

# 2018 US Youth Soccer Massachusetts State Cup Round Robin Seeding Format

**Round Robin Pathway for NSL Member Club Teams and all 2017/18 Mass Youth Soccer Member Teams:**

## **Boys and Girls 13U – 19U**

A maximum of 8 teams will participate in each gender/age Round Robin. If more than 8 teams enter preliminary rounds will be played to reduce the number of teams to 8.

The Round Robin will consist of 2 Brackets with seeded placement as follows:

Red Bracket: 1, 4, 5 and 8  
Black Bracket: 2, 3, 6 and 7

**The top team in each bracket** will advance to the semi-finals to be played against the semi-finalist from the Single Elimination (NEP pathway) competition.

The semi-finals will be played as follows:

Single Elimination #1 vs Round Robin #2  
Round Robin #1 vs Single Elimination #2

The winners of the semi-final matches will advance to the Massachusetts Youth Soccer State Cup Finals.

Teams will be seeded by a 2-person Seeding Committee and the Massachusetts State Cup Director.

The prior year's State Cup champions\* and finalists\* will receive automatic bids to the top seeds. Consideration will also be given to prior year's semi-finalists\* with a record of two Round Robin wins.

Prior year's Open Cup winners, demonstrating continuity of roster from the previous year's Open Cup roster to the current year's State Cup roster will receive an automatic bid to the current year's State Cup Round Robin.

The prior year's "primary qualifying league" results will be reviewed for placement of remaining teams.

*\* State Cup teams choosing to have their previous year's State Cup results used for the current year's seeding MUST demonstrate continuity of roster from the previous year's State Cup roster to the current year's State Cup roster. The Continuity of Roster Agreement (link below) must be submitted prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.*

[http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/tournaments/continuity\\_of\\_rosters.aspx](http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/tournaments/continuity_of_rosters.aspx)