



2020 Rules & Regulations



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Thank you to all the volunteers of the committee. Without your dedication and support the tournament would not be possible.

Holly Maresco
Chairperson

History of the LI CUP

The Long Island Junior Soccer League, prior to 1982, conducted an annual cup competition known as the Long Island Cup. In January of 1982 the Chase Manhattan Bank and the Long Island Junior Soccer League joined together in the creation of the ChaseCup.

In 1994 when corporations were forced to cut back, Waldbaum's came forward as a co-sponsor, for the Chase/Waldbaum's Cup. In the Fall of 1995 when Chase went through a merger they dropped their support. Waldbaum's (A&P Family of Supermarkets) at that time stepped up and became the sponsor of the Waldbaum's Challenge Cup.

In 2002 Vytra Health Plans also donated generously to the Challenge and accordingly, the name of the competition was changed to the Waldbaum's/Vytra Long Island Youth Soccer Challenge.

From 2003-2010 Waldbaum's was the sole sponsor of the tournament.

Beginning in 2018, the league reached an agreement with Petro Home Services to be the tournaments' Presenting Sponsor.

Presently the LI Cup is one of the largest single elimination tournaments in the country.

We wish to thank all the past sponsors for their generosity.



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Section II

GENERAL

1. *Role of the Committee*

- a. Conduct draw in accordance with the number of entries in each age grouping and establish playing brackets in those groups.
 - b. Recording of all results and overseeing all subsequent games in the competition.
 - c. Overseeing and administering the application of the Rules and Regulations of Competition as outlined in the latest edition of the LI Cup Rules and Regulations booklet.
- Decisions and interpretations by the LI Cup Committee, in the matter of published Cup Competition Rules and Regulations, will be **FINAL**.

2. *Entry Fee*

The entry fee is included in the team registration fee. Each team will be responsible for half the referee and assistant referee fee for the preliminary games. LIJSL will pay the referee and assistant referee fees for the finals.

SPRING 2020 REFEREE AND AR FEES

Age	Year	Field size	Referee Fee	AR Fee	Team Fee per Game
U-9	2011	Development	\$44		\$22
U-10	2010	Development	\$44		\$22
U-11	2009	Small	\$48		\$24
U-12	2008	Small	\$48		\$24
U-13	2007	Large	\$58	\$30 each AR	\$59
U-14	2006	Large	\$58	\$30 each AR	\$59
U-15	2005	Large	\$72	\$37 each AR	\$73
U-16	2004	Large	\$72	\$37 each AR	\$73
U-17	2003	Large	\$83	\$42 each AR	\$83
U-19	2001	Large	\$83	\$42 each AR	\$83

3. *Closing Date for Entries*

Team withdrawal forms must be received at registration. There are no fee refunds for teams withdrawing. Teams not submitting a withdrawal form will be entered into the competition.

4. *LI Cup Draw Site and Date*

The LI Cup Draw will be held at the league office located at:
LIJSL Office, 701-9 Koehler Avenue, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.
The LI Cup Draw will determine the playing sequence (Bracket Line) for all rounds of competition.
Entries in a group determine the number bracket you will start in.

5. *LI Cup Team Rosters*

Only the players which appear on the official LIJSL spring roster on file with the League's Registrar, will constitute the members of the team. For the purposes of LI Cup play, rosters are frozen ten (10) days prior to the scheduled start (official League spring calendar) of **ALL LI Cup** play.
For the Spring 2020 Cup, all **rosters will be frozen as of March 18, 2020.**

Two (2) copies of the approved (frozen) LIJSL roster must be presented at check-in prior to each match along with player and adult supervisor passes.

6. *LI Cup Eligibility*

All players and teams must be properly registered with LIJSL. All teams must be registered in an LIJSL spring division. No Premier teams outside of the LIJSL Premier Division may participate in the LI Cup.

