

2008 NORTH AMERICA MEMORIAL DAY CUP QUALIFYING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE DALLAS CUP

Boys teams that qualify in the North America Memorial Day Cup (*NAMDC*), as per the procedures and guidelines outlined below will receive a formal invitation to participate in the Dallas Cup (*DC*) the following year.

- (1) The championship **boys'** teams in Under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16 and Under 17 *NAMDC* age groups will receive an invitation to participate. If the championship team in any age group is from the Dallas Metro Area and the **second place team is from outside the North Texas Soccer Association boundaries**, the second place team will **also receive** an invitation to participate. **This is the only scenario where the second place team will receive an invitation.**
NOTE: Dallas Metro Area teams are defined as those teams on which a majority of the players reside within the DFW metropolitan area **and** which can provide the HomeStay Program for international teams on a reasonable basis as determined by the *DC*.
- (2) Because of the soccer year change between the time of the *NAMDC* and *DC*, invited teams will participate in the Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 and Under 19 Dallas Cup age groups respectively.
- (3) Invited teams must meet all *DC* requirements as defined by the *DC* office. This will include but is not limited to, completion of the *DC* on-line application and payment of the entry fee when requested.
- (4) Invited teams that are from outside North Texas Soccer Association boundaries or do not play in the Classic League Division One during the season immediately following the *NAMDC*, must notify the *DC* office in writing that they will accept the invitation to participate in the *DC* the following year. This written notification must be received in the *DC* office by no later than thirty (30) days after the completion of the *NAMDC*.
- (5) Invited teams must have a **minimum of sixty five percent (65%)** of the players from the *NAMDC* tournament roster on their official roster for the *DC*.
- (6) If the championship team or second place team as defined in (1) in any *NAMDC* age group does not accept the invitation to participate in the *DC* or for any reason does not actually participate in the *DC*, **the invitation for that age group is null and void.**
- (7) Boys teams will not be allowed to "play up" in the *NAMDC* qualifying age groups in an attempt to qualify for the *DC*.
- (8) Teams that are participating in the six (6) *DC* age groups are allowed **only four (4) guest players** rather than the five (5) guest players that *NAMDC* tournament rules allow if the team has indicated a firm intent to attempt to qualify for the *DC* via the *NAMDC*. If any team in the *DC* age groups **uses more than four (4) guest players** during the *NAMDC* they can not qualify for the *DC* regardless of their finishing position in the tournament.
- (9) If the championship team is a Dallas Metro Area boy's team that also qualifies for the *DC* during round one of the Classic League Division One season, league play qualification will supercede the championship qualification for *DC* purposes as it relates to seeding, HomeStay team selection, etc.
- (10) If the championship team is a Dallas Metro Area team that **does not play** in Classic League Division One during the season immediately following the completion of the *NAMDC*, the team must meet all requirements set forth in the **Qualification Procedures for Classic League teams**. Details of requirements are available upon request from the *DC* office or on the Dallas Cup website (www.dallascup.com).
- (11) The total number of Dallas Metro Area teams accepted to the Dallas Cup tournament in any age group (through *NAMDC* qualification plus through league qualification) shall not exceed the total number of brackets for that age group in the Dallas Cup tournament.
- (12) If for any reason the *NAMDC* is cancelled or not played in the originally scheduled format, the final decision on qualification for the *DC* will be made by the *DC* office in conjunction with *NAMDC* tournament officials.
- (13) Basic qualification procedures and guidelines for the *DC* via the *NAMDC* will be reviewed after each tournament. If needed, changes will be made in order to benefit the teams, the *NAMDC*, the Classic League and the *DC*. All documents relating to qualification procedures that are published by the Classic League for public consumption must be pre-approved by the *DC* office.

All questions regarding the *NAMDC* qualification procedures for a *Dallas Cup* invitation should be directed to:

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