

There will be some fancy rescheduling going on in May adding cancelled games to the season. It is important to add these games because of the tournaments that cap the spring season; South Dakota State Midcontinent Recreational Cup and South Dakota Midcontinent Classic Cup. Both of these will be here in Rapid City this year, June 5 through 8.

The Midcontinent Cup Recreation Division is open to all recreation teams across the state and the format works to put teams of comparable levels against each other, avoiding blowout experiences for the most part. These Under 12 players through U19 will contest for trophies and awards over 3 days of play.

Under 10 teams will be playing a festival type of tournament with each team getting 4 games, no rankings and no championships but each player receives awards. The older players will be in brackets and there will be several winners within each age bracket. Unlike past years, there will be no open division this year but there will be a Classic Tournament for teams that would have played in this division. No players from teams that are attending State Cup tournament may play as guests in this division without special approval from the State Recreation Committee.

The Midcontinent Classic Cup is open to teams who hold tryouts to select players but will not be playing in the State Cup. These teams are more skilled and experienced and now have their own tournament destination.

The State Cup will be in Pierre this year, May 8-10, to determine which teams will represent South Dakota at the Region II tournament June 19-24, in Sioux Falls. Hopefully, someday this tournament will be played in Rapid City on a new complex of top notch fields.

The weekend of June 5-8 will be a very busy time for Rapid City soccer. There will be hundreds of players and families visiting during the tournament. The need for local volunteer help is significant. This is all complicated by adding the snow days to the calendar meaning Rapid City kids will still be in school during the tournament weekend.

Rapid City Youth Soccer League can use your help. There is a wide range of jobs open during a tournament. You can help in concessions. You can be a field marshal to coordinate games with headquarters, locate emergency personnel, and provide information to visitors. You can donate fruit or beverages to the referee headquarters to keep them going. You can help assemble the packets that are given to every registering coach. You can help in headquarters with record keeping and coordination. Call Buker Beaumont (390-0078) or email him with your offer to help.

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