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**Cibola and Las Cruces Boys Soccer Teams
To Playoff for Semifinal Advancement**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM- The New Mexico Activities Association would like to announce that the Cibola and Las Cruces boy's soccer teams will play a "playoff" game on Tuesday, November 6 to determine the team that will advance to the semifinals on November 8 at the Bernalillo Soccer Complex.

A mistake was made by the New Mexico Activities Association in the clarification of the World Cup tie breaking procedures. One document distributed by the NMAA in the coaches' packet prior to the tournament declares Las Cruces the winner of pool C. In effort to clarify the tie breaking procedures another document distributed during tournament play declares Cibola the winner. (*See attached documents*).

The NMAA takes full responsibility for the mistake. In an effort to decide the champion of pool C, the NMAA believes that this is the best decision for all teams involved in the sport of soccer in our first year of World Cup play.

The game time and location of the "playoff" game will be determined by the NMAA on Monday, November 5. The NMAA will pay all expenses incurred by the schools in regards to the "playoff" game.

For more information concerning this announcement, please contact Robert Zayas, NMAA Director of Communications at (505) 977-5386.

Coaches Packet

New Mexico Activities Association 2007 State Soccer Championships

World Cup Tie Breaking Procedures

POINTS SYSTEM:

The following points system will be utilized to break any ties during World Cup Play:

- 3 points for Win
- 1 point for Tie (*penalty kick will only be used to determine tie breaker*)
- 0 points for Loss

TIE BREAKER CRITERIA:

Should a tie continue to exist during World Cup Play, the following criteria will be utilized in the order by which it is listed (1-10) to determine the winner of the pool for the purpose of advancing to the semifinal round:

1. Head to head competition
2. Goal Differential (up to five points)
3. Goals scored against
4. Shutouts
5. Most goals scored (no cap with mercy rule)
6. Fewest red cards
7. Fewest yellow cards
8. Penalty Kick Shootout
9. Penalty Kick Shootout Goal Differential
10. Coin Flip

******Note:** Penalty kicks will be used in World Cup play if a tie exists after the overtime periods only for “tie breaking” procedures. The game will be recorded as a “TIE.”

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World Cup Tie Breaking Procedures Points of Clarification

POINTS SYSTEM:

The following **system will be utilized to award points** during World Cup Pool Play:

- 3 points for Win
- 1 point for Tie (*penalty kicks will only be used to determine tie breaker*)
- 0 points for Loss

TIE BREAKER CRITERIA:

Should a tie continue to exist **after** World Cup Play, the following criteria will be utilized in the order by which it is listed (1-10) to determine the winner of the pool for the purpose of advancing to the semifinal round:

1. Head to head **result**
2. Goal Differential (up to five goals **per game**)
3. Goals scored against (**in ALL games**)
4. Shutout **wins**
5. Most goals scored (actual goals scored during contest)
6. Fewest red cards
7. Fewest yellow cards
8. Penalty Kick Shootout
9. Penalty Kick Shootout Goal Differential
10. Coin Flip

****Note:** Penalty kicks will be used in World Cup play if a tie exists after the two ten minute overtime periods only for “tie breaking” procedures. The game will be recorded as a “TIE”; one point for each team.

If more than two teams are tied at the end of World Cup Pool play, the tiebreaker criteria listed above will be used to either advance or eliminate one team. The remaining teams will then be compared beginning again with #1 (head to head result) to determine the ultimate placements.

NOTE: Red text denotes points of clarification