



Welcome to the 2017 South Texas Presidents Cup! We are looking forward to a great event as teams compete to be crowned South Texas Presidents Cup Champion and to represent South Texas at the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Region III event with possible advancement to the National Competition! We wish all teams the best of luck!

Now that your team is registered for Presidents Cup, it is time to begin preparing your team for the competition. This includes:

- Familiarizing yourself with information being posted on the Presidents Cup webpage of the stxsoccer.org website. ALL pertinent information AND updates will be posted there. With rain-outs and other situations that may come up, new or updated information may be posted daily (hopefully not!)
 - Go to www.stxsoccer.org, scroll over the "State Competitions" drop-down menu and select the "Presidents Cup" option, OR
 - Go directly to http://www.stxsoccer.org/presidents_cup/
- Being knowledgeable and understanding the Rules of Competition. Rules and policies specific to the South Texas Presidents Cup are posted on the above webpage.
- Finalizing any changes to your roster and communicate appropriately with your club/association registrar. This must be done BEFORE the transfer/release date listed in this document.
- Being aware of any deadlines that may be applicable to your team.
- Keeping up-to-date on any email communication regarding the Presidents Cup and ensure a prompt reply if a response is needed.
- The Presidents Cup competition has a very condensed playing schedule. As such teams must be available for every play date, even if the date was not originally scheduled. Any rainout reschedules may use previous available play dates. We appreciate your flexibility.

The information above and on the following pages is meant to guide you as you prepare for the upcoming 2017 Presidents Cup competition.

THANK YOU for your continued efforts in helping ensure a great experience for your players, parents, and coaches. We wish your team the best of luck in the 2017 South Texas Presidents Cup!

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IMPORTANT PRESIDENTS CUP DATES

ADMINISTRATIVE DEADLINES **Make sure your Registrar is aware of these dates******

February 13, 2017 – Transfer/Release Window Deadline for U13 and U14

March 1 - President Cup Entry Deadline

March 13 – Transfer/Release Window Deadline for U15-U19

March 20 - President Cup Payment Deadline due

April 13 – Roster Freeze Date for U13-U19 teams – New Players

PLAY DATES

April 8-9 – Open Bracket Play-In: (if necessary)...*there is a separate Open Bracket GotSoccer Registration*

April 22-23 – Group Play Begins – 2 games this weekend

April 29-30 – Group Play Date – 1 game this weekend (U13-U15 on Saturday, U16-U20 on Sunday)

May 6-7 – District Playoff Round

May 13-14 – Rain Date

May 20-21 – State Finals. Location: Meyer Park – Spring, TX

June 13-18 – Presidents Cup Region III Tournament, Location: Tulsa, OK

July 12-16 – Presidents Cup Nationals, Location: Auburndale, FL

REGISTRATION AND COST

Registration is now OPEN. Please go to the South Texas Presidents Cup webpage to register. ONLY teams listed as qualified for Presidents Cup may register directly to Presidents Cup! The cost for the 2017 South Texas Presidents Cup is \$600 per team. Teams participating in Open Bracket Play-In MUST register to the Open Bracket GotSoccer event prior to the Cup registration deadline. All teams must be registered by March 1, 2017. Payment options include CHECK, CREDIT CARD, or E-CHECK. If paying by check, note the team the payment is for and send it to: South Texas Youth Soccer, Attn: Presidents Cup, 15209 US Hwy 290 E, Manor, TX 78653.

SCHEDULING AND FORMAT

The South Texas state office will be scheduling all matches at pre-determined soccer complexes. All Eastern District group games will be scheduled at locations in the Houston area. Western District group games will be scheduled at locations in the San Marcos and San Antonio area (Five Mile Dam Park and Schertz/STAR)

Each District will ideally have 16 teams in each age group, forming 4 groups of 4 (in each District). Each group will play a round robin “group play” stage (3 games), followed by a cross-bracket semi-final (within each District, A1 vs D1, B1 vs C1). The winners of the semi-final match will advance to the Presidents Cup Finals Weekend. The U19 and U20 age groups will play a in a combined “U20” age group. **Club Pass is NOT allowed during group play and semi-final round!**

OPEN BRACKET PLAY-IN

Teams that selected to try and play into the South Texas State Cup (National Cup) will be contacted directly by the State Office regarding the Play-In match schedules. The State Cup and Presidents Cup Open Bracket Play-In round will be on April 8/9. The bottom 2 seeds in State Cup will be part of the Open Bracket into State Cup, should there be teams registering for the State Cup Open Bracket. The bottom 4 seeds in Presidents Cup will be part of the Open Bracket into Presidents Cup, should there be teams registering for the Presidents Cup Open Bracket.

