



**RULES & POLICIES FOR THE
US YOUTH SOCCER
MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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1.0. OVERVIEW

- 1.1. **Objective:** The US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships, as part of the National Championships Series, is one of four regional competitions comprising the next-to-highest level of a nationwide competition whose objective is to determine regional and national champions in the age groups listed below.
- 1.2. **Scope:** As defined in the US Youth Soccer National Championships Policy, the age groups are 13 and Under, 14 and Under, 15 and Under, 16 and Under, 17 and Under, 18 and Under, and 19 and Under* for both boys and girls.
- 1.3. **Progression:** The winners of the 13 and Under, 14 and Under, 15 and Under, 16 and Under, 17 and Under, 18 and Under, and 19 and Under age groups will advance and represent the Midwest Region at the National Championships competition.
- 1.4. **Participation:** Each State Association may be represented by one (1) team in each division and any additional wildcards as prescribed herein the Midwest Regional Championships Policy. State Associations shall determine which age groups, and whether boys or girls, that it will conduct State Association level competitions for; and the teams that represent it for each boys and girls age groups at the Midwest Regional Championships. The format for the competitions at the State Association level to determine teams representing the State Association shall be a tournament format established by the State Association. League competition may not be considered a tournament format. 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 the Midwest General Manager or Designee. The format from each State Association shall also be sent to the Regional Championships Committee (RCC) Chair. The rules governing team and player eligibility are set forth in the rules of the US Youth Soccer National Championships Policy.
- 1.5. **Membership:** The US Youth Soccer Midwest Region is one of four administrative regions comprising the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc (US Youth Soccer) and is composed of the following 14 State Associations:
 1. Illinois Youth Soccer Association
 2. Indiana Soccer Association
 3. Iowa State Youth Soccer Association
 4. Kansas State Youth Soccer Association
 5. Kentucky Youth Soccer Association
 6. Michigan State Youth Soccer Association
 7. Minnesota Youth Soccer Association
 8. Missouri Youth Soccer Association
 9. Nebraska State Soccer Association
 10. North Dakota Soccer Association
 11. Ohio North Youth Soccer Association
 12. Ohio South Youth Soccer Association
 13. South Dakota State Soccer Association
 14. Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association
- 1.6. **Authority:** All National Championships Series games played at the state, regional and national levels are conducted under the authority of US Youth Soccer and are played and administered in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the US Youth Soccer National Championships Policy.
- 1.7. **Regional Protest and Appeals Committee**
 - 1.7.1. **Composition and Selection:** The Regional Protest and Appeals Committee shall consist of the RCC Chair and others that may be appointed by the RCC Chair or Designee. The RCC Chair shall serve as Chair of the Regional Protest and Appeals Committee.
 - 1.7.2. **Responsibilities, Authority and Procedures:** In accordance with the US Youth

Soccer National Championships Policy, all questions related to qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the Midwest Regional Championships, shall be referred to the Regional Protest and Appeals Committee, whose decisions shall be final.

1.7.3. **To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest:**

- 1.7.3.1. Must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game and;
- 1.7.3.2. Any protest must be presented in writing to the RCC Chair or his/her representative within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in protest. All protests must be accompanied with a \$100.00 bond, which shall be returned only if the protest is upheld. Referee judgment shall not be a basis for protests.
- 1.7.3.3. Decisions are by simple majority with the Chair authorized to vote only in case of a tie. Minutes of all meetings and decisions are recorded and shall be retained.
- 1.7.3.4. Committee members are to be present during all game days and to convene with one (1) hours' notice.
- 1.7.3.5. Members do not vote on decisions involving or affecting teams from states that the members represent.
- 1.7.3.6. The Committee may elect to hear from any and all witnesses wishing to testify and should solicit such testimony from game officials and teams.
- 1.7.3.7. All decisions are to be made in accordance with Laws set forth in FIFA Laws of the Game, the USSF Administrative Handbook, the US Youth Soccer National Championships, and Midwest Regional Championships Policies.

1.8. **Recording of Red and Yellow Cards**

- 1.8.1. **Record:** The official scorekeeper maintains a record of all infractions that result in cautions (yellow cards) and dismissals (red cards). This record is compiled from the "Official Game Card" completed and submitted by game referees.
- 1.8.2. **Penalties and Enforcement Procedures (Red Cards):** Dismissed players' US Youth Soccer member pass cards are retained until they are again eligible to participate.
- 1.8.3. **Notification of States:** Within two (2) weeks following the end of the event, the RCC Chair or Designee reports red cards to all participating State Associations.

1.9. **Event Re-Draw**

- 1.9.1. If a re-draw becomes necessary because of teams withdrawing, the RCC Chair shall appoint a three (3) person committee who shall witness the re-draw and certify the results. The new brackets will be forwarded to the State Association representative immediately after the results are certified.

1.10. **Housing Requirements**

- 1.10.1. Each State Association must select their rooms through the official housing provider of the Midwest Regional Championships in order of the housing draw in Appendix II.
- 1.10.2. Any State Association whose teams fail to utilize the selected rooms without approval of the Midwest General Manager or Designee shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per team not using said rooms. Those teams may also lose eligibility to participate in the competition.
- 1.10.3. See Appendix III for Commute Housing Waiver State Verification Form.

1.11. **State Representatives**

- 1.11.1. Each state is required to have an official State Representative at the Midwest Regional Championships. The State Representative shall represent the State Association in matters before the RCC. This State Representative or Designee must attend the State Representative meeting(s) as scheduled.

- 1.11.2. On the evening proceeding the first day of competition, the RCC Chairman may hold a meeting of all state representatives and/or schedule a series of conference calls leading up to the competition. The purpose of the meeting(s) is to review and preview policies, procedures and points of emphasis.

2.0. REFEREE ADMINISTRATION

2.1. Responsibilities

- 2.1.1. The (Midwest) Regional Referee Administrator (RRA) is directly responsible for obtaining, training, assigning and assessing game officials. The Host Organization or LOC shall appoint a Referee Representative to represent the LOC at the event headquarters and field sites and serve as liaison to the RRA. Because of expected long hours, provisions may be made for more than one (1) person to fill this position. The Host Organization/LOC Referee Representative shall work with the RRA to make arrangements for lodging, transportation and social functions.
- 2.1.2. Specific responsibilities of the RRA include:
 - 2.1.2.1. Specifying requirements for referees and assessors,
 - 2.1.2.2. Specifying qualifications of referees and assessors,
 - 2.1.2.3. Developing and administering procedures for making game assignments,
 - 2.1.2.4. Developing and administering program for assessing game officials,
 - 2.1.2.5. Maintaining a listing of game officials, their qualifications and assignments,
 - 2.1.2.6. Developing and administering training programs and clinics,
 - 2.1.2.7. Developing and administering a mentor program,
 - 2.1.2.8. Ascertaining and communicating requirements for lodging and meeting space,
 - 2.1.2.9. Developing and administering a program for recognizing referees and their contributions,
 - 2.1.2.10. Developing and administering other operating procedures related to game officials,
 - 2.1.2.11. Overseeing the interaction of game officials with the Regional Protest and Appeals Committee.

2.2. Referees

- 2.2.1. Each State Association shall send 1.0 referees and 0.2 assessors or mentors per team playing in the Midwest Regional Championships. Any State Association that fails to send the required number of referees, assessor and/or mentors will be fined \$1,000.00 per referee, assessor and/or mentor not participating according to this established criterion.
- 2.2.2. MRL will use the same formula to determine the required number of referees, assessors and/or mentors as stipulated in 2.2.1. and will pay \$700 per person rate to be used to reimburse expenses for their required number of referees, assessors and/or mentors.

- 2.3. **Official Game Card:** The official records of NCS games are the game cards filled out by the game referees and retained by the RCC Chair. The format and contents of the card are established by the USYS National Championships Committee and electronic scoring system.

3.0. SCORES & STANDINGS

- 3.1. **Scoring Method:** The standings of teams within brackets are based upon the number of points earned in qualifying games. Teams earn points as follows:
 - 3.1.1. Three (3) points for a win (including forfeits)
 - 3.1.2. One (1) point for a tie,
 - 3.1.3. No (0) points for a loss.
- 3.2. **Tie Breakers:** In the event teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the team's placement will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:
 - 3.2.1. Winner of head to head competition (this criterion not used if more than two teams tied).
 - 3.2.2. Winner of most games.

