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FACT SHEET

Event:	The 2018 US Youth Soccer National Championships spotlight the best boys and girls club teams from around the nation. The finals are a culmination of a year-long series of competitions at the State and Regional level. The US Youth Soccer National Championships showcase the future stars of United States soccer.
Participants:	The 96 best 13 and Under through 19 and Under boys and girls teams in the nation.
Dates:	July 22 – 29, 2018
Game Location:	Toyota Soccer Center 9200 World Cup Way Frisco, TX 75033
Sunday, July 22 nd	Gear Distribution from 6:00pm – 9:00pm – US Youth Soccer National Office
Monday, July 23 rd :	Player Luncheon at 11:30am – (Doors Open at 10:50am) Hilton Anatole, 2201 N. Stemmons Fwy Dallas, TX 75207
Tuesday, July 24 th :	Round Robin Day 1 games all teams at Toyota Soccer Center starting at 7:00am
Wednesday, July 25 th :	Round Robin Day 2 games all teams at Toyota Soccer Center starting at 7:00am
Thursday, July 26 th :	Round Robin Day 3 games all teams at Toyota Soccer Center starting at 7:00am
Friday, July 27 th :	No Games
Saturday, July 28 th :	Semifinal Matches in the Morning starting at 7:00am for 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U age groups. Championship Matches at Toyota Soccer Center starting at 7:00 pm – 19U Girls, 13U Girls, 13U Boys and 19U Boys.
Sunday, July 29 th :	Championship Matches at Toyota Soccer Center starting at 7:00 am – 14U Girls, 14U Boys, 15U Girls, 15U Boys, 16U Girls, 16U Boys, 17U Girls, 17U Boys, 18U Girls, 18U Boys.
Admission:	Player Luncheon – \$60 for guests other than listed on Roster Toyota Soccer Center – No entrance fee
Parking Fee:	Toyota Soccer Center - None Hilton Anatole – None.





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EVENT DEADLINE DATES

TEAM ROOMING LISTS

Team rooming lists must be provided to Anthony Travel by the following dates:

NATIONAL LEAGUE	FRIDAY, JUNE 1
WEST REGION	FRIDAY, JUNE 29
MIDWEST REGION	TUESDAY, JULY 3
SOUTH REGION	TUESDAY, JULY 3
EAST REGION	FRIDAY, JULY 6

To complete your rooming list please visit: <http://www.anthontravel.com/us-youth-soccer-national-championships/>

Anthony Travel is the exclusive travel provider for US Youth Soccer. They will provide you with contact information for your teams, Anthony Travel contact as well as your designated Hotel. All hotel rooming lists will be submitted through their online portal.

These rooms are mandatory to book for the team members included on the team roster. Please note that your Team Representative's room is also included in the reserved rooms. Any rooms not claimed with a name and credit card will be released and any rooms released will be reported to US Youth Soccer.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Email report to chouseknecht@usyouthsoccer.org FRIDAY, AUGUST 3





GENERAL INFORMATION

HOTELS: Teams will be housed in the following hotels:

East Region - Sheraton Galleria, Dallas Marriott Quorum
Midwest Region - Double Tree DFW, Courtyard by Marriott Addison, Springhill Suites Addison
South Region - Holiday Inn Richardson, Courtyard by Marriott Addison
West Region - Hyatt Regency North Dallas, Sheraton McKinney
National League Boys - Crowne Plaza Galleria
National League Girls - Doubletree Galleria, Hilton Lincoln Center

US Youth Soccer policy states that all teams **MUST** stay in their respective drawn hotel. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in your team forfeiting their US Youth Soccer subsidy.

HOTEL TEAM MEETING ROOMS: Each hotel will have a team meeting room. A team may sign up for a time slot on the schedule posted outside of the meeting room. Sign up is on a first come first serve basis. Signup sheets will be in front of each meeting room in each hotel.

PLAYER LUNCHEON: The US Youth Soccer National Championships officially opens with a Player Luncheon on Monday, July 23rd at The Hilton Anatole and begins promptly at 11:30am (DOORS OPEN AT 10:50am). The event consists of team recognition and a meal.

Each team in the 13U – 19U age groups will receive up to twenty-six (26) Player Luncheon tickets. Teams will receive up to four (4) for team officials and up to twenty-two (22) players as indicated on the team roster.

The Team Representative ensures that the team is appropriately dressed for the Player Luncheon and arrives on time for the 11:30am start on Monday, July 23rd at The Hilton Anatole. The Team Representative will sit with their team at the Player Luncheon.