LI Cup

AGE GROUPS 2020

AGE	BIRTHDATES ALLOWED ON TEAM ROSTER	MINIMU/MAXIMUM ROSTER SIZES AND MAXIMUM PLAYERS ALLOWED ON GAME DAY	MINIMUM PLAYERS NEEDED TO PLAY A GAME
U9	Jan. 1 2011-Dec. 31, 2013	Minimum Roster 9 Max Roster 14	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 5
U10	Jan. 1 2010-Dec. 31, 2012	Minimum Roster 9 Max Roster 14	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 5
U11	Jan. 1 2009-Dec. 31, 2011	Minimum Roster 11 Max Roster 18	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 6
U12	Jan. 1 2008-Dec. 31, 2010	Minimum Roster 11 Max Roster 18	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 6
U13	Jan. 1 2007-Dec. 31, 2009	Minimum Roster 13 Max Roster 22	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 7
U14	Jan. 1 2006-Dec. 31, 2008	Minimum Roster 13 Max Roster 22	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 7
U15	Jan. 1 2005-Dec. 31, 2007	Minimum Roster 13 Max Roster 22	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 7
U16	Jan. 1 2004-Dec. 31, 2006	Minimum Roster 13 Max Roster 22	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 7
U17	Jan. 1 2003-Dec. 31, 2005	Minimum Roster 13 Max Roster 22	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 7
U19	Jan. 1 2001-Dec. 31, 2004	Minimum Roster 13 Max Roster 22	MINIMUM PLAYERS TO PLAY 7

Refer to Rules and Regulations of the LIJSL

Rule 1 - Membership

Rule 2 - Team and Player Registration

Rule 3 - Release and Transfer of Players (**Latest Edition**)

Section III

RULES OF PLAY

1. Rules of Play

- a. **All Contests** The Rules of Play for all contests sanctioned by this league, shall be by the "Laws of the Game" as written by the "Federation International de Football" (FIFA) latest edition, with modifications published in the LIJSL "Rules and Regulations", and the LI Cup "Rules and Regulations", latest editions.
- b. **Jurisdiction** The LIJSL (League) shall have jurisdiction over all matters concerning violations of the "Rules of Play" for all competition sanctioned by this league.
- c. **Supplement** The "Rules and Regulations for the LI Cup" shall supplement the "Rules of Play".

2. Ball Size

Under 19/17/16/15/14/13 Size #5 Under 12/11/10/9 Size #4
The game ball will be provided by the designated **HOME** team. Should the ball supplied by the home team be considered unacceptable by the referee, the team designated visitor will provide the game ball.

3. Duration of Game

Under 19/17	2 - 45 minute halves
Under 16/15	2 - 40 minute halves
Under 14/13	2 - 35 minute halves
Under 12/11	2 - 30 minute halves
Under 10/9	2 - 25 minute halves

- a. **Interval Between Halves** Shall be five (5) minutes.
- b. **Tie at End of Regulation** A tie score at the end of regulation time will require a **Golden Goal** overtime, with two (2) halves if needed, switching of sides at the half.

Under 19/17/16/15/14/13	2 - 7 minute halves
Under 12/11/10/9	2 - 5 minute halves

- c. **Interval Between Regulation & Overtime** the interval between regulation and overtime shall be five (5) minutes
- d. **Tie Exists after Overtime** Shall a tie still exist after the completion of overtime period, a penalty kick competition shall occur.
- e. **Interval Between Overtime Period and Penalty Kick Competition** Shall be five (5) minutes.

4. Penalty Kick Competition Procedure

- a. **ONLY** the players remaining on the field of play at the conclusion of the second half of overtime shall be permitted to participate in the penalty kick competition. The referee is to record their jersey numbers.
- b. U9/10/11/12 Penalty kicks will be taken 10 yards from center of goal line, U13/14/15/16/17/19 Penalty kicks will be taken 12 yards from center of goal line
- c. The coaches are to select five (5) players each from their team that remained on the field, to participate in the penalty kick competition. These will be each team's first five kickers and each team will alternately take shots.
- d. The referee shall toss a coin to determine at which goal the penalty kicks will be taken.
- e. The referee shall toss a coin to determine the first team to kick.
- f. Subject to the following paragraphs (g) and (h), both teams will take five (5) kicks.
- g. The kicks shall be taken alternately.
- h. If before both teams have taken five (5) kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could, even if it were to complete its five (5) kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease and the team with most goals declared winner.
- i. If, after both teams have taken five (5) kicks, and both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue. It will continue on an alternating basis, until such time as both have taken an equal number of kicks, (Not necessarily five (5) more kicks), and one team has scored more than the other.
- j. **No Player** is to take a second kick until **All** players, including the goalkeeper, of that team has taken a kick. If there is still no decided winner after all previous players have taken kicks, the **same players** will kick again.