- 3.2.3. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four (4) goals per game.
- 3.2.4. Fewest goals allowed.
- 3.2.5. Kicks from the Penalty Mark (as described in Section 3.4).
Note: If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team advances or is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence as stated in 3.2.2 until the tie is broken.
- 3.3. **Wildcard Team Selection:** For brackets requiring a wildcard for semifinal play, team placement will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:
 - 3.3.1. Teams with most points.
 - 3.3.2. Winner of head to head competition (this criterion not used if more than two teams tied).
 - 3.3.3. Winner of most games.
 - 3.3.4. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four (4) goals per game.
 - 3.3.5. Fewest goals allowed.
 - 3.3.6. Kicks from the Penalty Mark (as described in Section 3.4).
Note: If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team advances or is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence as stated in 3.3.3 until the tie is broken.
- 3.4. **Kicks from the Penalty Mark**
 - 3.4.1. If Kicks from the Penalty Mark (as defined in the FIFA Laws of the Game) must be used to determine a semifinal or final round games, the procedure should follow FIFA Laws of the Game. If Kicks from the Penalty Mark must be used to determine a winner to advance from a bracket, the format will be as follows:
 - 3.4.2. If taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark must be used to determine bracket or wildcard winners, the coach of each team shall declare the 11 players from their roster that they will use to take their kicks. If a player has been disqualified for the team's next match because of a red card, that player may not participate in the kicks.
 - 3.4.3. If Kicks from the Penalty Mark are to be taken by three (3) teams, there will be a draw by the RCC. The first team drawn will receive the bye. The next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of penalty kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in Kicks from the Penalty Mark to determine the winner. The bye team in the second contest of penalty kicks will be the home team. This process is only used when three (3) teams remain tied after going through the Tie Breakers.
 - 3.4.4. If Kicks from the Penalty Mark are to be taken by four (4) teams there will be a draw by the RCC. The first team drawn will compete against the second team drawn in the first contest of penalty kicks. The first team drawn will be the home team in this contest of penalty kicks. The third team drawn will compete against the fourth team drawn in the second contest of Kicks from the Penalty Mark. The third team drawn will be the home team in this contest of Kicks from the Penalty Mark. The winners of each of these two (2) contests will then compete to determine the winner. The winner of the first/second drawn teams will be the home team in this final contest. This process is only used when four (4) teams remain tied after going through the Tie Breakers.

4.0. MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES & REGULATIONS

4.1. Team Entry

- 4.1.1. **Ages:** Each State Association may enter one boys and one girls team in each of the following age groups: 19 and Under, 18 and Under, 17 and Under, 16 and Under, 15 and Under, 14 and Under and 13 and Under.
- 4.1.2. **Fees:** Each year the National Championships entry fee shall be established by US Youth Soccer.
- 4.1.3. **Regional Entry Fee:** A non-refundable entry fee will be established each year as part of the US Youth Soccer budget process. This entry fee shall be remitted directly to the National Office upon invoice after the state entries and wildcards have been determined.
- 4.1.4. **Withdrawal:** State Associations may withdraw any team(s) from the Midwest Regional Championships up to 60 days prior to the start of preliminary round games without

penalty; however, the Regional entry fee shall not be returned for teams that withdraw. Any State Association that withdraws teams from the Midwest Regional Championships less than 60 days prior to the start of preliminary round of the competition shall be fined \$1,500.00 for each team withdrawn. If a team withdraws within 14 days of the start of the preliminary round of the competition, the fine shall be \$3,000.00.

- 4.1.5. **Forfeiture:** If any team forfeits any game in the Midwest Regional Championships, the team may be fined up to \$1,000.00 per game. Forfeitures will be determined by the RCC. The State Association shall be responsible for collecting any fine(s) from the teams that are penalized by fines.
- 4.1.6. **Bad Standing:** Any State Association that does not pay the fine(s) assessed by US Youth Soccer shall be considered in bad standing, and no teams from that State Association shall be permitted to participate in future Regional Championships until the fines are paid.
- 4.2. **Wildcard Teams**
 - 4.2.1. **Qualification:** Each State Association (excluding the HSA) that entered and whose teams participated in all eligible divisions except 19 and Under in the prior year Midwest Regional Championships may elect to have its name entered into the drawing to complete any bracket(s) in which wildcard teams are needed that have not been filled by the Midwest Regional League (MRL) as stipulated in 4.2.2 to complete brackets in accordance with Midwest Regional Championships policy. A State Association may elect not be included in a particular age group drawing without penalty.
 - 4.2.2. **MRL Wildcards:** All wildcard entries will first be filled by the MRL. These positions will be filled by the teams with the highest league finish who were not State Cup Champions. These teams must have entered and competed in the State Cup at their State Association level. The MRL wildcards are not subject to the requirements listed in 4.3 for drawn wildcards.
- 4.3. **Drawn Wildcards**
 - 4.3.1. **Rationale:** The purpose of permitting the State Associations to enter their second-best team in any bracket in which wildcard teams are needed based on Midwest Regional Championships Policy is to ensure that an even number of teams are playing in the Midwest Regional Championships. Even numbers will permit equity in scheduling games in World Cup Format competition.
 - 4.3.2. **Blind Draw:** The blind draw to determine which State Association shall have the wildcard shall be conducted in all of the age groups in which the total number of teams entered is an odd number. This blind drawing will be conducted from the qualifying State Associations as described in 5.1. This procedure will determine which State Association may submit a second team into the Midwest Regional Championships.
 - 4.3.3. **Withdrawal:** If the MRL wildcard withdraws prior to the competition, the MRL will be responsible for designating the replacement.
 - 4.3.4. If a team withdraws from a bracket that was even without the addition of a wildcard more than 60 days prior to the start of preliminary round of the competition, an additional blind draw shall be held among the eligible State Associations, as described in 5.1, to determine which State Association may enter a team to complete this bracket. If the selected State Association refuses the opportunity to enter a team, an additional drawing(s) shall be held to select a team. If all eligible State Associations refuse, the HSA shall be permitted to enter their second team.
 - 4.3.5. If a team withdraws from a bracket that included a drawn wildcard more than 60 days prior to the start of preliminary round of the competition, the drawn wildcard will be dropped from the competition. If another team withdraws from the same division that the drawn wildcard was dropped, the drawn wildcard shall be asked to reenter the competition. If the previously dropped wildcard refuses to participate, the HSA shall be permitted to enter their wildcard.
 - 4.3.6. If a team withdraws from a bracket that included a drawn wildcard less than 60 days prior to the start of preliminary round of the competition, the drawn wildcard team shall remain in the competition and the HSA may enter an additional team to keep the bracket even. If the HSA is unable to enter an additional team, a blind draw will be conducted among interested State Associations. If there are no interested State Associations, the

- MRL may enter an additional wildcard. No HSA may enter over one additional team per age division excluding their State Champion and MRL wildcard, if applicable.
- 4.3.7. **Regional Entry Fees:** All State Associations that enter a wildcard team in an age group shall pay the approved Regional entry fee for that team's entry. If any of the wildcards are forced to drop, only the Regional entry fee portion(s) shall be returned.

5.0. SCHEDULING

- 5.1. **Draw:** All teams shall be scheduled in the Midwest Regional Championships by a blind double draw unless specifically provided for in the scheduling section of this policy. The blind double draw is defined as the State Association or MRL wildcard shall be drawn from one bowl and the bracket position is drawn out of another bowl.
- 5.2. **Seeding:** The prior year semifinalist states will be seeded in each of the four (4) competitive brackets. The two (2) finalists would be placed in brackets A and B, with the remaining state semifinalists placed in brackets C and D. The remaining slots would be drawn using the same double-blind draw currently used. In age divisions with only three (3) brackets, the two (2) finalists would be placed in brackets A and C with the best state semifinalist placed in the B bracket based on tie breaker criteria in the Midwest Regional Championships Policy. This would apply to the 14 and Under thru 19 and Under divisions.
- 5.3. MRL wildcards and State Association drawn wildcards will continue to be treated as teams that are used to fill in competition in order to reach bracket sizes per the Midwest Regional Championships Policy. Therefore, the MRL wildcards cannot be seeded in the top four (4). If an MRL representative or drawn wildcard was a semifinalist in the prior year, that slot will be filled using the current double-blind draw process.
- 5.4. If a State Association has the opportunity to enter a second team into the Midwest Regional Championships at the time of the original draw, each team shall be placed into the blind draw.
- 5.5. If a State Association is forced to drop their second team due to a withdrawal of a team from another State Association, a new blind draw shall be conducted.
- 5.6. If a State Association withdraws after the original draw and another State Association or MRL is permitted to enter a second team, the second team shall be placed in the same draw location as the team from the State Association that dropped from the Midwest Regional Championships.
- 5.7. If a second team is drawn into a bracket with the same State Association, that position would exchange positions with the comparable position in the bracket to the right in an A-B-C-D or A-B-C scenario. The MRL representative would also be treated as a State Association in that two (2) MRL teams would not be in the same drawn bracket. During the initial draw, MRL placeholders will be drawn into bracket locations as defined above. Upon receipt of the final qualifying MRL representatives, a subsequent blind draw will be conducted to place the MRL representatives into the MRL placeholder bracket locations. If an MRL representative is drawn into a bracket with a team from the same State Association, that position would exchange positions with the MRL placeholder position in the bracket to the right until there are no conflicts as defined above.
- 5.8. **Brackets:** All divisions shall be scheduled as shown on Appendix I.
- 5.9. **Games:** Teams cannot be scheduled to play more than two (2) games on any one (1) day. In the event of rain, weather and/or field challenges causing cancelled games, a second game may be moved to the last day along with the finals. If necessary due to weather or field problems, games may be rescheduled on additional days, including games on the Rest Day between preliminary round and the semi-finals.