DRESS CODE: Boys must wear dress slacks, shirt and a tie. A jacket is suggested. It is recommended that girls wear dresses or a skirt and blouse (no miniskirts, low cut or midriff showing). Any parents or guests attending are strongly urged to dress in the same manner.





GENERAL INFORMATION

TEAM TRAINING: Available training days are Sunday, Monday, and Friday. Team training will be assigned only during non-game times, and will not be allowed immediately before or during the Player Luncheon. If you want training times it will be your responsibility to contact your Regional Cup Chair, a member of the National Championships Committee and give him or her your specific time and date training request. Each region has been assigned training fields and your regional cup chair will let you know your exact field and confirm your training time. Trainers will be on site only during scheduled training times by your regional cup chair. Teams are responsible for their hydration needs during training days only.

The committee reserves the right to cancel or reschedule a team training session if it interferes with game play, weather or Field Conditions. Saturday training times will be assigned on site. Teams will need to supply their own beverages.

GAMES: Teams should come to the fields dressed in game uniform on game days. Tents will be provided at each field for shade protection. After each game, please leave your bench area in the manner it was when you arrived -- clean. Bathroom facilities are located throughout the complex.

Each team receives up to four (4) credentials for bench personnel. Each Team Representative will receive his or her own credential (the Team Representative is not included in the four (4) count).

Water will be available at each team bench for every game.

UNIFORMS: Teams should be aware of the following uniform color requirements during the National Championships. Teams listed first on the schedule are the home team. Please bring both sets of uniforms to the fields. If there is a conflict, the home team will be required to change.

- Home team - Light Colored Uniforms
- Away team - Dark Colored Uniforms

HEAD INJURIES & SUBSTITUTES: Follow Rule 242 (sec 3) (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.

If the temporary substitute is sent off during the evaluation period, the evaluated player may not return in the same half of play in a limited reentry age division

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE: Team Representative can represent one or more teams, as long as there is no conflict with the schedule.

A Team Representative is required to stay in the same hotel as his or her team. The Team Representative's room is included in your team's room allotment and their room should be within close proximity of their team's rooms.





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The Team Representative is also required to attend the Player Luncheon and will receive his or her own luncheon ticket. Therefore, the Team Representative should not be included in the team count.

Please see the Team Representative Section of the Information Guide for more information.

TEAM TRAINERS: A Team Trainer will receive a separate credential allowing secondary medical support in the event of a team injury. This credential will allow bench area presence if there are 3 or fewer issued bench passes. The Team Trainer should be a Certified Athletic Trainer or similar accreditation with a US Youth Soccer member pass. Team Trainers are secondary in supplying medical support as the Event Athletic Trainers and Medical staff are the primary. If a Team Trainer starts medical attention until the Event Medical arrives, the Team Trainer must relinquish attention once the Event Medical staff arrive.

US YOUTH SOCCER SUBSIDY: Each team receives a general subsidy of \$1,250.00 plus an additional travel subsidy based on the total distance they travel to Dallas, Texas. Teams should expect their subsidy check within 90 days of completion of the National Championships provided the Team Representative Report have been completed and received in the US Youth Soccer National Office. Disciplinary problems, ethics violations, facility damage, or failure to turn in any and all requested forms will be considered reason for delaying or deducting subsidy money. Each team's subsidy check will be mailed to the address provided by your Regional Cup Chair or entered into the Event Management System by National League teams.

FORFEITURE OF TEAM SUBSIDY: Actions that WILL result in forfeiture of entire team subsidy:

- Teams NOT staying in assigned hotel;

FORFEITURE OF TEAM SUBSIDY: Actions that MAY result in forfeiture of part or the entire team subsidy:

- Teams/players not wearing championships patch as instructed;
- Teams/players not attending Player Luncheon;
- Team bench left in disarray after games;
- Disciplinary problems (see Standards of Team Conduct);
- Teams/players not attending awards ceremonies;
- Team Representative report turned in to the National Office after the deadline;
- Teams practicing on fields that are not assigned to them.
- Match Manipulation, Teams not competing in the spirit of the competition.





STANDARDS OF TEAM CONDUCT

Teams competing in the US Youth Soccer National Championships are representatives of their State Association and Region. Teams are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. The following are standards of conduct for team players and team officials. Violation of these standards may jeopardize the team's participation in the National Championships and may result in forfeiture of any or all subsidies provided by or through US Youth Soccer.