5. Players Equipment

Refer to LIJSL Rules and Regulations, Rule 4, latest edition.

6. Uniforms

Refer to LIJSL, Rules and Regulations, Rule 4, latest edition.

7. Coaching

Refer to LIJSL, Rules and Regulations, Rule 4, latest edition.

8. Standings

Part 7 of the LIJSL, Rules and Regulations, Rule 4, is NOT applicable to the LI Cup competition.

9. Awards

LIJSL will present an award to the 1st and 2nd place finishers of each competition bracket, in each age group. Each player and up to two adult supervisors will receive an award for their 1st or 2nd place finish. **If any 1st or 2nd place finisher decides not to be present at the awards ceremony the teams home club will be assessed a fine of \$250.**

Section IV GAME REGULATIONS

1. Conduct

The adult supervisors (coaches), as their clubs representative at the site of the match (game), shall be responsible for the conduct (behavior) of the participants (players, club and team officials and spectators). The coach shall be subject to disciplinary action from the League's Arbitration Board and or the League's Board of Directors for failure to exercise proper control. Refer to LIJSL, Rules and Regulations, Rule 1, latest edition.

Sportsmanship: If in the opinion of the committee, a coach, team or spectators of a team, display unsporting behavior during a cup match that team may be forfeited out of the competition for the remainder of that year and possibly future LI Cup competitions.

Red Cards All cards issued in the course of the competition will be under the jurisdiction of the LIJSL Arbitration Board and will be handled in accordance with the Arbitration Board established Rules, Regulations and Procedures. Players receiving a red card at the final competition (at the discretion of the LI Cup Committee Administrator) will not be permitted to be present at the finals awards ceremony with his or her team. Additionally adult supervisors receiving a red card at the final competition **will not** be permitted to be present at the finals awards ceremony with his or her team.

2. Scheduling

Note: Rule 5 Game Regulations, Part 2 Scheduling of the LIJSL, Rules and Regulations, is not applicable to the LI Cup Competition.

Home Team Determination The team listed on the top line of the Draw Bracket is the **HOME** team for the first round of play.

Subsequent Determination Both **HOME** teams win and continue to the next round of competition, the team listed on the top line of the LI Cup draw bracket will remain the **HOME** team.

Both **AWAY** teams win and continue to the next round of LI Cup. The team listed on the top line of the cup draw bracket is the **HOME** team.

The **BYE** team (a team waiting to play) listed in the draw bracket, will become the **AWAY** team in the subsequent round of competition.

Exception The team advancing in the draw bracket on the top line was the **HOME** team during the previous round of competition and advancing on the bottom line of the draw bracket the team was the **AWAY** team during the previous round of competition, the team that was the away team will be given the **HOME** team designation in the next round.

- a. **Playing Dates** Only ENYYS State Cup games will take precedence over LI Cup games. Notice must be provided no less than 2 days after advancing to the next round of ENY state cup. **No other game changes will be made.**
- b. **Byes** All Byes will take place in the **first round of play**. All teams starting in the second or third bracket as their first game, will still play on the **first play date** listed. Subsequent games will play on the next available play date.
- c. **Assigned Dates of Play** The Competition Committee has assigned the following playing dates and or time period in which specific rounds of competition **must** be played.

ROUND	DATE(S)
First Play Date(s)	March 28 - 29
Second Play Date(s)	April 18 - 19
Third Play Date(s) Quarter Finals	May 9 - 10 (Play On Off Day)
Fourth Play Date(s) Semi Finals	June 6 - 7 (Play On Off Day)
Finals Date(s)	June 20 - 21 (Play On Off Day)

All rounds are front loaded, which means if your team has advanced to round 3 but there is an opponent for you to play on the round 2 weekend, then your game will be scheduled on the round 2 weekend.

There are no 2 game request changes allowed during LI Cup play like League Games.

If a final round game(s) cannot be played on the scheduled date due to inclement weather or for any other approved reason, at the discretion of the LI Cup Committee, games will be declared a tie and both teams will be co-champions.

It is the responsibility of each team to determine possible conflicts prior to entrance in the tournament. Once the LI Cup draw has been made requests for changes will be at the discretion of the LI Cup committee.

All rounds except the finals are front loaded. (Example: You play on the first available play date in your bracket. If you play and win your March game and you are now listed as moving to the third round, you will play that game on the second round date as long as you have an opponent.)

