



KANSAS STATE YOUTH SOCCER

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State Tournament Double Blind Draw Procedures

Positioning of Teams

The previous year's State Tournament Champion, Finalist and Semi-Finalists (if applicable) will be considered an "**Automatic Seed**" and will be slotted in seeds 1 – 4 in each age group. (*Section XXII Part A.*) The number of automatic seeds will be based on the entries in the current state tournament as well as the previous year's state tournament.

Previous Years Team Entries	Automatic Seeds Awarded
Three to Five (3 – 5)	#1 & #2 Seeds Awarded
Six & Above (6 +)	#1 – #4 Seeds Awarded

Automatic Seed Criteria:

- i. At the time of Roster Freeze Deadline at least 51% or greater of the teams current rostered players must have been on the previous year's state tournament roster.
- ii. The team is affiliated with the same member club as they were the previous year's state tournament.
- iii. The semi-finalists will be ranked (3rd & 4th Seed) based off group play performances and semifinal performance and will follow tiebreaker procedures if necessary.

Teams Participating in the National League or Midwest Conference in Premier I or Premier II as a Kansas representative **SHALL NOT** be entered into a Qualifying Game (Play In Game) should one be necessary. (*Section XXIII. Part C.*)

Teams that are playing in an age group above their natural age group **SHALL** be the first teams entered into a Qualifying Game, should one be necessary. (*Section XXIII Part D.*)

Who is in the Qualifying Games?

For age groups where there are an odd number of entries, qualifying games will be hosted by KSYSA to determine the team who will advance to group play. Teams that lose the Qualifying Game will be refunded a prorated portion of their entry fee.

Qualifying games will be scheduled at a set date and time by KSYSA for participating teams. If teams agree on an earlier or different date & time all costs will be covered by the teams. If teams from different areas of the state are drawn to play each other in a Qualifying game, teams will work to find a location that is mutually agreed upon for both team's travel plans.

A double blind draw will determine who will be placed in the Qualifying Game following all state tournament rules and procedures as listed under the Group Seed Allocations section.



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Group Seed Allocations

The groupings will be populated given the following:

1. Automatic Seeds will be determined and placed appropriately in each division first (ie. Champion, Finalist and Semi Finalists). This will be determined before the draw for the age division begins.
2. **Grouping 1:** The teams representing Kansas participating in National League or Midwest Conference Premier I or Premier II **SHALL NOT** be entered into Qualifying Game (if bracket allows for it). If drawn a position that is a Qualifying Game seed, then that teams seed will be redrawn until this requirement is met. If no teams meet the Grouping 1 requirement, then proceed to the next grouping.
3. **Grouping 2:** The team(s) that are playing in an age group above their natural age group **SHALL** be the first teams entered into a Qualifying Game, should one be necessary. In the event that there are 3 or more teams in a given age group playing up, a separate double blind draw amongst these teams only will take place to determine the lowest seeds and the qualifying game.
4. **Grouping 3:** All remain teams that don't meet the Automatic Seed, Grouping 1 or Grouping 2 requirements within an age division, then they will proceed to the double blind draw to determine the teams seed position.
 - a. Double Blind Draw Procedure
 - i. All remain teams will be placed in Grouping 3 to be drawn at random.
 - ii. Once all teams and seed have been placed and meeting the rule requirements then the draw is over for that age division.

Order of Draw:

- Will start with the youngest age division in each tournament and increase to max age division.

Questions on The Draw?

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