1. Teams are required to stay in the lodging provided or arranged for them by US Youth Soccer. No camping, no changing hotels – no exceptions. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in your team losing their US Youth Soccer Subsidy.
2. Teams shall attend all activities planned on their behalf including, but not limited to, media events, banquets, photo sessions, or parties. Such events will be planned with the welfare of the players in mind.
3. Players are expected to be present at the field at the designated time for all games and all pre-game ceremonies. Players shall be dressed appropriately and, when in team uniform, shall have jerseys tucked into shorts and socks pulled up. Players shall conduct themselves in a mature manner when in hotels and public areas at and away from the playing fields. This shall mean that rowdy behavior and fraternizing in hotel rooms will not be tolerated including violations of hotel policies. No alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or other intoxicants shall be in the possession of players.
4. Team officials are expected to provide chaperones for players at all times during the National Championships. Team officials shall accompany players to all scheduled events.
5. Team officials and team supporters are expected to cooperate with and be courteous to tournament personnel and dignitaries in all dealings. This includes referees, ball kids, and other volunteers.
6. Only four (4) team officials will be allowed on the team bench during games. Team officials are expected to cooperate with game officials and to follow procedures established. No coaching will be allowed from the touchlines. Degrading remarks directed toward players, opponents, or game officials in any language may result in being sent off the game site.

The above standards shall be in force during such time as the team is within the venue of the US Youth Soccer National Championships.





The US Youth Soccer Board of Directors has mandated that all players participating in the US Youth Soccer National Championships shall wear the US Youth Soccer logo patch on their uniforms. Two (2) sets of patches will be supplied to each team at the Regional Championships.* If the team has two pair of shorts they should both have the patch sewn on.



US Youth Soccer advises that the US Youth Soccer logo patch shall be sewn on the [FRONT RIGHT LEG](#) of the team uniform shorts, centered, and one inch from the bottom.

National League teams that qualify for the National Championships will have their patches mailed to them once all regional championships have begun.

*Note: Champions that were crowned at the 2017 US Youth Soccer National Championships in Frisco, Texas, are allowed to wear the Gold Background NCS Patch they were provided prior to their state cups instead of the white background NCS Patch that is normally provided.





SCORING AND TIE BREAKERS

SCORING METHOD: The standings of teams within brackets are based upon the number of points earned in qualifying games. Teams earn points as follows:

- ▶ Three points for a win (including forfeits*)
- ▶ One point for a tie
- ▶ Zero points for a loss.

* Forfeits are considered a 4 - 0 victory.

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.

- a. Winner of head to head competition (these criteria not used if more than two teams tied.)
- b. Winner of most games.
- c. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four goals per game.
- d. Fewest goals allowed.
- e. Kicks from the penalty mark (as described in National Championships Rule 242 Section 2 (c)).

NOTE: If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated/advanced. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at Point "b" above until the tie is broken.

If FIFA penalty kicks have to be taken, there will be a draw by the National Championships Committee. 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 penalty kicks to determine the round robin winner. The bye team will be the home team. This is only if there are more than two (2) teams tied after going through the Tie Breakers.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOTEL:

Can we check in at the Hotel early?

No. All of the hotels are strict about check in and check out times as they receive a constant flow of visitors. Please refer to the check in and check out times listed for your team's hotel. Early check in may be available, but it is not guaranteed. In other words, do not expect that you will be able to get in early or extend your check out. Additionally, there is minimum space available in the hotels' lobbies. All luggage will have to be checked with the hotels' bell desks until check-in. Because of limited floor area, please leave all baggage in the van until rooms have been assigned. This will provide more room in the reservation area, and will keep the players from unnecessarily being inconvenienced by carrying their bags and reloading to the vans.

How do we handle rooming list changes?

Once your rooming list has been submitted, any changes or cancellations must be made through your Anthony Travel contact and **not with the hotel**. Please call 855-665-3288 and reference your team's reservation number or email your Anthony Travel contact directly. Contacting the hotel directly for room changes will further complicate the process.

How many rooms does our team get?

Each team in the 13U through 15 U age groups are assigned at least 15 rooms. Each Team in the 16U through 19U are assigned 12 rooms. The Team Representative must be included within the rooms on your team rooming list.

PLAYER LUNCHEON:

Are tickets available for purchase by parents/friends?

A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase by check or money order through US Youth Soccer. Please fill out the form and email the form to tgonzalez@usyouthsoccer.org. Email Subject line must say Team Name and Luncheon Tickets. The cost is \$60.00 per ticket and the deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, July 12th at 5pm CDT.