- a. **Final Sites.** Final games will be held at a site chosen by the LI Cup Committee. The LI Cup Committee will assign times for all final games. No game change requests will be accepted for the finals.

2.5 Scheduling Procedures

In the event that a cup game cannot be played, the following procedures must be followed.

- a. The responsibility for rescheduling a match (game) rests with the **HOME** team. Rescheduling of a game **MUST** take place within two (2) days of the cancellation.
- b. Should the adult supervisors (coaches) of the two (2) competing teams fail to agree on a date and time to replay the canceled game, within the two (2) day period, the league's designated governing authority (The Cup Committee) will establish the date and time to play the game. The Cup Committee at its discretion can change the HOME team to continue the tournament in a timely manner. The game should be rescheduled as soon as possible but **MUST** be played no later than ten (10) days prior to the next round of play. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit.
- c. **All Rescheduled Cup Games MUST be replayed NO later than ten (10) days prior to the next round of play. Coaches must reschedule game within two (2) days of the cancelled game scheduled date.**
- d. The **HOME** team must notify the Cup Committee Coordinator assigned to his/her team of all rescheduled game(s).
- e. The Cup Committee Coordinator and or Chairperson(s) of the Cup are the only persons authorized to assign a referee to the scheduled game.
- f. The Club field scheduler will schedule the clubs home game(s), time and field, all games up to and including the semi finals. The Cup Committee has established the dates.
- g. Clubs with more than one (1) home game shall schedule these games in a continuous order. The Cup games must be played on the established dates and within the periods established by the Cup Committee.
- h. Playing your next round earlier is acceptable and must be approved by both teams and your LI Cup Coordinator.

3. Fields

Part 1. Field of Play The field of play shall conform to FIFA Law I, except that in the Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 age divisions:

	U9-U10 Field Size		U13-U19 Field Size
Length	Min 55 yards Max 65 yards	Length	Min 100 yards Max 130 yards
Width	Min 35 yards Max 45 yards	Width	Min 50 yards Max 100 yards
Goal	6.5 feet high X 18.5 feet long not to exceed 7 X 21	Goal	8 feet high X 24 feet long
Goal Area	8 yards long and 4 yards into the field of play	Goal Area	6 yards from each goal post and 6 yards into field of play
Penalty Area	24 yards long and 12 yards into field of play	Penalty Area	18 yards from each goal post and 18 yards into the field of play
Penalty Spot	10 yards from center of goal line	Penalty Spot	12 yards from center of goal line
Build out line	½ way between top of penalty area and midfield line	Center Circle	10 yard radius
Center Circle	8 yard radius	Corner Arc	3 foot radius
Corner Arc	2 foot radius	Corner Flags	standard
Corner Flags	standard		
	U11-U12 Field Size		
Length	Min 70 yards Max 80 yards		
Width	Min 45 yards Max 55 yards		
Goal	6.5 feet high X 18.5 feet long not to exceed 7 X 21		
Goal Area	12 yards long and 5 yards into the field of play		
Penalty Area	36 yards long and 14 yards into field of play		
Penalty Spot	10 yards from center of goal line		
Center Circle	8 yard radius		
Corner Arc	3' radius		
Corner Flags	standard		

- a. **Home Field** Each Club must have a home field. It is the responsibility of the home club to notify the league's designated authority (LI Cup Committee Chairperson, Director or Coordinator) of the absence of a home field. If for any reason a club is temporarily without a home field for a scheduled LI Cup game(s), it may arrange with the visiting club(s) for use of their field for the game(s). The visiting club is under no obligation to provide their field for such a match. Should such a home team have to play away, it would still retain home team designation in the match. However, in this situation, the designated home team is not responsible for conditions of the fields (playing area).
- b. **Home Team Responsibility** The home team is responsible for the condition of the playing area (field). This includes proper marking of the field including, all lines representing the field of play and proper equipment such as secured nets and corner flags. Nets and five (5) foot corner flags are required.

Penalty

If the field is not properly marked or corner flags and or nets are not in place for the scheduled start of the game, a fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allowed. If however, the responsibilities are not met after the fifteen (15) minutes, the **HOME** team will forfeit the match (game). This determination will be made by the referee of the game.