6.0. PLAYING RULES

- 6.1. **Application:** All games shall be played under FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by USSF and/or US Youth Soccer.
- 6.2. **Red Cards:** Any player or coach dismissed from a game shall be ineligible to participate in the team's next game. At the discretion of the Regional Protest and Appeals Committee, the suspension may be increased and could result in ineligibility for more than one (1) game. No substitution shall be permitted for a player who has been sent off during a particular game.
- 6.3. **Official Game:** Midwest Regional Championships unfinished games due to any cause shall be

- replayed providing neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped during the second half and if play cannot be resumed and provided neither team is at fault, the game may be deemed as complete by the RCC. However, should play be stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged at fault it shall be at the discretion of the RCC as to whether the game is to be re-played or declared a forfeit.
- 6.4. **Grace Period:** A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team. A 10-minute grace period shall be extended beyond the scheduled kick off time if seven (7) players are not available at the scheduled kick off time. A team of seven (7) players must start the game as soon as seven (7) players are at the field after the originally scheduled start time. If at the end of the 10-minute grace period the team does not have seven (7) players, the referee shall suspend the game and report the failure of the team to appear to the RCC Chair. The RCC Chair may declare a forfeit. Any team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to advance out of their group to the semi-finals. In the event of a forfeit, the score awarded to the winning team will be the average number of goals scored by that team (goals scored divided by games played) in their other games within their division and average number of goals scored against the team (goals scored against divided by games played) by their division opponents.
- 6.5. **Uniform**
- 6.5.1. All teams must wear uniforms that conform to National Championships Policy Rule 241 Section 3.
- 6.5.2. Each team shall wear the "State Champion" patch presented to them at their state championships on the right sleeve of one (1) set of jerseys.
- 6.5.3. Each player shall have a number on the player's jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. No taped or altered numbers will be allowed.
- 6.5.4. Games may be suspended by the referee or the RCC Chair, if in his/her judgment uniforms worn by the team are not acceptable for competition per Midwest Regional Championships Policy.
- 6.5.5. The team shall be given an opportunity to change uniforms.
- 6.5.6. The RCC Chair shall forfeit the game if the RCC Chair agrees the uniforms are unacceptable.
- 6.6. **Colors:** The home team shall wear light colors and the away team shall wear dark colors. In the event of a color conflict, the home team shall change to an alternate set of uniforms. The home team shall be determined by the RCC Chair.
- 6.7. **Ball:** All teams shall play each game with balls that will be provided US Youth Soccer. A team may use their own ball if approved by the referee.
- 6.8. **Scoring:** See Section 3 of the Midwest Regional Championships Policy.
- 6.9. **Substitution:** All games shall be played with the substitution rules outlined in the National Championships Policy, including suspected head injury substitution policy (Rule 242 Section 3), with the following exceptions:
- 6.9.1. For 15 and Under and older age groups
- 6.9.1.1. Substitution may occur on any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee.
- 6.9.1.2. If a player is removed from the game and no substitute enters the game for the player (team plays short), the original player may re-enter the game. Entry shall be at a normal substitution point (with approval of referee) or at any point during the game if the referee signals for the player's re-entry. If the goalkeeper is dismissed by the referee, the referee may allow the team to replace the goalkeeper with a player from the bench provided they have a substitution available. The team; however, must still play short with another player leaving the field of play.
- 6.10. **Team Credentials**
- 6.10.1. **Team Passes:** Each player and team official listed on a team roster must have a valid US Youth Soccer member pass at the competition. The US Youth Soccer member pass must carry a current photograph of the player or team official. All member passes shall be laminated. Teams without US Youth Soccer member passes shall not be allowed to participate in the Midwest Regional Championships.

- 6.10.2. **Bench Personnel:** Bench Personnel are limited to four (4) individuals (this includes trainers, head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, club coaches, and/or any other team officials) per technical area per game. Each individual must have a valid US Youth Soccer pass and wear a "Bench Pass" credential at all times while in the technical area.

7.0. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & ILLEGAL DRUGS

- 7.1. Players in Midwest Regional Championships are prohibited from using alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs at any playing site or event site associated with the Midwest Regional Championships. Penalty for violation by player participants is disqualification from the competition.
- 7.2. The use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drug by all individuals at any playing site or event associated with the Midwest Regional Championships is prohibited.

8.0. AWARDS

- 8.1. **Team Awards:** US Youth Soccer shall provide plaques for teams finishing in first and second place as determined by the National Championships Series budget.
- 8.2. **Player Medals:** US Youth Soccer provides individual medals for first and second place finishers in each age group as determined by the Midwest Regional Championships budget.
- 8.3. **Sportsmanship Award:** US Youth Soccer provides a sportsmanship award for each division as determined by the Midwest Regional Championships budget.

9.0. GUIDELINES FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

9.1. Credentials

- 9.1.1. **Purpose and Objective:** The process for validating the credentials of teams, players, coaches and/or team officials is intended to assure compliance with the National Championships Policy regarding team eligibility, player eligibility, entries and player US Youth Soccer member passes and rosters.
- 9.1.2. **Chair:** The RCC Chair serves as Chair of the Credentials Committee. The responsibility of this job is to assure that the process is followed and that the National Championships Policy is applied fairly. Decisions as to eligibility may be appealed to the Regional Protest and Appeals Committee.

9.2. Process: The registration and validation process consists of four (4) components:

- 9.2.1. Submission of electronic entry forms and payment of fees,
- 9.2.2. Submission of electronic official, certified league roster,
- 9.2.3. Submission of electronic final state game report,
- 9.2.4. Validation of team credentials by the State Association.

9.3. Timetable: The registration and validation process takes place according to the following calendar:

- 9.3.1. January TBA: State Associations to submit their team entries using the Midwest Regional Championships official online entry form. Invoices will be sent to each participating State Association for the approved competition entry fees after all state entries have been received and any wildcards have been determined.
- 9.3.2. 14 Days Prior to First Game: State Association sends RCC Chair or Designee final game report, all team league rosters and the teams bonds.

APPENDIX I

TWELVE TEAM DIVISION

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>
A1	B1	C1
A2	B2	C2
A3	B3	C3
A4	B4	C4

<u>Round One</u>				<u>Round Two</u>				<u>Round Three</u>			
1.	A1	vs.	A2	7.	A4	vs.	A2	13.	A1	vs.	A4
2.	A3	vs.	A4	8.	A3	vs.	A1	14.	A2	vs.	A3
3.	B1	vs.	B2	9.	B4	vs.	B2	15.	B1	vs.	B4
4.	B3	vs.	B4	10.	B3	vs.	B1	16.	B2	vs.	B3
5.	C1	vs.	C2	11.	C4	vs.	C2	17.	C2	vs.	C3
6.	C3	vs.	C4	12.	C3	vs.	C1	18.	C1	vs.	C4

Semi-Finals

16. Winner "A" vs Winner "B"

17. Winner "C" vs Wildcard

If Wildcard comes from Group C, then

19. Winner "A" vs Winner "C"

20. Winner "B" vs Wildcard

Championship

21. Winner Game 19 vs Winner Game 20

FOURTEEN TEAM DIVISION

Group A

A1
A2
A3
A4

Group B

B1
B2
B3
B4

Group C

C1
C2
C3

Group D

D1
D2
D3

Round One

1. A1 vs. A2
2. A3 vs. A4
3. B1 vs. B2
4. B3 vs. B4
5. C1 vs. C2
6. D1 vs. D2
7. C3 vs. D3

Round Two

8. A4 vs. A2
9. A3 vs. A1
10. B4 vs. B2
11. B3 vs. B1
12. D2 vs. C2
13. D3 vs. D1
14. C3 vs. C1

Round Three

15. A1 vs. A4
16. A2 vs. A3
17. B1 vs. B4
18. B2 vs. B3
19. C2 vs. C3
20. D2 vs. D3
21. C1 vs. D1

Semi Finals

22. Winner "A" vs Winner "C"
23. Winner "B" vs Winner "D"

Championship

24. Winner Game 22 vs Winner Game 23

SIXTEEN TEAM DIVISION

Group A

A1
A2
A3
A4

Group B

B1
B2
B3
B4

Group C

C1
C2
C3
C4

Group D

D1
D2
D3
D4

Round One

1. A1 vs. A2
2. A3 vs. A4
3. B1 vs. B2
4. B3 vs. B4
5. C1 vs. C2
6. C3 vs. C4
7. D1 vs. D2
8. D3 vs. D4

Round Two

9. A4 vs. A2
10. A3 vs. A1
11. B4 vs. B2
12. B3 vs. B1
13. C4 vs. C2
14. C3 vs. C1
15. D4 vs. D2
16. D3 vs. D1

Round Three

17. A1 vs. A4
18. A2 vs. A3
19. B1 vs. B4
20. B2 vs. B3
21. C1 vs. C4
22. C2 vs. C3
23. D1 vs. D4
24. D2 vs. D3

Semi-Finals

25. Winner "A" vs Winner "C"
26. Winner "B" vs Winner "D"

Championship

27. Winner Game 25 vs Winner Game 26

APPENDIX II REGIONAL DRAW FOR HOUSING

Draw in 2003		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
A	OS	1	14	2	13	3	12	4	11	5	10	6	9	7	8
B	MN	14	2	13	3	12	4	11	5	10	6	9	7	8	1
C	MI	2	13	3	12	4	11	5	10	6	9	7	8	1	14
D	KS	13	3	12	4	11	5	10	6	9	7	8	1	14	2
E	MO	3	12	4	11	5	10	6	9	7	8	1	14	2	13
F	NE	12	4	11	5	10	6	9	7	8	1	14	2	13	3
G	IA	4	11	5	10	6	9	7	8	1	14	2	13	3	12
H	IL	11	5	10	6	9	7	8	1	14	2	13	3	12	4
I	IN	5	10	6	9	7	8	1	14	2	13	3	12	4	11
J	KY	10	6	9	7	8	1	14	2	13	3	12	4	11	5
K	WI	6	9	7	8	1	14	2	13	3	12	4	11	5	10
L	ND	9	7	8	1	14	2	13	3	12	4	11	5	10	6
M	ON	7	8	1	14	2	13	3	12	4	11	5	10	6	9
N	SD	8	1	14	2	13	3	12	4	11	5	10	6	9	7
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
1	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	
2	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	
3	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	IA	NE	
4	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	
5	MRL	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	
6	WI	KY	MRL	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	
7	OS	ND	WI	KY	MRL	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	
8	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	
9	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	
10	KY	IN	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	
11	MRL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	
12	NE	MO	KS	MI	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	IA	
13	KS	MRL	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	IA	NE	MO	
14	MN	OS	SD	ON	ND	WI	KY	IN	IL	IA	NE	MO	KS	MI	
15	IN (Host)	MI (Host)	IN (Host)	Host TBD	IN (Host)	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD	Host TBD

The Host State Association always takes position #15 and the Midwest Regional League takes the position of the Host State Association.

