Dear Midwest Regional Championships Team:

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2017 US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships! This is a wonderful accomplishment in your goal of advancing to the 2017 US Youth Soccer National Championships in Frisco, Texas, and competing for a National Championship.

Work to host this event began over three years ago. I have been working with the Local Organizing Committee over the past year to help ensure an amazing experience for you in Sioux Falls. They are ready to host you in their great city. The 21 fields at Yankton Trail Park are beautiful – some of the best fields in Region II.

Following this letter are a variety of items to help prepare you for your upcoming trip to Sioux Falls. In addition, please visit our website at www.RegionII.org/Regionals/2017 for the latest information. We will update the Event Updates page of our website throughout the event. We will also update our Facebook page (US Youth Soccer Region II) and Twitter feed (@USYS_RII) while we’re in Sioux Falls – particularly should we encounter any severe weather.

US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocol, general event information, and policies/rules have been posted on the related pages of our website.

Please note that the schedule of games will be available upon completion of all State Cup and Midwest Regional League qualifying events. It is scheduled to be released on Monday, June 12. The preliminary schedule grid, without teams or brackets, is already available for download from the Schedules/Scores/Standing link on our website.

Be sure to visit the Team Info page of our website and follow the link for Team Manager Instructions/Online Registration to ensure that you register your team for the event and enter your team’s roster for approval prior to the deadline provided by your State Association.

Should you have any additional questions, the first person to contact would be your State Representative. He or she should have identified him or herself to you at your State Cup, in a packet, or via email for those teams qualifying as Midwest Regional League wildcard teams.

I look forward to seeing you in Sioux Falls in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Meersman
Chair, US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships
www.RegionII.org/Regionals/2017
Important Team Information

Note: Information in this document does not replace the need to be familiar with the “Rules & Policies for the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships” available for download from www.RegionII.org/Regionals/2017.

Members Passes and Bench Pass Credentials

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 Region II Championships.

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. Bench Pass credentials are provided by your **State Rep**. Be sure to bring them with you as replacements will not be available from Region II at the event.

Uniforms

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.

The home team shall wear light colors. In the event of a color conflict, the home team shall change to an alternate set of uniforms.

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. 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.

US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocol

Please be advised that after a player receives a completed US Youth Soccer Concussion Form due to displaying signs and symptoms of a concussion, that player may not return to play until a signed clearance form from a medical doctor or doctor of osteopath who specializes in concussion treatment and management has been received. Please refer to the form for further details. The form is available on our web site at www.RegionII.org/Regionals/2017. **For clarification, whether an M.D. or D.O., the physician must specialize in concussion treatment and management.**

The clearance must be on a document from the medical doctor's office stating that the player has been cleared to return to play and is clear of symptoms. The document must be signed by the official.

If a player is cleared during the event, please notify your **State Rep** and bring the signed clearance to the event headquarters. If a player is cleared post-event, please contact the US Youth Soccer National Office at 972-334-9300.

The ATCs contracted for this event are considered primary and any team or club ATCs are secondary.
To: State Champions, Midwest Regional League Qualifiers, State Representatives, and State Presidents  
From: 2017 US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships Sioux Falls Local Organizing Committee  
RE: Event Updates and Information  

The South Dakota State Soccer Association, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and the City of Sioux Falls are proud hosts of this tremendous event. We look forward to welcoming you to our great city and look forward to having you return sometime. Below is some important information for you as attendees and participants in the event. Please read carefully.

Games at Yankton Trail Park

All games will be played on the 21 beautiful fields at Yankton Trail Park in Sioux Falls, SD. A map of Yankton Trail Park is included with this memo.

Animals

Animals are allowed but must be leashed and picked up after!

Alcohol and Tobacco

Yankton Trail Park is a NO-Smoking or Alcohol facility. Please be respectful of those around you. This is for the kids.

Welcome Tent

A welcome tent area will be available at Yankton Trail Park (next to field 11) to assist with directions, housing, team goodie bag pick-up, parking passes, etc. This is also where you can pick up your team’s goodie bag and parking passes. The hours on Thursday, June 22, are from 4:00pm-9:00pm.

Parking at Yankton Trail Park

Parking passes will be available for $10/day or $30/event. If you pre-order as a team, the event passes will only be $25. Teams are strongly encouraged to pre-order parking passes as those vehicles that do not have pre-purchased parking passes will be redirected into another line to purchase on-site, while vehicles with parking passes will be waived into the park. Team managers should pre-order for their entire team using the link found at: www.RegionII.org/Regionals/2017. Your team passes will be available for pick up, along with your team’s goodie bag, at Yankton Trail Park on Thursday, June 22, from 4:00pm-9:00pm. To avoid paying for an extra day, please pick up passes on Thursday.

To help with traffic flow on game days, please use the entrance closest to your field, as listed below:

- Fields 1-11 should use the entrance at: 3901 S. Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105
- Fields 12-21 should use the entrance at: 1400 W. 57th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Team Goodie Bag Pick-up

Region II is providing each team with a Nike duffle bag, stuffed with individual goodie bags from Dick’s Sporting Goods. Insides are event programs, event pins, flyers, coupons, and other information from US Youth Soccer, the LOC, and our sponsors. Team managers must pick up their team’s bag (along with parking passes) at Yankton Trail Park between 4:00pm-9:00pm on Thursday, June 22.

Hotels

Hotel accommodations for all teams were selected by your State Association based on the Region II hotel draw. CGI Team Travel handles all hotel reservations through www.gciteamtravel.com. Katy can be reached at kgray@exploreGCI.com and 913-660-7767. She will be at the Park during the event.

Registration

Team registration takes place in advance through each State Association prior to arrival in Sioux Falls. There will be NO on-site Team Registration. Questions about the event can be answered by each State Association’s Representative.

