

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 2019 State Cup. The bottom two (2) State Cup seeds in each District (seeds #7 and #8) are subject to competing in the Open Bracket event should there be non-seeded teams wanting to qualify into State Cup.

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 teams are eligible to participate in the State Cup Open Bracket. Non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer teams must review the "Non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer Teams Integration and Participation in Spring Cups" document (State Cup webpage) for the specific requirements and process which are required in order to be eligible to participate in the State Cup Open Bracket.

Seeding

Seeding for the Open Bracket will be as follows.

- 1.) STYSA seeded teams pre-seeded in Presidents Cup (based on their seeding in Presidents Cup).
- 2.) STYSA teams that participated in WDDOA/DDL League play (based on their League final standings).
- 3.) STYSA teams not participating in WDDOA/DDL (based on the League they participated and how they finished).
- 4.) Non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer Registered Teams (based on the League they participated and how they finished).

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. Teams must register for the "2019 Open Bracket Registration", the link is posted on the State Cup webpage. The cost of registration will be based on the total number of games needed to complete the open bracket event.

Format & Qualification

Open Bracket play will take place on one of two proposed weekends. The format is outlined in the following page. There is no limit on the number of teams that can register to the State Cup Open Bracket. Games will require a winner. The top 2 teams from the Open Bracket will be seeded into, and participate in, State Cup.

| State Cup | | | |
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| 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 (\$200) | 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.