. 2009-2006 (U11, U12) (9v9) Halftime - 5 min

50 min. 2011-2010 (U9, U10) (7v7) Halftime - 5 min

**F. Substitutions:**

**Substitutions shall be unlimited, but made only at the following times:**

**Teams playing in Tournament Format competition:**

- a) Goal kick, after a goal, half time, at the beginning of an overtime period, throw in – by the team in possession and by the team not in possession (only if the team in possession has a substitute), after a yellow card – for carded player.

- b) An injured player may be substituted for at the discretion of the referee. If a substitution is made for the injured player, the opposing team may also make one substitution (with the referee's acknowledgement).

Under no circumstances may substitutions be made (1) on corner kicks or (2) after the game has ended in a tie and FIFA penalty kicks will be required to determine a winner

All substitutes shall inform the assistant referee on their side of the field that they wish to enter the game prior to the time they are entitled to enter the game as a substitute. The assistant referee will signal the referee that substitutes wish to enter the game at the first opportunity that the substitute is allowed to enter the game. The substitutes must wait until the referee signals that it is okay for them to enter the field.

**G. Home Team:**

Team listed first is the designated Home Team and must change jerseys when the referee determines a conflict to exist.

**H. Forfeits:**

Teams not at the field ready to play with a minimum of 7 eligible players at the scheduled game time will forfeit the match at the discretion of the tournament director. Forfeited scores will be counted 5 – 0. Teams forfeiting games will not be able to advance to the playoff rounds.

**I. 7/9-a-side:**

2011-2008 (U9, U10, U11, U12) Three referee system. Offsides will be called.

**J. Heading Rule at Age Group Divisions U11 & Younger:**

Whenever the ball strikes a player in the head, play is stopped. The proper restart depends upon whether the player deliberately played the ball with his or her head. If deliberate, the proper restart is an indirect free kick to the opposing team. If this occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If the play by the head is deemed in advertent, then the proper restart is a dropped ball.

**K. Build Out Lines at Agee Group Divisions U10 & Younger:**

Build out lines will be established for U10 age groups and younger. Build out lines promote playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting. When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punting is not allowed). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal. The ball is considered "in play" when the goalkeeper's intended recipient has received the ball. Not the moment that the goalkeeper releases the ball.

If a goalkeeper punts the ball, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the spot of offense. If the punt occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

The build out line will also be used to denote where the offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and the goal line.

**L. Inclement Weather:**

Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at their respective field site, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match. Only the Tournament Director(s) may cancel or postpone a match. Referees may suspend a match only in case of severe weather, in his/her discretion. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make the following changes in the event of inclement weather:

- Relocate and/or reschedule a match.
- Change a division structure.
- Reduce scheduled duration of a match.
- Cancel a match.

In the event of inclement weather, forcing play to be halted and preventing the match from completing during the scheduled time, the score shall stand if at least one-half of the match has been completed.

**M. Player's Equipment:**

All players must wear shinguards. No metal-rimmed glasses or jewelry of any kind will be allowed. Casts, splints or body braces made of a hard substance in its final form such as leather, rubber, plastic, plaster or fiberglass must be covered on all exterior surfaces with no less than ½ inch thick, high density polyurethane, or an alternate material of the same thickness and similar physical properties to protect the injury. **A medical release for the injured player signed by a licensed physician must be available at the game site. Players may not play with these casts without the approval of the Referee.**

**N. Rules for Advancement:**

Teams will be awarded points on the following basis:

- Six (6) points for each Win
- Three (3) points for each Tie
- Zero (0) points for each Loss
- One (1) point for each goal scored up to a max of three (3) per game. Losing teams receive points also.
- One (1) point for each shutout
- Examples:
  - A 0-0 tie will be scored as 4 points for each team (3 for tie, 1 for shutout)
  - A 4-2 game will be scored as 9 points for the winning team (6 for win, 3 for goals) and 2 points to the losing team (2 for goals).

