



# **US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup**

## **Player & Team Eligibility Levels of Competition**

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## **Player and Team Eligibility**

### **Rule 301: Application**

This section applies to the National Presidents Cup Regional and National levels of competitions.

### **Rule 302: Player Eligibility**

#### **Section 1**

A player must be properly registered and rostered in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer (Policy on Players and Playing Rules, 201 and 209) and the State Association at the conclusion of the State's qualifying event.

#### **Section 2**

In State Associations where player registrations are 25,001 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, a player who participated in quarter, semi or final matches in a designated State NCS series or participated in the National League or the most competitive division of the respective regional league, is not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Presidents Cup.

#### **Section 3**

A team that is found guilty for any reason of having an ineligible player on its roster or using an ineligible player forfeits each game involving the ineligible player.

#### **Section 4**

A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.

### **Rule 303: Team Eligibility**

#### **Section 1**

The National Presidents Cup competitions shall be open to any team whose players are registered with US Youth Soccer through a State Association if the team is in compliance with all of the following requirements:

1. The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered youth players (as defined by US Youth Soccer).
2. The team must be in good standing with its State Association and must be in compliance with, and has not violated any of the bylaws and policies of US Youth Soccer.
3. In State Associations where player registrations are 25,000 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, teams who participate in the round of 16 or one of the top 16 teams in a State Cup or State Championships competitions, or participated in the National League or the most competitive division of the respective regional league, are not eligible to participate in the National Presidents Cup.
4. In State Associations where player registration totals less than 25,000 during the immediately preceding seasonal year, each State Association may designate any team as their representative to the regional level of the National Presidents Cup.

## Level of Presidents Cup Competitions

### **Rule 201: State, Regional and National Levels**

Each National Presidents Cup competition shall be conducted at the following levels:

- The first level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the state level.
- The second level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the regional level.
- The third level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the national level.

### **Rule 202: State Level Competitions**

#### Section 1

Each State Association shall determine:

1. Whether it shall conduct a National Presidents Cup competition to determine its representatives in compliance with Rule 303;
2. Which age groups, and whether boys or girls, or both, that it will conduct State Association level competitions for; and
3. The teams that represent it for each boys and girls age group at the National Presidents Cup competitions for the region of which the State Association is a member in compliance with Rule 303.
4. The format for the competitions at the State Association level to determine teams representing the State Association shall be a format established by the State Association.

#### Section 2

Prior to the competitions at the State Association level, the schedule and plans for determining the State Association representatives shall be submitted for approval to that State Association's region.

### **Rule 203: Regional Level Competitions**

#### Section 1

Each of the regions shall conduct a National Presidents Cup competition for the region consisting of boys and girls age groups. The competitions shall be among the National Presidents Cup teams of the State Associations of the region. These regional competitions shall determine the teams that represent the region for each of the boys and girls age groups at the national level of the National Presidents Cup competitions.

#### Section 2

Each region shall establish the requirements and format for the competitions for the region consistent with this policy.

### **Rule 204: National Level Competitions**

#### Section 1

The National Presidents Cup teams representing each of the regions in each of the boys and girls age groups shall compete in the National Presidents Cup competitions at the national level to determine the champion team for each of those boys and girls age groups.

#### Section 2

- a. The teams from the regions shall compete in a round-robin format recommended by the National Presidents Cup Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- b. The National Presidents Cup Committee shall determine the days on which the round robin, final, and consolation games shall be played.

## DOCUMENT CHANGE LOG

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