

## 2017 STYSA Spring Cups Open Brackets (Play-In)

### **STATE CUP OPEN BRACKET**

The State Cup Open Bracket is for teams who are not pre-seeded into State Cup but want to qualify to participate in State Cup. Teams choosing the State Cup Open Bracket are competing for a spot in the 2017 State Cup. The bottom two (2) State Cup seeds in each District (seeds #7 and #8) are subject to compete in the Open Bracket event should there be non-seeded teams wanting to qualify into State Cup.

#### **--Format & Qualification**

Open Bracket play will take place on one weekend. The format and costs are outlined below. There is no limit on the number of teams that can register to the State Cup Open Bracket. Games may be shortened in order to play multiple games a day. The top 2 teams from the Open Bracket will be seeded into, and participate in, State Cup.

State Cup Open Bracket

<b>State Cup</b>			
1 Challenge team			
Game 1	SC #8 (\$0)	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #8 seed
2 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	SC #7	CH #2 (\$200)	winner takes #7 seed
Game 2	SC #8	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #8 seed
3 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	CH #2 (\$100)	CH #3 (\$100)	winner advances to game #3
Game 2	SC #8	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #8 seed
Game 3	SC #7	Game 1 winner	winner takes #7 seed
4 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	CH #1 (\$100)	CH #4 (\$100)	winner advances to game #3
Game 2	CH #2 (\$100)	CH #3 (\$100)	winner advances to game #4
Game 3	SC #7	Game 2 winner (\$200)	winner takes #7 seed
Game 4	SC #8	Game 1 winner (\$200)	winner takes #8 seed
5 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	CH #4 (\$100)	CH#5 (\$100)	winner advances to game #2
Game 2	CH #1 (\$100)	Game 1 winner (\$100)	winner advances to game #3
Game 3	CH #2 (\$100)	CH #3 (\$100)	winner advances to game #4
Game 4	SC #7	Game 4 winner (\$200)	winner takes #7 seed
Game 5	SC #8	Game 3 winner (\$200)	winner takes #8 seed
6 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	CH#5 (\$100)	CH#6 (\$100)	winner advances to game #3
Game 2	CH#3 (\$100)	CH#4 (\$100)	winner advances to game #4

Game 3	CH#1 (\$100)	Game 1 winner (\$100)	winner advances to game #6
Game 4	CH#2 (\$100)	Game 2 winner (\$100)	winner advances to game #5
Game 5	SC #7	Game 4 winner (\$200)	winner takes #7 seed
Game 6	SC #8	Game 3 winner (\$200)	winner takes #8 seed

**Maximum fee for any State Cup challenge team will be limited to \$400.**

### **--Eligible Teams**

STYSA registered teams not pre-seeded in State Cup are eligible to participate in the State Cup Open Bracket. Teams should be familiar with the Cup's Rules and adhere to all Cup Policies. Non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer registered teams are eligible to participate in the State Cup Open Bracket (and must participate in order to qualify/earn a spot). Non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer Registered Teams must review the "Non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer Clubs/Teams Integration and Participation in Spring Cups" document for the specific requirements and process which are required in order to be eligible to participate in the State Cup Open Bracket.

### **--Why Have an Open Bracket in State Cup?**

The Open Bracket in State Cup fulfills the National Championship Series (NCS) requirements of an "Open" competition by allowing non-seeded teams an opportunity to earn their way into State Cup. The Open Bracket model replaces the "Challenge" model from previous years. In addition, the Open Bracket offers a path for non-STYSA registered teams to register with STYSA and compete according to their competitive play level. These current non-STYSA teams will have to fulfill several club/team requirements in order to participate in the State Cup Open Bracket.

### **--Registration**

Registration for the State Cup Open Bracket is through GotSoccer. A link is posted to each Cup webpage that has an open bracket (State Cup and Presidents Cup). The cost of registration will be based on the total number of games needed to complete the open bracket event.

## **PRESIDENTS CUP OPEN BRACKET**

The Presidents Cup Open Bracket is for teams who are not pre-seeded into State Cup or Presidents Cup but want to qualify to participate in Presidents Cup. Teams choosing the Presidents Cup Open Bracket are competing for a spot in the 2017 Presidents Cup. The bottom four (4) Presidents Cup seeds in each District (seeds #13, #14, #15 and #16) are subject to compete in the Open Bracket event should there be non-seeded teams wanting to qualify into Presidents Cup.

### **--Format & Qualification**

Open Bracket play will take place on one weekend. The format and costs are outlined below. There is no limit on the number of teams that can register to the Presidents Cup Open Bracket. Games may be shortened in order to play multiple games a day. The top 4 teams from the Open Bracket will be seeded into, and participate in, Presidents Cup.

Presidents Cup Open Bracket

<b>Presidents Cup</b>			
1 Challenge team			
Game 1	PC #16	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #16 seed
2 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	PC #15	CH #2 (\$200)	winner takes #15 seed
Game 2	PC #16	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #16 seed
3 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	PC #14	CH #3 (\$200)	winner takes #14 seed
Game 2	PC #15	CH #2 (\$200)	winner takes #15 seed
Game 3	PC #16	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #16 seed
4 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	PC #13	CH #4 (\$200)	winner takes #13 seed
Game 2	PC #14	CH #3 (\$200)	winner takes #14 seed
Game 3	PC #15	CH #2 (\$200)	winner takes #15 seed
Game 4	PC #16	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #16 seed
5 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	CH #4 (\$100)	CH #5 (\$100)	winner advances to game #2
Game 2	PC #13	Game 1 winner (\$200)	winner takes #13 seed
Game 3	PC #14	CH #3 (\$200)	winner takes #14 seed
Game 4	PC #15	CH #2 (\$200)	winner takes #15 seed
Game 5	PC #16	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #16 seed
6 Challenge Teams			
Game 1	CH#5 (\$100)	CH#6 (\$100)	winner advances to game #3
Game 2	CH#3 (\$100)	CH#4 (\$100)	winner advances to game #4
Game 3	PC #13	Game 1 winner (\$200)	winner takes #13 seed
Game 4	PC #14	Game 2 winner (\$200)	winner takes #14 seed
Game 5	PC #15	CH #2 (\$200)	winner takes #15 seed
Game 6	PC #16	CH #1 (\$200)	winner takes #16 seed

**Maximum fee for any Presidents Cup challenge team will be limited to \$300.**

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