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**APPENDIX III
COMMUTE HOUSING WAIVER
STATE VERIFICATION FORM**



The following team requests the Midwest Regional Championships Commute Housing Waiver:

Age Group: _____ and Under **Gender:** _____ **State Association:** _____

Team Name: _____

Team Representative: _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

In accordance with the Midwest Championships Rules & Policies, teams wishing to commute **IN ORDER** to waive the required event housing may do so **ONLY** if they qualify for the following exemption. The **MAJORITY** of their Midwest Regional Championships roster **MUST RESIDE** within 100 miles of the venue site.

*I have read and understand the Midwest Regional Championships Rules & Policies governing **forfeitures** and **grace period** as outlined on page 2. I understand that failing to show up for a scheduled game may result in **forfeiture** and a **fine**. Delays for any cause, including but not limited to, weather, construction, traffic, road conditions, road closures, detours, etc. due to the team opting to commute, will not be accepted.*

Team Representative	Role	Date
<i>I have reviewed the team roster and verify that it meets the criterion for the Commute Housing Waiver.</i>		

State Association Official	Title	Date

Upon completion of the aforementioned team’s State Cup and verification by the State Association Official, **this form must be received not less than three (3) days prior to the official housing provider’s last day to book rooms** via email to jonathan@region2.com. In the event adverse weather conditions prevent a State Cup from timely completion, an exception may be made at the discretion of the Midwest Office or designee.

MRL teams must have this form verified and signed by their State Association Official. The State Association will be responsible for submitting the completed form to the Midwest Office and will provide the MRL Commissioner a copy of the approved Commute Housing Waiver.

Midwest General Manager/Designee Approval	Title	Date



The following US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships Rules & Policies stipulated below shall be mutually understood when applying for the "Commuter Housing Waiver".

1.10. Housing Requirements

- 1.10.1. Each State Association must select their rooms through the official housing provider of the Midwest Regional Championships in order of the housing draw in Appendix III.
- 1.10.2. Any State Association whose teams fail to utilize the selected rooms without approval of the Midwest General Manager or designee shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per team not using said rooms. Those teams may also lose eligibility to participate in the competition.

4.1. Team Entry

- 4.1.6. **Forfeiture:** If any team forfeits any game in the Midwest Regional Championships, the team may be fined up to \$1,000 per game. Forfeitures will be determined by the RCC.
- 4.1.7. **Bad Standing:** Any State Association that does not pay the fine(s) assessed by US Youth Soccer shall be considered in bad standing, and no teams from that State Association shall be permitted to participate in future Midwest Regional Championships until the fines are paid. The State Association shall be responsible for collecting any fine(s) from the teams that are penalized by fines.

6.0. Playing Rules

- 6.4. **Grace Period:** A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team. A 10-minute grace period shall be extended beyond the scheduled kick off time if seven (7) players are not available at the scheduled kick off time. A team of seven (7) players must start the game as soon as seven (7) players are at the field after the originally scheduled start time. If at the end of the 10-minute grace period the team does not have seven (7) players, the referee shall suspend the game and report the failure of the team to appear to the RCC Chair. The RCC Chair may declare a forfeit. Any team that forfeits a game will not be allowed to advance out of their group to the semi-finals.

APPENDIX IV
US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS POLICY



**US YOUTH SOCCER
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS POLICY
2016-2017**

PART I—GENERAL

Rule 101. DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise provided, the following definitions apply to this National Championships policy ("policy"):

- (1) **"add"** means the addition of a player to a team's roster.
- (2) **"Article"** preceding a Roman numeral means a reference to a specific portion of the US Youth Soccer Bylaws.
- (3) **"Board of Directors"** means the Board of Directors of US Youth Soccer established under Article XIII.
- (4) **"club"** means an organization providing soccer to youth players that is a member of a State Association; provided however, a "club" need not have the word "club" as part of its official name.
- (5) **"club pass"** means a US Youth Soccer pass which—
 - (A) issued to a registered youth player by a club in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member;
 - (B) issued as provided by this policy; and
 - (C) specifies the club of which the youth player is a registered member.
- (6) **"eligibility to play"** means registered and not under suspension.
- (7) **"Federation"** means the United States Soccer Federation, Inc.
- (8) **"game roster"** means the list of players who will participate in a particular competition.
- (9) **"involuntary release"** means the removal of a player from a team's roster at the request of team authorities.
- (10) **"National Championships competitions"** means the competitions provided for under this policy for the 13 and Under, 14 and Under, 15 and Under, 16 and Under, 17 and Under, 18 and Under, and 19 and Under age groups.
- (11) **"recreational team"** means a team that participates in a recreational league.
- (12) **"recreational league"** means an intra-club league in which—
 - (A) the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any similar process to roster players to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited;
 - (B) the club administering the league accepts as participants in the league any eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms on registration);
 - (C) a system of rostering players is used to establish a fair or balanced distribution of playing talent among all teams participating; and
 - (D) league rules require that each player must play at least one-half of each game except for reasons of injury, illness, or discipline.
- (13) **"Referee Committee"** means the US Youth Soccer Referee Committee as may be established under Article XIV.
- (14) **"region"** means one of those regions established under Article VIII.
- (15) **"registration"** means the signing of an intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of US Youth Soccer.
- (16) **"rostering"** means assignment of a registered player to a team.
- (17) **"select team"** means the official select or all-star team of —
 - (A) US Youth Soccer;
 - (B) a region;
 - (C) a State Association;
 - (D) a district or geographical subdivision of a State Association; or
 - (E) any league.

(18) “**State Association**” means the administrative body within a territory determined by the National Council to carry out US Youth Soccer’s programs for youth players.

(19) “**suspension**” means the temporary withdrawal of rights and privileges, such as the right to play, coach, or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in soccer, and the suspension is for the entire term of the suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.

(20) “**team**” means a group of soccer players playing on the same side in soccer games.

(21) “**team roster**” means a list of registered players eligible to play for a team.

(22) “**US Youth Soccer**” means the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

(23) “**voluntary release**” means the removal of a player from a team’s roster at the request of the player.

(24) “**youth player**” means an individual who has not reached 19 years of age prior to August 1 immediately before the start of any seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during a seasonal year is allowed to complete that seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during August of one seasonal year shall be allowed to complete all of the next seasonal year.

Rule 102. ESTABLISHMENT

Section 1. US Youth Soccer establishes and shall organize annually National Championships competitions in the 13 and Under, 14 and Under, 15 and Under, 16 and Under, 17 and Under, 18 and Under, and 19 and Under age groups. This policy applies to those competitions.

Section 2. There shall be individual, separately conducted National Championships competitions for boys and girls in each of the age groups. These competitions shall be conducted at the State Association, regional, and national levels.

Rule 103. TITLES

Section 1. The title of the National Championships competitions for each of the age groups shall be “US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS”.

Section 2. (a) The titles of the cups presented annually to the champion team of each boys and girls age group are the following:

- (1) for the boys 13 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 13 and Under Cup.
- (2) for the girls 13 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 13 and Under Cup.
- (3) for the boys 14 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer William J. ‘Billy’ Goaziou Cup.
- (4) for the girls 14 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 14 and Under Cup.
- (5) for the boys 15 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 15 and Under Cup.
- (6) for the girls 15 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 15 and Under Cup
- (7) for the boys 16 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Larry Harmon Cup.
- (8) for the girls 16 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Mavis Derflinger Cup.
- (9) for the boys 17 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Don Greer Cup.
- (10) for the girls 17 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 17 and Under Cup.
- (11) for the boys 18 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 18 and Under Cup.
- (12) for the girls 18 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 18 and Under Cup.
- (13) for the boys 19 and Under age group, the James P. McGuire Cup.
- (14) for the girls 19 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Ross Stewart Cup.

(b) The cup for each boys and girls age group shall be engraved annually with the name of the champion team of that age group.

Section 3. The cups are the property of US Youth Soccer and shall be competed for annually on dates and at sites determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. National Championships competitions at the State Association and regional levels shall include in their title the name US Youth Soccer National Championships as follows:

(1) for State Association competitions: "US YOUTH SOCCER [insert State Association name] CHAMPIONSHIPS" or "US YOUTH SOCCER [insert State Association name] STATE CUP".