- c. **Central Playing Field (Neutral Site)**

A central playing field(s) or site will be used for final games played on the scheduled dates of play. The league will provide the essential items such as field marking, goal nets and corner flags. The designated home team is not responsible for the field conditions or equipment at the final games.

d. Confirmation

Time and Field. The home team's adult supervisor (coach) shall confirm the game time, field location and directions with the visiting team's adult supervisor (coach) at least one week prior to the game date. **If the visiting team does not hear from the home team, they should contact the home team to obtain the game information.**

Uniform Colors At the time of confirming time and field location, the home team's adult supervisor shall also verify the uniform colors with the visiting team's adult supervisor (coach). This shall be done to avoid conflicts of uniform color on game day. This also applies to the semi-final and final rounds of play.

e. Position of the Players and Spectators at the Site of the Game

The coaches and players of **BOTH** teams will occupy **ONE** side of the field. The allowed area will be from the tops of the penalty box areas. The spectators from **BOTH** teams will occupy the other side of the field. Both spectators and teams are required to remain behind the secondary sideline (spectator line) which runs parallel with the side line between the tops of the penalty boxes.

4. Number of Players

- a. **Minimum** A minimum number of **Seven** (7) players shall be required for a scheduled match (game). Should a team be unable to field the minimum of seven players, it shall, after a period of fifteen (15) minutes forfeit the game, (1-0). The minimum number of players in the U-11, U-12, age groups shall be **Six** (6) and in the U9, U10 age groups shall be **Five** (5).
- b. **Start at a Scheduled Time** At the scheduled time for the match (game), **Seven** players will constitute a team. Therefore, the match (game) will start at the scheduled time with the **Seven** (7) players. **Five** players for U9 and U10 and **Six** players for U11 and U-12 will also follow the above.

5. Substitutions Refer to LIJSL, Rules and regulations, Rule 5., Latest Edition.

- a. **Permitted** Substitutions may be used in any match that is played under the jurisdiction of the LIJSL
- b. **Unlimited** A team shall be permitted to use as many substitutions (unlimited) as it desires in a match.

6. Delaying the Start of a Game.

Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game more than **Fifteen** (15) minutes without the sanction of the league's governing authority, (Cup Coordinator) shall forfeit the game, with the score being recorded as a loss for the offending team. The **Fifteen** (15) minute grace period begins at the completion of a previous game on fields with multiple games or the scheduled starting time of the first game on a field. (If the field is delayed due to previous games running late the 15 minutes begins when the game before yours ends)

7. Delaying a Game to Effect a Change in Uniform Colors.

Where the colors of uniforms necessitate a change due to similarity, the **Home** team must effect a change of uniform colors that are distinct from the colors of the opponent's uniform colors. The **Home** team shall be penalized with a forfeit if it cannot effect a change in uniform color within the **Fifteen** (15) minute grace period allowed for delaying a game. Ample opportunity is provided so a conflict should not occur. **Refer to Section IV, 3d. Confirmation Uniform Colors.**

8. If a Team Fails to Appear.

- a. **Fails to Appear**
The team that does appear must complete the "Game Roster Form", Line up and kick-off, after the fifteen minute grace period has passed. The referee will then terminate the game and record the game as a 1-0 forfeit on the referee report. The club will be assessed a fine of **One Hundred Dollars** for each time a team fails to appear for a scheduled match (game). The Club will, in addition, be assessed the full referee fee for each occasion a team fails to appear.
- b. **Schedule Commitment.**

Should a team fail to meet its commitment to the match (game) schedule (appearance and participation) for the competition, the Club will be assessed a **One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00)** fine for each occurrence. The Club, in addition, will be assessed the **Full** referee fee for each occurrence.

9. If Both Teams Fail to Appear.

In the event that both teams fail to appear for a scheduled match (game), and the referee rules that the field was playable, **both** teams will be assessed a **loss**. The penalty will be both clubs being assessed a **One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00)** fine each, and the referee fee being split between the two clubs.

10. Option to Forfeit.

- a. **Home Team** Should the Home team exercise the option to forfeit a scheduled match (game), the home team must inform the league's designated governing authority (LI Cup Coordinator), and referee assigned to the game if the referee has already contacted the coach of the action being taken by the Home team. The league's governing authority will notify the visiting team of the status of the match (game). In this situation, upon notification by the league's governing authority, the visiting team is not required to appear at the matchsite.

Penalty The home team's club will be assessed **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** and the referee fees for each occurrence.

