



STYSA Spring Cups Participation Guide

Registration Deadline: March 6, 2019

State Cup (11U – 19U): Open entry competition for top Division I teams, which are typically defined as teams playing in the National League, the National League Frontier Conference, and the State Classic League. Of the four South Texas Youth Soccer Association Spring Cups, the USYSNC State Cup is the highest level of competition. **Competition ends at the National Level.**

11U – 12U

- The top eight (8) teams in DDL and WDDOA will be seeded into State Cup for their respective age groups.
 - Teams not seeded in the top eight (8) are also allowed to participate in State Cup.

13U – 19U

- **National League, National League Frontier Conference, Frontier Development League and State Classic League** teams will be seeded into State Cup spots #1- #8.
- **DDL and WDDOA** teams will fill any remaining open slots
- Teams that participate in the aforementioned leagues that are not seeded into State Cup will be seeded into Presidents Cup, or may register for the **State Cup Open Bracket**, in order to challenge in.

Teams may challenge into State Cup via the State Cup Open Bracket

Presidents Cup (11U – 19U): Open entry competition that is recommended for D1 and Super II teams, which are typically defined as teams playing in **DDL Orange** or **WDDOA Prime** leagues. Presidents Cup is the second tier of Spring Cup competitions and also identifies a State Champion in each age group. **Competition ends at the National Level.**

- ➔ The next eight (8) teams that are not already seeded into State Cup will be automatically seeded into Presidents Cup.

11U – 12U

- Teams seeded into Presidents Cup have the option to play Directors Cup.
- Recommended for **DDL** and **WDDOA Prime** teams, as well as the higher level teams in the **Super II/DII** divisions, within their respective age groups.

13U – 19U

- Recommended for **DDL Orange** and **WDDOA Prime** teams that are not seeded into State Cup (**D1 and Super II teams**).
- Recommended for the higher level **DDL White** and **WDDOA Challenger** teams (**Super II and D2**).

Any team that is not seeded into State Cup can participate in Presidents Cup

Directors Cup (11U – 19U): Restricted entry competition open to any teams that are not seeded into State Cup or Presidents Cup. Typically recommended for lower level **Super II** and upper level **DII** teams. Directors Cup is the third tier of Spring Cup competitions. **Competition ends at the State Level.**

- Recommended for **DDL White** and **WDDOA Challenger** teams.
- Recommended for higher level **D2L** and **WDDOA Alpha** teams.
- Open to **teams who played in Local Association Leagues.**

11U – 12U

- All 11U and 12U teams that are seeded into Presidents Cup have the option to play down a level of competition into Directors Cup.

The Competitions Committee will review the teams that have registered for this competition prior to approval

South Texas Cup (11U – 19U): Restricted entry competition open to **Division II or Division III** teams from the previous Fall season. South Texas Cup is the fourth tier of Spring Cup competitions. **Competition ends at the State Level.**

- Recommended for lower level **Division II** and upper level **Division III** teams.
- Recommended for teams that played in **Local Association Leagues.**
- There will be two brackets of play (**DII and DIII**), however;
- STYSA may combine the brackets based on the number of registered teams.

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Note: Teams cannot play in Cups lower than their league designates unless otherwise stated. (e.g. A team participating in **DDL Orange** or **WDDOA Prime** may not take part in **Directors Cup**).