(2) for regional competitions: "US Youth Soccer [directional] [or] REGION [insert region roman number] CHAMPIONSHIPS".

(3) The US Youth Soccer National Championships Series logo is required on all event merchandise and graphics at the State Associations' competitions, regional competitions and national competition. The logo can be used as part of event artwork or as a stand-alone logo.

Rule 104. AWARDS TO TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Section 1. The champion team for each boys and girls age group at the national level each year will be presented with the cup for that age group.

Section 2. Each champion and second place team referred to in section 1 of this rule will receive, at the national level, a National Champion Plaque which will remain in its keeping permanently.

Section 3. The players and coaches of each of the 4 teams that are first, second, third, and fourth place teams competing in the National Championships at the national level in each of the boys and girls age groups shall be awarded individual medals.

Section 4. The players and coaches of each of the teams that are first, second, third, and fourth place in the National Championships competitions at the region level in each of the boys and girls age groups shall be awarded medals as determined by the Region.

Section 5. The players and coaches of each champion team of each boys and girls age group at the State Association level of competition shall receive an embroidered patch.

Rule 105. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. (a) The entire administration of these competitions is vested in the Board of Directors.

(b) Any matters not provided for in this policy shall be decided by the Board of Directors, and its decisions are final.

Section 2. There shall be a National Championships Committee appointed as provided by the US Youth Soccer bylaws. The Committee is responsible for the entire administration of the Championships competitions, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Regional Council, of each region shall appoint a Regional Championships Committee for the region. The Committee is responsible for deciding all administrative matters related to the Championships competitions at the regional level.

Section 4. (a) The Board of Directors shall determine each year the dates for deadline for entry in the National Championships competitions, the entry fee for these competitions, and the date and sites of the succeeding year's National Championships competitions. All State Associations will be advised, in writing, of that date not later than November 1st of each year and not less than 90 days prior to the deadline for entry.

(b) Not later than the deadline for entry established by the Board of Directors, each State Association wishing to enter these competitions shall submit to the Chairman of the Regional Championships Committee, for forwarding to the US Youth Soccer national office, the following:

(1) a non-refundable fee in the amount set by the Board of Directors for each competition.

(2) an entry form indicating the State Association's intention to compete, with a copy of this form provided to the Regional Director.

Rule 106. PRECEDENCE OF GAMES

National Championships competitions games shall take precedence over all other youth games.

Rule 107. NOTICES

All notices and other communications required to be given under this policy shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the Board of Directors or a committee designated by it.

PART II—ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITIONS

Subpart A—Levels of Competitions

Rule 201. STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL LEVELS

Each National Championship competition shall be conducted at the following levels:

- (1) The first level of competitions for all boys and girls age groups is at the State Association level.
- (2) The second level of competitions for all boys and girls age groups is at the regional level.
- (3) The third level of competitions for all boys and girls age groups is at the national level.

Rule 202. STATE ASSOCIATION LEVEL COMPETITION

Section 1. (a) Each State Association shall determine—

- (1) which age groups, and whether boys or girls, or both, that it will conduct State Association level competitions for; and
- (2) the teams that represent it for each boys and girls age group at the National Championships competitions for the region of which the State Association is a member.

(b) The format for the competitions at the State Association level to determine teams representing the State Association shall be a tournament format established by the State Association. League competition may not be considered a tournament format.

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 the Regional Director or the Director's designee of that State Association's region.

Rule 203. REGIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

Section 1. Each of the regions shall conduct National Championships competitions for the region from among the teams representing each of the State Associations of the region. The competitions at the regional level shall determine the teams that represent the region for each of the boys and girls age groups at the national level of the National Championships competitions.

Section 2. The format for the competition to determine the teams as provided by section 1 of this rule shall be that format established by the region.

Section 3. Only a State Association of a region may host the National Championships competitions for the region.

Rule 204. NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

The teams representing each of the regions in each of the boys and girls age groups shall compete in the National Championships competitions to determine the champion team for each of those boys and girls age groups. The teams from the regions shall compete in a round-robin format recommended by the National Championships Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

Subpart B—Teams and Players

Rule 221. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The National Championships 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) The team must be entered in the competition of the State Association in which at least 50 percent of its players are registered.
- (4) The team must compete in at least a 4-team approved league during the current seasonal year in its State Association, US Youth Soccer Regional League or US Youth Soccer National League, or with its State Association's permission in another State Association, except for the U-19 age group for boy's and girl's. The league competition must consist of a minimum of one game against each of 3 different teams participating in the league. Whether participation in any amateur league shall qualify a youth team for Championship competition under this policy shall be determined by each State Association.
- (5) A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and every level of the National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to the roster of the team at every level of the competitions.

Section 2. (a) (1) A club may issue a club pass to any youth player who is a registered youth player of the club before the team to which such youth player is to be rostered for the State Association level of the National Championships competitions submits its National Championships roster for its first competition at the State Association level.

(2) Only at the State Association level of the National Championships competitions (but not at the regional and national levels of the competitions)—

(A) a team may roster any player not having a club pass of that team's club if a written request, stating the reason why this action has been requested, has been made to and approved by the State Association on a form provided by it; and

(B) at the time a team's National Championships competitions roster for competitions at the State Association level is determined under this rule, the team may not have more than 5 rostered youth who were previously rostered during the current seasonal year with a club other than the club of which the team is a member, the rostering of such youth players with such club shall be made in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member.

(3) A State Association is not required to consider as a rostered player a player on a school team when the State Association administers school programs.

(b) In addition to the application of the club pass provisions of the policy, a team participating in the National Championships competitions may release involuntarily a player from its roster if the player has violated bylaws, policies, or requirements of the Federation, US Youth Soccer, the State Association, or the member of the State Association through whom the player is registered.

(c) A team may have on its team roster only players of the following age groups for the seasonal year in which the team is participating in the National Championships:

- (1) For teams competing in the 13 and Under, 14 and Under, and 15 and Under age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in

which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

(2) For the teams competing in the 16 and Under, 17 and Under, 18 and Under, and 19 and Under age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age of any younger age group, through the 14 and Under age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

Section 3. Every team in the National Championships competitions shall have a team roster, a National Championships roster determined under this rule based on the players on the team's roster, and a game roster for every match or competition.

(1) Team Roster

A team roster shall have a minimum of 9 registered players on its roster at all times.

(2) National Championships Roster

A team shall have a National Championships roster based on its team roster at the State Association level of the National Championships competitions, approved by the State Association where the team resides. The team roster may have up to 22 youth players on the roster at all levels of the competitions. .

(3) Game Roster

The game roster shall be prepared by the team and submitted to the competition authority at a time set by the State Association for State Cup play, by the Region for Regional Cup play, and not later than 60 minutes prior to each scheduled game in National Championships play at the national level. The game roster shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of 7 players. Every player listed on the game roster must be included on the team's National Championships roster to be eligible to participate with the team in the National Championships competitions.

Section 4. A team shall forfeit each game of the team in which—

- (1) an unregistered player was with the team at the game in a uniform; or
- (2) a player was improperly entered on the team's roster.
- (3) the team no longer has a recognized team official as required by Rule 241, sections 1 and 2, on the team bench.

Section 5. It shall be the responsibility of the appropriate official designated by each entering State Association to certify the eligibility of competing teams and to provide the teams with a copy of this policy.

Section 6. The team must provide its National Championships roster for National Championships competitions as follows:

- (1) at the State Association level, prior to the team's first National Championship game at the State Association level or no earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of that team's competition at the State level;
- (2) at the regional level, at the time of the team's registration for the team's age group competition at that level that shall be determined by the region which shall be no later than 7 days prior to the beginning of the team's competition at the regional level; and
- (3) at the national level, at the time of the team's registration for the team's age group competition at that level that shall be determined by the National Championships Committee which shall be no later than 7 days prior to the beginning of that team's competition at the national level.

Section 7. (a) At the regional and national levels of the National Championships competitions, a team of a club may have on its National Championship roster an eligible player of that club who was not on the team's National Championships roster at the prior level of the team's National Championships competition.

(b) A player may be rostered to only one team's National Championships roster at each level of the National Championships competitions during the seasonal year.

Section 8. A team may compete in only one age group of the National Championships competitions during the seasonal year.

Rule 222. FORFEITS FOR FAILURE TO COMPETE

Section 1. Any team or State Association intending to forfeit at the national level must give notice of its intention to forfeit to its Regional Director and the Chairman of its Regional Championships Committee within the deadline set by the National Championships Committee or the Board of Directors. The notice shall include the reason for the forfeit.

Section 2. Forfeits and failure to compete at the national level by a team or State Association shall be a matter of review by the Board of Directors that shall have the authority to take action against the team or State Association that the Board considers appropriate.

Section 3. Any team or State Association failing to give notice of intention to forfeit may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, have additional penalties imposed on it.

Section 4. Any team or State Association intending to forfeit regional games must give notice to its Regional Director and the Chairman of its Regional Championships Committee in accordance with the region's policies and procedures.

Section 5. Forfeits and failures to compete in games at the regional level by a team or State Association shall be dealt with in accordance with the region's policies and procedures.