In the event of a tie in points at the end of bracket play; the winner for advancement to Semi-Final or Finals will be determined as follows:

- The winner in head to head competition. (If there is a 3 team tie, proceed to the next tie breaker)
- Goal differential, max of +/-3 per game (Team wins 4-0, only gets +3 GD, losing team gets -3)
- Goals For (max 5 goals per game)
- Goals Against (max 5 goals per game)
- Shoot-Outs\*



**When the tiebreaker system is used, the criteria are followed from 1 through 4 until one team is eliminated and then the criteria starts over again at Rule #1. Rules are repeated until one team remains.**

**\*All Shoot-Outs for 1st in Divisional play will be at 7:30am Sunday morning or time determined by the tournament director and at a field location determined by the tournament director. Ties between 2nd and 3rd in division play leading to both teams playing consolation games will be decided by the above criteria; except for #5 Shoot-Outs. These ties will be decided by the discretion of the Tournament Director.**

**O. Resolving Ties in Semi-Final and Final Match:**

If the semi-final or finals match are tied at the end of regulation time, the teams will be given a five minute rest. The following will decide the match:

Overtime will be 2 - five minute periods with substitutions allowed. Overtime will not be sudden death. Overtime is played 11v11 (minus any send-offs)

If teams remain even at the end of overtime the game will be decided by the FIFA, Kicks from the Penalty Spot Procedure as outlined in the Laws of the Game; using only the players remaining on the field at the end of overtime.

**P. Protest:**

There will be no protests. All officiating decisions are final.

**Q. Sideline Behavior:**

Both teams will sit on the same side of the field. Only coaches and trainers may stay on the player's sideline. Spectators are only allowed on the opposite side of the field from the coaches and players and are limited to being in the designated area from penalty box to penalty box. No spectators are allowed behind the goal areas. **Harassment of the officials from coaches, spectators or players will not be tolerated.**

**R. Send-offs:**

**Players (Any Age Group)**

- If a player receives a red card or two yellow cards during a match, that player will sit out the rest of that match and also their next match. Players serving Red card suspensions are allowed to sit on the bench during their team's next game but are not allowed to be in uniform.

**Coaches (Any Age Group)**

- A coach or other authorized bench personnel sent off during a match must leave the field immediately upon being sent off and must remain away from the field during the team's next match.

**S. NO alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park or the parking lot of any of the game sites. Your team will be subject to forfeiting 1 game. Smoking or use of tobacco products on or near playing fields is prohibited at all times.**

**T. Outdoor Grilling is prohibited at all tournament venues.**

- U. **NO dogs are allowed** at any of parks or field complexes used for the Ultimate Cup. Only service animals are allowed at the facility.
- V. **The use of HI-Pods (or similar) video camera equipment will not be permitted at any facility unless prior approval by the tournament director as well as all requirements are met.**

**\*The tournament will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game except as modified by these rules above.**

**W. Tournament Cancellation:**

If the tournament is cancelled for any reason before the tournament begins and before any matches are played, teams are guaranteed a refund of an amount to be determined by the Executive Committee of the Richmond Strikers once all invoices are paid and final budgets are approved.

**Disclaimer:** The Ultimate Cup, Tournament Director(s), RKYSC, and RSK Chesterfield will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by tournament participants if the tournament is cancelled for any reason. The Tournament Director(s) reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament and its decision shall be final.

**X. Team Withdrawal:**

All Entry Fees must be postmarked by January 22, 2020 to guarantee consideration. All late applications will be put on a wait list for review. Upon acceptance, the fee is non-refundable. If your team is accepted and later withdraws, the entry fee is non-refundable and sanctions will be placed against your team/club for future participation in Richmond Striker events.

**Y. Hotel Services:**

To insure the quality of service provided at the 2020 Ultimate Cup, the Richmond Strikers Soccer Club has appointed Anthony Travel as our official Hospitality Service of the tournament. All teams are mandated to book any hotel reservations through Anthony Travel to insure their place in the 2020 Ultimate Cup. Any teams that do not comply will be at risk of forfeiting their acceptance.

Local Richmond teams or teams "commuting" to Richmond for the weekend do not have to stay in hotels but must contact either Anthony Sports or the tournament director indicating their intentions to do so. "Commuting" Teams is defined as a 75-mile distance between the club's mailing address to the team's scheduled field complex.

Please email [soccertravel@anthonytravel.com](mailto:soccertravel@anthonytravel.com) to Anthony Travel sports travel expert or call (800) 736-6377

By using Anthony Travel as our booking service the Richmond Strikers and the Ultimate Cup can offer our "Act of God" Clause. This states "Should this event be cancelled for reasons beyond the Event Organizer's control (including weather), all outstanding reservations will be released at no charge to the participants."