Photos

All Star Action Photography will be the official photographer for the event. Coaches or managers need to register at the website below to schedule a time for a team picture. All teams must have a team photo scheduled before noon on Sunday, June 25. Orders will be completed on site by the end of play, Sunday, June 25. All Star will also be offering PRE-ORDER Discounts on Team Packages and Individual orders. If you have any questions, please contact them at 248-477-9500 or www.allstarproductions.us

Videos

Sports Video USA will be the official video service provider for the event. They film entire soccer games in a professional manner using HD cameras mounted on 30-foot tall tripods. They are offering a special team package for $540 for all three preliminary round games; $380 for two games; and one game for $199. If you would like them to film any games, simply email your team information (team name, age group, gender) to info@sportsvideousa.com in advance. Availability is limited and demand is incredibly high for this event, so please do schedule as soon as possible to ensure that your games are filmed.

Severe Weather Information

The US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships Committee and Region II Staff will be constantly monitoring weather conditions using high-tech weather tracking equipment and lightning detectors. They will also be in contact with a local member of the National Weather Service if severe weather is approaching the area.

Should it be deemed necessary to suspend games due to severe weather, it will be announced via air horns in the park and communicated to teams by field marshals from the event committee. As soon as the warning is sounded, everyone must remove themselves from the fields and seek immediate shelter in their vehicles.

The field marshals will also give the “all clear” signal. At that point players, coaches, referees, and fans may return to the fields. Schedule updates and other event specific announcements may also occur during a weather delay or at any time. For more information, visit www.RegionII.org/Regionals/2017 - also posted on our Facebook page (US Youth Soccer Region II) and Twitter (@USYS_RII).
Official Nike Event Merchandise

Official event merchandise and souvenirs will be sold by pre-order and on-site. Teams are encouraged to pre-order through: www.todofut.com/usys-region-ii-championships.html. Items ordered online before Friday, June 16, will be shipped directly to the address provided on the order. Online orders are not available for on-site pickup.

Medical

Medical services will be provided by local hospitals. Athletic trainers will be on site along with an ambulance. Free taping services will be provided; however, medical issues and injuries have priority.

Saturday, June 24, Welcome to Sioux Falls Reception

On Saturday, from 5:30pm-8:30pm, the local organizing committee is hosting a Welcome to Sioux Falls reception for all players, families, and visitors attending the Midwest Regional Championships. Located at 13th Street and Dakota Avenue in Downtown Sioux Falls, the free party will feature food trucks, music, games, and more. Parking is free and located in the First Lutheran parking lot next door. The parking lot is adjacent to the Washington Pavilion, home to the Kirby Science Center, which will also be open until 7:00pm to accommodate any families that would like to see one of Sioux Falls top attractions. The admission price has been reduced to $5.00 for the Science Center.

In addition, dozens of downtown merchants, restaurants, and lounges will also be open to welcome all visitors. At dusk, the Downtown Sioux Falls Association is showing “Kicking and Screaming” at Fawick Park just east of the Pavilion. This is free to all. Visitors are encouraged to walk Phillips Avenue and view the famous sculpture walk, featuring unique and one of a kind sculptures from around the world. Our famous waterfalls, located in Falls Park, is a short drive away and the park is open until 9:00pm. Admission is free. An information table will be setup courtesy of the Sioux Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau with more information, coupons, walking maps, and more to help welcome all our visitors.

Practice Fields

Practice fields will be available at the Sanford Sports Complex off of I-29 at exit 82 – Benson Rd. One hour slots are available on Thursday, June 23, and Monday, June 26. A link to sign up for practice fields has been added to www.RegionII.org/Regionals/2017.

More Information about Sioux Falls and the Surrounding Area

For more information about activities in and around Sioux Falls, visit these websites:

- www.travelsouthdakota.com/tourism
- www.southeastsouthdakota.com
- www.visitsiouxfalls.com
- www.dtsf.com
- www.visitsiouxfalls.com/plan-your-trip/visitor-guide/

Sioux Falls and the LOC look forward to having you in our fair city.

FOR THE KIDS,

Rex Rolfing & Mark Glissendorf – Co-Chairs
Dear Region II Championship Teams,

Congratulations on winning your State Cup. It is now time to secure your rooms in Sioux Falls, SD. Once I receive your team name and information from your State Representative, I will send you an email immediately following your State Cup final date. This will have the information needed to give to your parents to let them go online and secure their room with their own credit card. Please know we will only have 24-48 hours to get these lists completed. Each team will be allotted 14 rooms for team use. For those teams who might need additional rooms, please contact your State Rep first as they will be dealing with other teams from your state who might not need their entire block. Once all of the teams from your state have booked their rooms, the State Rep will be able to reach out to me to see if there are rooms from other states that have turned back parts of their blocks."

Below find the generic instructions I will be sending you for your parents to sign up for their rooms. Of course you will have distinct information to use that is specific to your team only.

**Example only:**

**Instructions to Make Reservations** -
Reservation Deadline Date: this date will be given to you
Go to [www.gciteamtravel.com](http://www.gciteamtravel.com)
1. Find the Log in Box at the top right-hand corner of the home page.
2. Log In using your Team’s Request ID number (coming soon) and the Parent Password: (coming soon)
3. Click Make New Reservation and fill out the required information
4. Review the cancellation policy and click Complete Reservation
5. Check your email inbox for your e-confirmation.

Please be watching for an email or feel free to contact me as soon as you have won your State Cup Final to get your rooming list completed.

Warm Regards,

Katy

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Katy Gray  
Event Housing Coordinator  
[Visit us online at www.gciteamtravel.com](http://www.gciteamtravel.com)