Section 6. Match Manipulation at the National Championships Series competitions at all levels. Teams failing to compete in the spirit of the competition or are involved in the manipulation of a game result are subject to forfeiture and disqualification from all levels of the competition.

(1) if failing to compete is observed and confirmed, the competition authority representative will give notice to the offending team or teams.

(2) if corrective action is not taken, the team or teams will be subject to disqualification.

Rule 223. FORFEITS GENERALLY

At the discretion of the Board of Directors or its designee, any team proven guilty of violating this policy or of any other requirement of US Youth Soccer shall be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, forfeiture of all games and the preceding competition and fines and suspensions.

Rule 224. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. A player must be properly registered and rostered in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer and the State Association.

Section 2. A youth player may be on the National Championships roster of only one team at each level of the National Championships competitions during any seasonal year; provided, however, that a youth player who was rostered to a team of a club at a National Championship competition level that has been eliminated and does not advance to any level of the competition and who has been issued a club pass of that club in accordance with this policy may be rostered to another team of that club at the next level of the National Championship competitions. Subject to the foregoing, and subject to the provisions of Rule 221, Section 1 (5), at each level of the National Championships competitions, a team may add to its National Championship roster for that level as many registered youth players holding club passes of that club of which a team is a member as the team or its club determines so long as the roster does not exceed 22 players. A team may not change the club of which it is a member at any time after the commencement of the National Championship competitions and in any event only in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member.

Section 3. A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.

Section 4. The first National Championships roster of a team to which the player is rostered is the only team with which the player may participate in at each level of the National Championships competitions for a seasonal year.

Rule 225. TEAM AND PLAYER BREACHES OF RULES

Section 1. It is the responsibility of the National Championships Committee to investigate a properly protested violation immediately following its receipt. Failure to cooperate with that investigation shall result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Section 2. Any team found guilty of using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the National Championships competitions in the current seasonal year. Any coach, manager, or official found guilty of knowingly using an ineligible player is not eligible to compete further in the National Championships competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year. A player found guilty of submitting falsified birth information is prohibited from competing further in National Championships competitions in the current and subsequent seasonal year.

Section 3. A player who is sent-off from any championship game is prohibited from participating in the next immediately following championship game played by the player's team. A player may receive more than a one-game suspension.

Section 4. Coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained in this policy, including cautions, ejections, and standard suspension. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, are also subject to the jurisdiction and authority of US Youth Soccer. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.

Rule 226. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Section 1. All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of eligibility and/or the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the National Championships competitions, shall be referred to the National Championships Committee regarding games at the national level, or to the Regional Championships Committee regarding games at the regional level.

Section 2. (a) To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest —

(1) must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) must be filed with the appropriate committee within 2 hours after the completion of the game being protested, accompanied by—

(A) a fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors;

(B) 5 written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged; and

(C) 5 written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses.

(b) Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained only if a written objection has been lodged with the referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.

(c) The Chairman of the committee with which the protest is properly lodged shall immediately on receipt of the protest notify the team against which the protest is made and shall send a copy of the protest and all particulars to that team, which will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses.

Section 3. (a) An appeal of a decision regarding a protest may be appealed as provided by US Youth Soccer Article XVII(3). Any such appeal must be filed within 2 hours of receiving the decision—

(1) if a decision of the State Cup Championships Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Chairman of the National Championships Committee; or

(2) if a decision of the Regional Championships Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Chairman of the National Championships Committee; or

(3) if a decision of the National Championships Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Board of Directors.

(b) Each appeal filed under subsection (a) of this section must be accompanied by—

(1) a fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors; and

(2) 5 written copies of the appeal.

Section 4. Any party to a protest or appeal shall be accorded the right to be assisted in the presentation of the party's case at the protest or appeal proceeding.

Section 5. A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the National Championships competitions is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by US Youth Soccer.

Section 6. In National Championships competitions at the State Association level, decisions made on protests and appeals by the state protest and appeal authority are binding and allow that competition to proceed.

Section 7. Match Manipulation: An appeal of the decision regarding Match Manipulation may be appealed as provided by US Youth Soccer Article XVII(3). Any such appeal is subject:

1. If the state or Regional Championships Committee determines that a team is guilty of Match Manipulation, the Chairman of the committee shall immediately notify the Chairman of the Nationals Championships committee; or

2. If the National Championships Committee determines that a team is guilty of Match Manipulation, the Chairman of the committee shall immediately notify the Board of Directors.

Subpart C—Game Play

Rule 241. PASSES, ROSTERS, AND UNIFORMS

Section 1. At the State Association, regional, and national levels of National Championships competitions, each player and team official listed on a team's National Championships roster must carry the US Youth Soccer member pass. The member pass issued to a player shall be a club pass identifying the club by name or other appropriate means of identification. The US Youth Soccer member pass must carry a current photograph of the player or team official, as the case may be, and be signed by the appropriate official of the State Association.

Section 2. Each player at the State Association, regional, and national levels of the National Championships competitions must be listed on the US Youth Soccer National Championships roster for the player's team for that level. All information listed on the roster must be verified by the appropriate official of the State Association and signed by that official for each level of the National Championships competitions.

Section 3. (a) The team's National Championships roster and the US Youth Soccer member passes must be available at the game site at all times. The roster shall include the number of each player's jersey.

(b) Each player shall have a number on the player's jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional.

(c) At the national level of the National Championships competitions, each player shall have on his or her shorts the US Youth Soccer patch provided each player.

(d) Goalkeepers must wear colors that distinguish them from other players and game officials.

(e) At every level of the National Championships competitions, each player, team and team official may only have on his/her/their apparel the name, logo, or other identifying mark of US Youth Soccer or a member directly or indirectly of US Youth Soccer.

(1) A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any youth soccer organization other than US Youth Soccer or its member must be removed, replaced, or covered before a player, team or team official may enter or remain at a field complex where the National Championships competition is being held.

(2) After an initial warning pursuant to (e)(1) above, the name, logo, or other identifying mark of any youth soccer organization other than US Youth Soccer or its member must be removed before the player, team or team official may enter or continue in the competition.

Rule 242. PLAYING RULES

Section 1. The playing rules of the National Championships competitions shall conform to the FIFA "Laws of the Game" except as provided by this rule.

Section 2. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the length of games, overtime play periods, ball size, ball circumference, and ball weight for each age group shall be as follows:

Age Group	Game Length	Overtime Play	Size	Circumference	Weight
19 and Under	Two 45' halves	Two 15' periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.
18 and Under	Two 45' halves	Two 15' periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.
17 and Under	Two 45' halves	Two 15' periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.
16 and Under	Two 40' halves	Two 15' periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.
15 and Under	Two 40' halves	Two 15' periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.
14 and Under	Two 35' halves	Two 10' periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.
13 and Under	Two 35" halves	Two 10" periods	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.

(b)(1) In competitions at the State Association and regional levels, tie games at the end of regulation playing time may stand.

(2) In competitions at the national level, tie games at the end of regulation playing time will stand except for each final game in each age group.

(c) If a game is tied at the end of regulation play and overtime periods are to be played to determine a winner, 2 complete overtime periods as provided in subsection (a) of this section will be played after the end of regulation play. If the game is still tied after the end of the 2 overtime periods, FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" rules will apply in order to determine the winner.

Section 3. At all National Championships competitions-

(1) for the 13 and Under and 14 and Under age groups, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed; and

(2) for all other age groups, a maximum of 7 substitutions for each team shall be allowed in each game during each half of play and during overtime play. After leaving the game during a half of play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game during that same half of play. After leaving the game during overtime play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game.

(3) If a player is suspected of suffering a head injury they may be substituted for evaluation without the substitutions counting against the teams total number of allowed substitutions during each half or overtime period. If the player with the suspected head injury has received clearance from the events' Health Care Professional, the player may re-enter at any stoppage of play. The evaluated player must replace the original substitute and will not count as a substitution. The temporary substituted player may re-enter the game as a regular substitute. A team may only make a temporary substitution if they have a substitution available.

Section 4. (a) At the National Championships competitions at the regional and national levels, unfinished games due to any cause shall be replayed if neither team is at fault and play has not begun in the second half. If play is stopped during the second half and play cannot be resumed and if neither team is at fault, the Regional or National Championships Committee may deem the game complete. However, if play is stopped at any time due to one of the teams being adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the Regional or National Championships Committee whether the game is to be replayed or declared a forfeit.

(b) At the National Championships competitions at the regional and national levels, all protests and appeals must be submitted by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game. For protests involving completed games, see sections 1 and 2 of Rule 226.

Rule 243. GAME OFFICIALS

Section 1. For National Championships competitions at the national level, the Chair of the Referee Committee shall appoint the game officials. For National Championships competitions at the regional level, the Regional Representative to the Referee Committee shall appoint the game officials.

Section 2. Any referee appointed to officiate in any National Championship competition game may not be a past or present member of either of the competing teams.

Section 3. The scale of charges for referees shall be—

- (1) for State Association level competition, as set by the State Association.
- (2) for regional level competition, as set by the region.
- (3) for national level competition, as set by the National Championships Committee.

Section 4. The referee shall have the power to decide on the fitness of the ground in all games. In other respects, the duties of the referee and assistant referee are as defined in the "Laws of the Game."

