



2018 US Youth Soccer National Championship Series

- Overview:** Each summer, US Youth Soccer crowns a boys and girls National Champion in each of its seven age groups (13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U & 19U). The finals are a culmination of a year-long series of competitions at the state and regional levels. The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series provides approximately 185,000 players on more than 10,000 teams from US Youth Soccer's 55 State Associations the opportunity to showcase their soccer skills against the best competition in the nation, while emphasizing teamwork, discipline and fair play.
- State Championships:** US Youth Soccer State Championships (often referred to as 'State Cups') are held in each of the 55 US Youth Soccer member State Associations, some in the fall, but most throughout the spring. Champions are crowned for boys and girls in various age groups between 11U and 19U. Champions in the 13U through 19U age groups advance to represent their state association at their respective regional competition.
- Regionals:** Four regions, known as the East, Midwest, South and West Regions, host the next level of play in the National Championships tournament structure. The US Youth Soccer Regional Championships are truly tournaments of champions, as only state champions, regional league winners and invitees can participate in their regional tournament. Regional champions in the 13U through 19U age groups advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championships.
- Nationals:** The US Youth Soccer National Championships serves as the crown jewel of competitive youth soccer as the nation's top 96 youth soccer teams, in the 13U through 19U Boys and Girls age groups, compete for the US Youth Soccer National Championship title. In addition to the Regional Champions, the US Youth Soccer National League sends the four teams in its 15U through 19U age groups to compete in the National Championships.
- Dates:**
June 18-24 US Youth Soccer Far West Regional Championships – Honolulu, Hawaii
June 22-27 US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships – Westfield, Ind.
June 22-28 US Youth Soccer Southern Regional Championships – Greensboro, N.C.
June 29 – July 3 US Youth Soccer Eastern Regional Championships – Spotsylvania, Va.
July 23-29 US Youth Soccer National Championships – Frisco, Texas
- Background:** A form of the US Youth Soccer National Championships has been held since 1935 with the awarding of the James P. McGuire trophy, the oldest youth sports trophy in the country, to the 19U Boys National Champion. Additional age groups have been added throughout the years to reach the present format, which has been in place since 2013.
- US Youth Soccer:** About the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer) - US Youth Soccer – "The Game for ALL Kids!®" is the largest youth sports organization in the country and largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of soccer in the United States. US Youth Soccer registers more than 3 million players annually, ages 5 to 19, and more than 900,000 administrators, coaches and volunteers in 55 member State Associations. US Youth Soccer programs provide a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game. For more information, visit www.USYouthSoccer.org.
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