WHAT ARE FINALIST SHIRTS?

These shirts are a gift from US Youth Soccer. They are different from the official tournament T-shirt. Only members of teams that make it to the National Championships are given these shirts.

ACCREDITATION / ACCESS:

The US Youth Soccer National Championships credential will provide access to certain restricted areas of the Toyota Soccer Center from Tuesday, July 24th until Sunday, July 29th.

The list below illustrates the zones to which each credential permits access within the Toyota Soccer Center:

- ALL – access to all locations
- FOP – field of play (team bench)
- VIP – hospitality and non-team areas.
- HOS – hospitality and non-team areas.
- MED – medical (field of play)





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE DO WE WARM UP PRIOR TO OUR GAMES?

There will be areas adjacent to the fields for warm-ups, and the teams will be allowed on the field prior to their scheduled game.

WILL PINNIES BE PROVIDED IN THE BENCH AREA?

Yes, US Youth Soccer will supply each team with up to eleven (11) pinnies which MUST be worn in the bench area during their games.

DO I NEED TO BRING MY OWN TAPE?

One hour prior to the start of each session we will have a Certified Athletic Trainer available to assist you and your athletes with pre-game preparations. US Youth Soccer will provide the supplies for players needing to be taped. Ice will be available for injuries and water coolers will be provided during the games.

WHEN AND WHERE CAN I GET TAPED / WRAPPED?

Trainers will be available at the medical tent at the soccer fields one hour before, during, and immediately after all games. During practice the trainers will be on-site thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled practice times.

IS A PLAYER MEDICAL RELEASE FORM REQUIRED?

No, however it is highly recommended that each player participating in the tournament have a signed medical release form. The form will make any medical emergency situation run smoother if the information is readily available. This form can be from either your state cup or regional tournament. If you need the form please print out the Player Information and Medical Release form from our website.





TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

Each Team (Regional winners and National League Teams) will select a Team Representative for their team while they compete in the US Youth Soccer National Championships. This Team Representative can be a team manager or a representative from the state association (choice is up to the team). Each Team Representative must notify their Regional Cup Chair to inform them of their name and contact information. A state association is not required to provide a team representative to the team.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Contact your Regional Cup Chair with your teams' arrival and departure information.
- Contact your team and or Anthony Travel as to your credit card information to guarantee your room at the assigned hotel with your team.
- Provide correct and on-time documents to the Regional Cup Chair required before the event
- Communicate with coach or team officials regarding National Championships requirements
- Distribute tournament rules to all team officials
- Within seven (7) days upon completion of the Regional Championships confirm with the Regional Cup Chair that the team's arrival times are early enough so the team will be on time for the Player Luncheon, which is the Opening event.
- Within seven (7) days upon completion of the Regional Championships confirm with the Regional Cup Chair that the team's departure times are late enough on Saturday/Sunday to enable the team to attend the awards ceremony following the Championships game
- Team Rep must stay with the team at the designated hotel.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **GAME DAY:** The Team Rep MUST sit at the assigned Team Rep table (usually statistician table) for each game their team participates in during the competition. Team Rep is often able to help statistician with jersey numbers for fouls and goals
- If a Player is sent off the field by the Game Official, that player can stay on the bench. Should that players behavior become a disturbance to the Game Officials, the Game Officials will dismiss the player and the Team Rep will then need to escort that player away from the field.
- If a Team Official is sent off the field by the Game Official it will be the responsibility of the Team Rep to escort the Team Official to an area away from field
- Upon completion of each game ensures that the bench area is clear of all trash.
- Upon completion of team's final game that would involve a medal ceremony it will be the responsibility of the Team Rep to escort his or her team from the bench area to the site of the mandatory awards ceremony.
- Monitor and control behavior of players and team officials at all times
- Ensure that all eligible rules have been met for players and team officials





TEAM REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Upon your return from the US Youth Soccer National Championships follow up with your team that they have completed the online Coach/Team Feedback Survey to be released on July 30th and to be completed on or before August 3rd.
- Upon your return from the US Youth Soccer National Championships prepare your written Team Rep Report and send to the US Youth Soccer National Office on or before the August 3rd deadline date.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE TICKETS/CREDENTIALS FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Each Team Representative will be provided a ticket to the Player Luncheon the Opening Event.
- Each Team Representative will have once credential outside of the four (4) that are given to each team.
- Hospitality tent or trailer is available at the soccer park with complimentary food and drink for all Team Representatives.