Section 5. In the event the referee appointed fails to appear and where assistant referees have been appointed, one of the assistant referees shall take charge. Where assistant referees have not been appointed and the referee fails to put in an appearance, the coaches or managers of the opposing teams must agree on a referee for the game. The same procedure will apply in the event of a referee becoming ill during the process of a game.

Section 6. The referee has the power during the game to deal with players guilty of violent conduct or using threatening or abusive language. The referee shall forward the name of any offender within 2 days thereafter to the State Association with a copy to the Regional Chair or the Regional Chair's designee. No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the referee.

Section 7. The referee must forward to the Competition Administrator on the official game report form, the results of the game, a list of the players participating in the game, and all particulars related to the game.

PART III—AMENDMENT OF POLICY

Rule 301. AMENDMENT OF POLICY

The Committee, a State Association, or a Director may offer an amendment to this policy to be accepted or rejected by the Board of Directors.

PAST WINNERS

BOYS UNDER 19—JAMES P. McGUIRE CUP

1935 Reliable Juniors of New Bedford, MA
1936 Hatikvoh Juniors of Brooklyn, NY
1937 Hatikvoh Juniors of Brooklyn, NY
1938 Lighthouse Boys' Club of Philadelphia, PA
1939 Avella Juniors of Avella, PA
1940 Avella Juniors of Avella, PA
1941 Mercerville Juniors of Trenton, NJ
1942-44 No competition—travel restricted because of war effort
1945 Hornets of Chicago, IL, and Pompeii Juniors of Baltimore, MD, co-champions
1946 Schumacher Juniors of St. Louis, MO
1947 Heidelberg Juniors of Heidelberg, PA
1948 Lighthouse Boys' Club of Philadelphia, PA
1949 Lighthouse Boys' Club of Philadelphia, PA
1950 Harrison Juniors of Harrison, NJ
1951 Seco Juniors of St. Louis, MO
1952 Kollsman S.C. of Brooklyn, NJ
1953 Newark Boys Club of Newark, NJ (East)
1954 Hansa S.C. of Chicago, IL
1955 Schwaben of Chicago, IL (West)
1956 St. Singelbert of St. Louis, MO
1957 Lighthouse Boys' Club of Philadelphia, PA
1958 St. Paul of St. Louis, MO
1959 Ukrainian of New York, NY
1960 St. Paul of St. Louis, MO
1961 Hakoah of San Francisco, CA
1962 Schumacher of St. Louis, MO
1963 Kutis of St. Louis, MO
1964 Kutis of St. Louis, MO
1965 Im. Heart of Mary of St. Louis, MO
1966 St. Williams of St. Louis, MO
1967 Lighthouse Boys' Club of Philadelphia, PA
1968 St. Philip Di Neri of St. Louis, MO
1969 St. Philip Di Neri of St. Louis, MO
1970 St. Bart's of St. Louis, MO
1971 Seco of St. Louis, MO
1972 Seco of St. Louis, MO
1973 St. Elizabeth S.C. of Baltimore, MD
1974 Florissant Celtics of St. Louis, MO
1975 Imo's Pizza of St. Louis, MO
1976 Annandale Boys Club Cavalier of Annandale, VA
1977 Santa Clara Broncos of Santa Clara, CA
1978 Imo's Pizza of St. Louis, MO
1979 Imo's Pizza of St. Louis, MO
1980 Fremont Celtics of CA—North
1981 Scott Gallagher of St. Louis, MO
1982 Annandale Boys Club of Annandale, VA
1983 Montgomery United of MD
1984 Scott Gallagher of St. Louis, MO
1985 Columbia Jays of MD
1986 Fram-Culver of Culver, CA—South
1987 Union Lancers of Union, NJ
1988 Union Lancers "69" of Union, NJ
1989 LaJolla Nomads of LaJolla, CA—South
1990 Spartan Randolph Blackhawks of St. Paul, MN

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1991 NHBFC Black, CA–South
 1992 Vista Hurricanes, VA
 1993 MVLASC Shooting Stars, CA–North
 1994 Baltimore Spirit, MD
 1995 Countryside Lightning, FL
 1996 Scott Gallagher of St. Louis, MO
 1997 Clearwater Chargers, FL
 1998 CISCO Flames, AZ
 1999 LaJolla Nomads, CA–South
 2000 FC Delco Dynamo, EPA
 2001 FC Delco Black, EPA
 2002 Texans '82/83, South TX
 2003 FC Delco Arsenal, EPA
 2004 HSC Bulls '85, HI
 2005 Sockers FC, IL
 2006 Javanon SC, KY
 2007 Dallas Texans '88 Red, North TX
 2008 Solar FC, North TX
 2009 Baltimore Casa Mia Bays, MD
 2010 Crew Juniors, OH-South
 2011 Baltimore Bays Chelsea, MD
 2012 Crew Juniors OH-South
 2013 Lehigh Valley United 93, EPA
 2014 Concord Fire elite, GA
 2015 Massapequa Arsenal, NY-E
 2016 FC Golden State, CA-S

GIRLS UNDER 19—ROSS STEWART CUP

1980 The Sting, North TX
 1981 D'feeters Green, North TX
 1982 The Sting, North TX
 1983 Saratoga Spirits, CA–North
 1984 Braddock Road Blue Bells, VA
 1985 The Sting, North TX
 1986 Massapequa Falcons, Eastern NY
 1987 The Sting, North TX
 1988 The Sting, North TX
 1989 Livonia Hawks, MI
 1990 Springfield Spirit, VA
 1991 J.B. Marine S.C., MO
 1992 Texas Longhorns, North TX
 1993 Hammer F.C., OH South
 1994 Greater Boston Bolts, MA
 1995 Town N' Country Heather, FL
 1996 North Huntington Beach FC 77, CA–South
 1997 Ridgefield Yankee United Nova, CT
 1998 Shamrocks, CA–South
 1999 Cardinal Premier, OH South
 2000 Colorado Rush Nike, CO
 2001 Colorado Rush Nike, CO
 2002 San Diego Surf White, CA–South
 2003 Peachtree City Lazars, GA
 2004 Pleasanton Rage, CA–North
 2005 Stars of Massachusetts, MA
 2006 Colorado Rush Nike, CO
 2007 Carmel United Cyclones, IN
 2008 Force Football Club, MI
 2009 Colorado Rush Nike, CO
 2010 '91 Lonestars Red, South-TX
 2011 Dallas Texans 92 Red Dallas, North TX
 2012 CCSC SOL (FL)
 2013 NASA 12 Elite II, GA
 2014 VSA Heat Blue, VA
 2015 Gretna Prima 95/96 Green, NE
 2016 So Cal Blues Dodge, CA-S

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BOYS UNDER 18—ANDY STONE CUP

1994 F.C. Portland Academy, OR
1995 Vardar III, MI
1996 Santos, AZ
1997 Columbia City United, MD
1998 AFC Lightning, GA
1999 FC United, WA
2000 Scott Gallagher, MO
2001 Texans '82/83, South TX
2002 FC Delco Arsenal, EPA
2003 Michigan Wolves, MI
2004 Busch SC, MO
2005 Dallas Texans Red 87, North TX
2006 Dallas Texans 88 Red, North TX
2007 Terryville Fire, ENY
2008 Andromeda 90, North TX
2009 DSC 90 Green, SC
2010 EastSide FC '91 Liverpool Red, OR
2011 YMS Thunder, EPA

BOYS UNDER 18 – BOYS UNDER 18 CUP

2012 Florida Rush Nike , FL
2013 West Coast FC, CA-South
2014 Santa Barbara FC White, CA-South
2015 FC Golden State White, CA-S
2016 Santa Barbara SC White, CA-S

GIRLS UNDER 18—FRANK KELLY CUP

1994 Fountain Valley Spirit, CA–South
1995 Raleigh Spartans, NC
1996 FC Royals, WA
1997 Sting '79, North TX
1998 Central Valley Mercury, CA–North
1999 Northport/Cowharbor Piranha, Eastern NY
2000 Colorado Rush Nike, CO
2001 Michigan Hawks, MI
2002 Colorado Girls Soccer Academy, CO
2003 Dallas Texans Red '85, North TX
2004 Michigan Hawks, MI
2005 Laguna Hills Eclipse, CA–South
2006 Dallas Texans Red 88 North, North TX
2007 Bloomfield Force, MI
2008 Colorado Rush, CO
2009 FC Bucks Vipers, EPA
2010 Laguna Hills Eclipse White, CA-South
2011 FC Milwaukee, WI
2012 FC Pennsylvania Strikers, EPA

GIRLS UNDER 18 – GIRLS UNDER 18 CUP

2013 Team Chicago Botafogo, IL
2014 Beach FC Ingrassia, CA-South
2015 Carlsbad Elite, CA-S
2016 Tennessee SC 16, TN

BOYS UNDER 17—DON GREER CUP

1991 Northglenn/Thunder, CO
1992 Alta Loma Arsenal, CA–South
1993 Temple Terrace Spirit, FL
1994 Club Ohio/Dynamo, OH South
1995 California Flyers, CA–South