- b. **Visiting Team** Should the Visiting team exercise the option to forfeit a scheduled match (game), the visiting team must inform the league's designated governing authority (LI Cup Coordinator) of the action being taken by the visiting team. The league's governing authority will notify the home team of the status of the match (game). The home team will then contact the referee assigned to the game if the referee has already contacted the coach. In this situation, upon notification by the league's governing authority, the home team is not required to appear at the match site.

Penalty The visiting team's club will be assessed a fine of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** and the referee fees for each occurrence.

11. *If a Team Fails to Appear for a Semi-final or Final Round of Competition.*

Should a team notify the LI Cup Committee of its intent to forfeit a semi-final or final game, the club will be assessed a **Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00)** fine. In the event of a forfeit in the semi-final or final round of competition, the committee has the option of bringing the forfeiting team's previous opponent up to take its place in the bracket if time permits.

12. *If the Referee Fails to Appear.*

- a. **Substitute** If a referee fails to appear, for a U9 through U12 age scheduled match (game), the adult supervisors (coaches) of the competing teams, **must** agree upon a person to substitute for the referee. The substitute need not be a certified referee. If a U9 through U12 game is not played because a substitute referee cannot be agreed upon, both teams will forfeit the match (game), with both clubs being assessed a **One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00)** fine. The substitute must complete the match (game) once he/she starts. **Any U9 through U12 games officiated by a substitute (volunteer) referee is not protestable.** The substitute referee shall have those prerogatives granted to him/her by the Laws of the Game, as published by F.I.F.A. and supported by the LI Cup Rules and Regulations. The home team must furnish to the league's office a report of the match and the "Game Roster Form", within 48 hours of the completion of the match (game). Failure to do so will result in a **Twenty Five Dollar (\$25.00)** fine assessed to the club.
- b. **Cancelled and Rescheduled.** If the assigned referee fails to appear in a U13 through U19 scheduled match (game), the match (game) will be cancelled and rescheduled by the LI Cup Committee.

13. *Bad Weather and/or Field Conditions,(Darkness/Rain/Snow)*

- a. **Authority.** The home team's adult supervisor (coach) has the authority to determine that due to "Bad Weather and/or Field Conditions", the scheduled match will be postponed. Should the referee stop a match (game) due to weather, darkness or other condition, the match (game) must be replayed in its entirety.
- b. **Notify.** The home team's adult supervisor (coach) must notify the leagues governing authority (LI Cup Coordinator and/or Supervisor) no later than **TWO (2)** hours prior to the scheduled match (game) time, under penalty of default, of the determination to cancel. If a game is cancelled due to field conditions and it is determined that a game preceding or proceeding the cancelled game was played on the same field the committee will decide if the home team has defaulted and declare a forfeit to the home team. The match (game) will be rescheduled, by the LI Cup Committee, if properly notified.
- c. **Must Appear.** Should any part of the **TWO (2)** hour notification period lapse, regardless of weather conditions, adult supervisors (coaches) and their teams must come to the match (game) site ready to play at the scheduled time of the match (game) or forfeit the match (game). Once any part of the **TWO (2)** hour notification period lapses, the referee is the only person authorized to cancel the match (game). In the event that weather and or field conditions are questionable for playing the match (game) and the referee fails to appear, the decision to play or cancel is granted to the home team.

14. *Availability of a Field.*

Should the home team find itself without a match (game) site, due to "last minute" circumstances, beyond the control of the team, and/or club, the home team's adult supervisor (coach) must notify the league's designated governing authority. The LI Cup Coordinator must receive notification prior to the start time of the scheduled match (game), under penalty of default, of the occurrence. The LI Cup Committee will reschedule the match (game) if received prior to the **TWO** hour period.

15. *Authorized to Cancel.*

- a. **Designated Authority.** The league's designated governing authority, (LI Cup Coordinator, Directors and/or Chairpersons of the LI Cup Committee) are the only persons authorized to cancel a scheduled match (game), due to bad weather, field conditions and unavailability of a home field (site). But only when properly notified prior to **TWO (2)** hours before the scheduled start time of a match (game).
- b. **Referee.** If the match (game) is not cancelled prior to the **TWO (2)** hours before the scheduled start time of the match, only the referee is authorized to cancel the match (game) upon inspection of the site (playing field).

