

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

What are the dates of the Region I Championships? June 28th – July 3rd, 2018 at Virginia Soccer Training Center/FFC Park and Embrey Mills Complex in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County Virginia.

A previous state champion patch already on my right sleeve, what do I do with this year's patch? Put it on your left sleeve OR if your left sleeve is full then place it on the right sleeve of your alternate jersey or between shoulders on back of primary jersey.

Can we practice on the game fields? Go to the National Championships Host LOC website www.region1.com to sign up for a practice field/time.

What do I have to bring to the Mandatory Team Official Registration being held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Hotel (HQ Hotel) on Thursday, June 28th from 12:00 pm to 6:00pm. You are required to present your US Youth Soccer Member passes for every player and team official listed on your NCS Roster. Your state will confirm that you have medical release forms for every player. You must keep with you at all times, however you will not need to present them to the official at registration.

## ALL PLAYER AND COACHES PASSES MUST BE LAMINATED!!!

What happens if a player does not have a member pass? Any player without their US Youth Soccer Member pass CANNOT play in the East Region Championships AND every player must be listed on the Roster.

What happens if a team official does not have a member pass? Any Team Official (maximum four (4) per team) without their member pass WILL NOT be given a Team Bench Pass and therefore will be prohibited from being present on the team bench side.

How many team-bench passes will my team receive and where do I pick them up? You will receive bench passes for each Team Official listed on your NCS Roster and attending the East Region Championships (maximum of 4 per team). Bench passes will be distributed at the Team Official Registration on Thursday, June 28th at the HQ (Hospitality House Hotel). Keep in mind that Team Officials must present their official State Association member pass at registration. At no time during the competition will more than 4 officials be permitted on the team bench side during matches. NOTE: ALL PLAYER PASSES AND TEAM OFFICIAL MEMBER PASSES MUST BE US YOUTH SOCCER MEMBER PASSES. NO OTHERS WILL BE PERMITTED.

**Do the Team Officials, sitting on the bench, have to wear their Bench Pass?** YES and MUST be visible to the Referees and Tournament Officials while sitting on the team bench or standing by the team bench during game time. Failure to do so, will result in dismissal from the sideline. Maximum of Team Officials on the Team sideline during game is 4. No exceptions. All others MUST be on the spectator sideline.

**Team Official Meetings:** I see there are three (3) Team Official Meetings scheduled at the HQ Hotel on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> do I have to attend all three meetings? You are only required to attend one of the three meetings. It is important that you attend to make sure you are up to date on all information for this event. Meeting times are: 1:00PM, 3:00PM and 5:00PM. Also a local host person will be in attendance to give you traffic and parking information for the area around Virginia.

Where in the Hospitality House Hotel are Registration and the Meetings? Registration will be held in the Washington Room and the Team Official Meetings will be held in the Monroe Room.

What will the traffic be like traveling in and about the surrounding areas? ALL teams MUST allow enough travel time for any unexpected travel problems etc. This event is being held during a very popular holiday week (leading into July 4th) with thousands of vacationing families and ALL roads are busy. Read carefully the Grace Period section of the Rules. You do not want to be late. Please plan for everyday traffic plus holiday traffic on Interstate 95. All site locations in Virginia are off of Interstate 95 so allow lots of extra time!

**Taping: will it be available at all game areas?** YES trainers will be available to tape players at all areas and there will be no charge. **Players need to provide their own taping supplies.** 

Water will it be available for the players at their game field? YES water and cups will be available at all team benches, even if you bring your own water.

Will there be tent coverage for the team benches? Yes there will be tents for team benches.

My opponent is wearing the same color jersey, who has to change? The visiting team has the choice of jersey color and therefore the home team MUST change jerseys.

Are sleeveless jerseys allowed in the National Championships Series Competition? Sleeveless jerseys are allowed if they are finished (sewn armhole, finished edge). They cannot just be a t-shirt or jersey with the sleeve cut off. They must all have a unique number. State Champions patches can be sewn onto the upper back (between shoulders by collar) of sleeveless jersey's.

How do we know who is the Home Team? The team listed first in the scheduled match is the home team.

My son broke his wrist and has a soft cast that is wrapped with bubble wrap, will he be able to play at the East Region Championships? That decision is up to the referee for each game your son will play in while competing at the event. Have your team manager or coach bring your son to the referee before the start of the game to inspect the cast and then make his or her decision as to whether he will be able to play in the game. He will have to go through the same procedure for every game.

What happens if a player and/or team official is red carded (ejected) from a match? Please refer to the East Region Championships rules and regulations for players and/or team officials ejected from games.

Where can I find the "tiebreaker rules"? The rules pertaining to group winners and advancement can be found in the Region I Rules & Regulations on the East Region Website.

Do yellow cards accumulate? No, yellow cards do not accumulate from game to game.

I will be coaching two teams at the East Region Championships will it be possible to arrange my schedule so I can be available for both games? Matching schedules for coaches who coach more than one (1) team will not be entertained.

**SEMI-FINAL Awards Ceremony who is to attend?** It is for the U12 through U17 age groups boys and girls and those teams do not advance in semi-final matches are to report to the designated Awards Ceremony area upon completion of the match to be presented with Bronze Medals.

My team is playing in the Championship Game, is there a Mandatory Player/Team Official Sign In?
NO, the signing of the roster is no longer required per the NCS Rules.

US Youth Soccer National Championships where and when will they held in 2018?

**2018 US Youth Soccer National Championships** for the U-13 through U-19 age groups both Boys and Girls will be held July 23rd through July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Toyota Soccer Center 9220 World Cup Way, Frisco, Texas.