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1996 Columbia City United, MD
 1997 Nomads, CA–South
 1998 FC Delco Dynamo, Eastern PA
 1999 Braddock Road Warhawks, VA
 2000 West Babylon Panthers, ENY
 2001 Team Dayton, OH-South
 2002 Irvine SC Strikers, CA–South
 2003 Chicago Magic SC, IL
 2004 Scott Gallagher, MO
 2005 Dallas Texans Red 88, North TX
 2006 Arsenal FC, CA-South
 2007 Andromeda 90, North TX
 2008 Andromeda 91, North TX
 2009 CZ Elite, CA-South
 2010 Alpharetta Ambush 93 Red, GA
 2011 Grand Rapids Crew Jrs., MI
 2012 Galaxy 94/95 Blue, IL
 2013 West Coast FC, CA-South
 2014 Manhattan SC PSG 96, ENY
 2015 Chicago Magic PSG Preacademy, IL
 2016 Pipline Black, MD

GIRLS UNDER 17—LAURA MOYNIHAN CUP

1991 Michigan Hawks, MI
 1992 Sparta, IL
 1993 Connecticut Omni, CT
 1994 DeAnza Magic, CA–North
 1995 Central Valley Express, CA–North
 1996 FC Royals, WA
 1997 Central Valley Mercury, CA–North
 1998 Colorado Rush, CO
 1999 Colorado Rush, CO
 2000 San Diego Surf, CA–South
 2001 Bethesda Fury, MD
 2002 Pleasanton Rage, CA–North
 2003 Sereno '86 Golden Eagles, AZ
 2004 So Cal United, CA–South
 2005 Eclipse Select, IL
 2006 Eclipse Select , IL
 2007 Eagles SC, CA–South
 2008 Dallas Texans 91 Red, North TX
 2009 Eclipse Select 91-92, IL
 2010 So Cal Blues Dodge, CA-South

GIRLS UNDER 17 – GIRLS UNDER 17 CUP

2011 NSA Premier Fury, IL
 2012 VSA Heat Blue (VA)
 2013 Cleveland United White, OH-North
 2014 DMCV Sharks Elite, CA-South
 2015 Tampa Bay United 97 Premier, FL
 2016 YMS Premier Xplosion 98, PA-E

BOYS UNDER 16—D.J. NOTIS CUP

1976 Ruiz Soccer Club, Florissant, MO
 1977 Annandale Boys Club, Annandale, VA
 1978 Busch Gardens Soccer Club, St. Louis, MO
 1979 Club America, Dallas, North TX
 1980 Busch Gardens Soccer Club, St. Louis, MO
 1981 Montgomery United Ponies, MD
 1982 Columbia Kick, MD
 1983 Goalpost, Federal Way, WA
 1984 Vista Red Hawks, VA
 1985 Blau-Weiss Gottschee, Intermediate "A", Forest Hills, Eastern NY
 1986 Liebe Soccer Club, St. Louis, MO
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1987 Columbia City United, MD
 1988 Busch Soccer Club, MO
 1989 Busch Soccer Club, MO
 1990 Livonia Metro Magic Wolves, MI
 1991 F.C. Delco Demons, Eastern PA
 1992 NHBFC Black, CA–South
 1993 Vardar III, MI
 1994 Texans, South TX
 1995 Chicago Soccers, IL
 1996 Nomads SC, CA–South
 1997 Javanon '81, KY
 1998 Vardar III, MI
 1999 Chicago Magic, IL
 2000 FC Westchester, ENY
 2001 Sockers FC, IL
 2002 Atlanta Fire, GA
 2003 Southern California United, CA–South
 2004 Casa Mia Bays, MD
 2005 Arsenal FC, CA–South
 2006 Baltimore Casa Mia Bays, MD
 2007 Real So Cal, CA–South

BOYS UNDER 16—LARRY HARMON CUP

2008 Dallas Texans 92 Red, North TX
 2009 Dallas Texans 93 Red, North TX
 2010 Slammers FC, CA-South
 2011 Concorde Fire Elite, GA
 2012 Michigan Jaguars, MI
 2013 Smithtown Arsenal, ENY
 2014 Baltimore Celtic 97/98, MD
 2015 Baltimore Celtic, MD
 2016 Loudoun Red, VA

GIRLS UNDER 16—PATRICIA L. MASOTTO CUP

1985 Black Watch Heather, FL
 1986 Mission Viejo Soccerettes, CA–South
 1987 Sachem Tomahawks, Eastern NY
 1988 Springfield Spirit, VA
 1989 Fairfax Police Youth Express, VA
 1990 Willingboro Strikers, NJ
 1991 Mission Viejo Herricanes, CA–South
 1992 Burnsville Giants, MN
 1993 J.B. Marine, MO
 1994 '78 Roadrunners, CA–North
 1995 Dallas Sting, North TX
 1996 Central Valley Mercury, CA–North
 1997 Northport/Cow Harbor Piranha, Eastern NY
 1998 Weston Wild Thing, CT
 1999 Windsor World Class, CT
 2000 South California Blues, CA–South
 2001 GSA '85 Phoenix Red, GA
 2002 West Valley Samba, CA–South
 2003 San Diego Surf, CA–South
 2004 Eclipse Select, IL
 2005 Slammers SC, CA–South
 2006 Real Colorado National, CO
 2007 McLean Freedom, VA
 2008 Dallas Texans Red 92, North TX

GIRLS UNDER 16—GIRLS UNDER 16 CUP

2009 De Anza Force, CA-North
 2010 Solar 94 Red, North-TX

GIRLS UNDER 16 – MAVIS DERFLINGER CUP

2011 Sting 95, North TX
2012 BRYC 95 ELITE (VA)
2013 DMCV Sharks Elite, CA- South
2014 Beach FC 97 Academy, CA-South
2015 JFC Storm 98/99, FL
2016 Carlsbad Elite 99, CA-S

BOYS UNDER 15—adidas® CUP

2001 FC Delco Dynamo, Eastern-PA
2002 Rochester Jr. Rhinos, NY–West
2003 Casa Mia Bays, MD
2004 Arsenal FC, CA–South
2005 FC Greater Boston Bolts, MA
2006 So Cal United, CA-South
2007 Michigan Wolves 92 Black, MI
2008 Baltimore Casa Mia Bays, MD
2009 Baltimore Casa Mia Bays, MD
2010 Baltimore Bays Chelsea, MD

BOYS UNDER 15 – BOYS UNDER 15 CUP

2011 Chicago Fire, IL
2012 Fullerton Rangers, CA-South
2013 Santa Barbara SC White, CA- South
2014 Pateadores San Diego, CA-South
2015 Sporting KC Academy, KS
2016 McLean 00 Green, VA

GIRLS UNDER 15—KRISTINE LILLY CUP

2001 Colorado Rush Nike, CO
2002 Laguna Hills Eclipse, CA–South
2003 PDA Wildcats, NJ
2004 Mustang Blast, CA–North
2005 St. Louis Soccer Club, MO
2006 Eclipse Select, IL
2007 So Cal Blues, CA–South
2008 Dallas Texans 93 Red Dallas, North TX
2009 San Diego Surf, CA-South
2010 Sting 95, North-TX
2011 PDA Slammers, NJ

GIRLS UNDER 15 – GIRLS UNDER 15 Cup

2012 Legends FC, CA-South
2013 Eclipse Elite Black 97-98, IL
2014 Jacksonville FC 98/99 Elite, FL
2015 Legends FC 99, CA-S
2016 Midwest United FC 01 Royal, MI

BOYS UNDER 14— BOYS UNDER 14 CUP

2001 Potomac Cougars, MD
2002 La Jolla Nomads White, CA–South
2003 '88 CASL Elite, NC
2004 Celtic Harps, CA–South
2005 So Cal United, CA–South
2006 Valley United Blast, CA-South

BOYS UNDER 14—WILLIAM J. “BILLY” GOAZIOU CUP

2007 Baltimore Casa Mia Bays, MD
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2008 NJSA 04 Gunners, NJ
2009 West Coast FC, CA-South
2010 Eclipse Select, IL
2011 Fullerton Rangers, South-CA
2012 Santa Barbara Soccer Club, CA-South
2013 Pateadores CM, CA-South
2014 United FA 00 elite, GA
2015 Houstonians 2001, TX-S
2016 Valparaiso United FC 02 JG, AZ

GIRLS UNDER 14—ELMER EHLERS CUP

2001 KC Dynamos, KS
2002 Slammers FC, CA-South
2003 Slammers FC, CA-South
2004 Eagles, CA-South
2005 So Cal Blues, CA-South
2006 ISC Strikers, CA-South
2007 Sting Royal Dallas 93, North TX
2008 San Juan Spirits 94 Blue, CA-North
2009 Mustang Blast, CA-North
2010 Foothill MVLA Lightning, CA-North
2011 Sting 97, North TX
2012 MSC Coyotes Green, MD

GIRLS UNDER 14 – GIRLS UNDER 14 CUP

2013 Eastside FC 98 Red, WA
2014 NEFC Elite, MA
2015 Legends FC Gold, CA-S
2016 PSG MI Gators 02 Orange, MI

BOYS UNDER 13 – BOYS UNDER 13 CUP

2013 Pateadores LA, CA-South
2014 WAZA FC East 01 Juniors, MI
2015 Baltimore Celtic Darby 01/02, MD
2016 02 CASL Academy Juniors, NC

GIRLS UNDER 13 – GIRLS UNDER 13 CUP

2013 Legends FC, CA-South
2014 Surf Academy, CA-South
2015 PSG MI Gators 02 Orange, MI
2016 Solar Chelsea Red, North TX