16. *Reschedule of a Match (Game).*

- a. **Responsibility.** The league's designated governing authority (LI Cup Coordinator), must be informed so that a referee can be assigned to the match (game). The responsibility of rescheduling a match (game) rests with the **home** team. Failure to comply could result in forfeiture. Should the adult supervisors (coaches) of the two teams fail to agree on a mutually agreed upon date for reschedule, the league's designated governing authority (LI Cup Coordinator) will establish a date at their discretion. This will be done so sufficient time is established to generate the next round's game site, game time and referee coverage and not affect the waiting bracket team.
- b. **Notify.** The Coordinator, Director and or Chairperson are the only persons authorized to have referees assigned to the rescheduled match (game).
- c. **Rescheduling.** The rescheduling of a match (game) **must** take place within **two (2)** days of the cancellation. The rescheduled match (game) **must** be played no later than **ten (10)** days prior to the next scheduled round of play.

17. *Change a Scheduled Match (Game).*

Under no circumstances will an adult supervisor (coach), or any club representative change a scheduled match (game), without the permission of the league's designated governing authority (LI Cup Coordinator and/or Supervisor). The opposing team's adult supervisor (coach) should question any changes that were not given to him/her by the LI Cup Coordinator and/or Supervisor. Should this occur, **both** teams will forfeit the match (game), and **each** club will be assessed a **One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00)** fine.

18. **Change of Match (Game) Location.**

Should there be a "last minute" change of a match (game) site, the home team **must** provide a person(s) at the original site, to escort the referee and to direct any visiting team members to the new site locations.

19. **Postponements.**

No scheduled match (game) may be postponed.

20. **Reporting the Score.**

It is the responsibility of the **winning team** to report online the game result on the same day that the match (game) was played, **immediately following the game**. Failure to report your score online before 7:00pm will result in a **Twenty-five (\$25)** dollar fine being assessed to your club. Should online reporting become impossible the winning team must call his/her LI Cup Coordinator between the hours of **9:00am and 9:00pm**.

21. **Verbal Abuse**

No Committee member will take verbal abuse from anyone during the course of the competition. Any adult supervisor (coaches) unable to adhere to this during a phone conversation, during the course of playing a match (game) or inability to control his/her parents (spectators) risks forfeiture from the competition and assessment of the club in the amount of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)**. Phone calls to LI Cup Committee Coordinators **Will Be** made between the hours of **9:00am and 9:00pm**. Phone calls made before 9:00am or after 9:00pm will result in a fine of **\$25** to the Club.

22. **Referees.**

Refer to the LIJSL, Rules and Regulations, Rule 5, latest edition.

23. **AR's (Assistant Referees).**

Refer to the LIJSL, Rules and Regulations, Rule 5, latest edition.

Section V

PROTESTS

- a. **Protest Procedure.** All protests must be sent to the league office, addressed to Chairperson of the **LI Cup**, by **certified** mail and postmarked no later than **48 hours** from the scheduled game date from which the protest arises (Legal Holidays and Sundays being excepted). A copy of this protest must also be forwarded by **certified** mail to the opposing team and club that is involved. **FAXES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
- b. **Games officiated by a substitute (volunteer) referee cannot be protested.**
- c. To be valid for consideration, the following steps must be adhered to with **each** protest filed.
 - i. Fee (**Club Check**) in the amount of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** made payable to the Long Island Junior Soccer League.
 - ii. **Three (3)** written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged.
 - iii. **Three (3)** written copies of information to be presented by any witnesses.
 - iv. **Additional** copies of the above must be forwarded to the opposing team and club.
- d. The LI Cup Chairperson will review the protest with the committee and rule on the protest in a timely manner.
- e. Should a protest be upheld, the appropriate LI Cup Coordinator will be notified, who will in turn notify all coaches involved and arrange for the appropriate actions to be taken.
- f. In the event that a protest is not upheld, the **Two Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$250.00)** fee will be forfeited to the league. The Coordinator will be notified so he/she can notify all coaches and initiate the next round of play.
- g. **Faulty Filing Procedures.** Protests not filed within the required time period, or submitted without the required details of the incident, without the protest fee, without notifying the opposing adult supervisor (coach) or sending by fax will be rejected without consideration
- h. **Decisions by the LI Cup Committee are FINAL.** The **LI Cup** is a tournament format with **No Appeals being heard or considered.**