Any registered USYS team, not seeded into State Cup, may enter the Open Bracket of State Cup. To enter the State Cup Open Bracket, teams must register for “2017 Open Bracket – State Cup / Presidents Cup” GotSoccer event. Should a team(s) enter the Open Bracket, the #7-#8 State Cup seeds will become part of the State Cup Open Bracket event. The format of the Open Bracket (played in one weekend, April 8/9) will be dependent on the number of teams entering the event. The top 2 teams from the State Cup Open Bracket will fill the #7 and #8 positions in State Cup.

Any registered USYS team, not seeded into Presidents Cup or State Cup, may enter the Open Bracket of Presidents Cup. To enter the Presidents Cup Open Bracket, teams must register for "2017 Open Bracket – State Cup / Presidents Cup" GotSoccer event. Should a team(s) enter the Open Bracket, the #13-#16 Presidents Cup seeds will become part of the Presidents Cup Open Bracket event. The format of the Open Bracket (played in one weekend, April 8/9) will be dependent on the number of teams entering the event. The top 4 teams from the Presidents Cup Open Bracket will fill the #13- #16 positions in Presidents Cup.

FINALIZING YOUR ROSTER FOR PRESIDENTS CUP

****The TRANSFER/RELEASE DEADLINE:** This means that any transfers/moves/release **MUST** be finalized by this date. Any "new" players to STYSA may added to your roster after the transfer/release deadline, with final approval by STYSA . **NO GUEST PLAYERS OR CLUB PASS PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED.** All players listed on the roster must be "primary" players to the team**

The Roster Freeze Deadline:

April 13 – Any new players, approved to add to your roster, must be added by this date. In addition, the roster continuity throughout the Presidents Cup competition (includes Regionals/Nationals) will be based off of this Roster Freeze date.

How to Make Changes to Your Roster:

All changes to rosters of teams entered in the Presidents Cup competition must be processed in the GotSoccer system prior to the final roster deadline indicated above. Rosters generated from any other player registration system will not be allowed. It is the responsibility of the team to provide the required documentation for changes to the Association Registrar, allowing sufficient time for the registrar to process the change in the registration system.

IMPORTANT: All teams must have roster continuity between the Fall 2016 and 2017 Presidents Cup rosters.

- **U13 through U15 teams** – maximum roster is 18 players - 9 of the same players must appear on both rosters
- **U16 through U20 teams** – maximum roster is 22 players - 9 of the same players must appear on both rosters

Roster Changes

- A 'previously rostered player' is defined as a STYSA registered player who transfers on to a team from a different club. A player who changes teams within the same club is not considered a previously rostered player and does not count towards the transfer limit of 5.
- **U13 and older teams** may have no more than 5 previously rostered player transfers on the team at the roster freeze deadline.
- There is no limit to the number of new players that can be added to a roster as long as the team retains the roster consistency identified above.
- Any player rostered to the team in the Fall who is **not returning** is required to submit a signed Release form prior to being removed from the team.

Transfer – For the purposes of Presidents Cup play, any player who was rostered to another team for the fall season must complete the STYSA Transfer/Release form in order to move to a different team; however, only those players who were previously rostered to a team in a different club will be counted toward the maximum transfer limit of 5.

The Transfer form must include the following:

- ✓ Player's name (as it appears on the roster), address, ID number, date of birth, and signature of the player/parent.
- ✓ Club Name, Team Name, and Team Number of the team the player is leaving.
- ✓ Club Name, Team Name, and Team Number of the team the player is joining.

New Player – A “new player” is one who has not played with any STYSA or US Youth Soccer league or association during the current seasonal year. The team manager or coach is responsible for the following:

- ✓ Registering the player with the local club or association in the GotSoccer registration program.
- ✓ Paying any required registration fees to the **local club or association**. (The association will pay fees for the player when submitting their entire Spring registration information to STYSA)

Release – Any player who was rostered to the team in the fall remains rostered to the team for spring. A player must request in writing (signed by the parent) a release from the team prior to being removed from the roster. Coaches or managers may not release a player involuntarily unless they meet the criteria stated in the rules. For any player to be released under the involuntary rules, documentation must be provided with the release that verifies the situation meets the requirements. **Any player for whom a form is not submitted will remain on the roster for the spring competition**. Not registering for the spring season is not a valid reason for removing a player from the roster.

Player Registration Forms may be found at: <https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/975/15/PlayerRegForm.pdf>

Any roster change made in the GotSoccer system after the stated deadlines will result in the player being ineligible to participate with the team in the Cup competition, unless otherwise approved by South Texas. Game cards used by teams in the competition will be compiled from the team’s roster as of the final roster deadline.