



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2020 US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP

July 8 - 12, 2020

This document contains the bid and hosting requirements for US Youth Soccer State Associations that seek to host the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup (hereafter referred to as the National Presidents Cup). The tournament will be comprised of 4 teams each in the 13-U, 14-U, 15-U, 16-U, 17-U and 18-U Boys and Girls divisions, totaling 48 teams.

Bids to host the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup shall be submitted to the US Youth Soccer National Office. To be considered as the Host for the 2020 National Presidents Cup, State Associations or interested parties must return their proposals on or before February 1, 2018. At a minimum, any State Association or interested party, bidding to host the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup must meet the requirements outlined within this document.

For the purposes of this document, the terms Host Association (HA), and any appointed Local Organizing (LOC) may be used interchangeably. Successful bids and all hosting responsibilities are awarded to the Host Association, which is the party that is accountable to US Youth Soccer, regardless by whom these responsibilities are carried out. Communication of progress, problems, and information to the National Presidents Cup Committee Chair and US Youth Soccer national staff must be prompt and ongoing.

The proposals are to be submitted as follows:

US Youth Soccer 9220 World Cup Way Frisco, TX 75033
Attn: Angie Eliason, Director of Operations & Events

The 2020 National Presidents Cup will be held from July 8 through 12, 2020.

Timely proposals received from State Associations or interested parties will be reviewed by the National Presidents Cup Committee and the National Office. The National Presidents Cup Committee Chair and representatives from the National Office, as part of the selection process, may conduct site visits to discuss questions and/or confirm that the proposed site is suitable for the event.

Based on the proposals submitted and site visits conducted, final recommendations will be made by the National Presidents Cup Committee to the Board of Directors. The Board will make the final decision to select the Host.

State Associations or interested parties that are awarded the National Presidents Cup will be required to enter into a Hosting Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding between the Host Association, any appointed Local Organizing or Host Committee and US Youth Soccer outlining the responsibilities of each party.

Scheduled Events for the National Presidents Cup

It is anticipated that the National Presidents Cup will consist of the following events:

Pre-Competition meeting of Coaches and State Representatives.

Player Event

Round-Robin, consolation and championship games

Awards Ceremonies

Hosting Requirements

Playing Site

The playing fields site must be located within a limited-access complex. US Youth Soccer must have exclusive rights to the complex. No other competitions, camps, leagues or events may be held in conjunction without prior approval from US Youth Soccer. The site must be no further than 30 minutes travel time from team lodging and no more than one hour from an airport that is recognized as a hub by a major airline. The site must have good access from major highways in the area and ample parking space for teams, referees, tournament officials, spectators, media, and VIP's.

If storage space is available on site, the Host Association shall provide that space to US Youth Soccer without cost. If storage space is not available on site, an area within the park must be made available so that US Youth Soccer can obtain one or more storage containers at its expense to be located on site.

Fields

At least 10 playing fields are required, 3 of which are, or can be, lighted. If, however, playing games during the daylight hours is dangerous due to extreme weather conditions, 6 lighted fields are required. All fields must be at one site, though the fair-weather site and the alternative site may be different. Fields must meet the requirements of FIFA Laws of the Game and US Youth Soccer rules regarding the dimensions, markings and equipment. Each playing field must be at least 70 yards in width and 110 yards in length, surfaced in natural grass and level. Grass fields are preferred; however, a turf field complex may be considered.

There must also be at least 2 warm-up areas at the same site as the playing fields, large enough for a team to warm up prior to its matches. These warm-up areas must be separate from the playing fields to be used for the matches. The areas must be surfaced in a similar manner to the playing fields and equipped with goals.

Other practice fields must be offered to teams during the event. These practice fields must be surfaced in a similar manner to the playing fields, be in playing condition, and be equipped with goals. The practice fields should be in close proximity to the teams' lodging if possible.

All goals must meet the requirements of FIFA Laws of the Game. They may be portable but must be stable, safe, substantial, and securely anchored. They must be entirely white. The playing fields must be free of hazards or obstacles, such as drainage covers, exposed sprinkler heads, and any kind of track and field appurtenances including, but not limited to, concrete pads, asphalt, and sand pits.

Two team benches must be located on one side of the field. One table for referees and other representatives must be located between the 2 team benches and at the halfway line. Two additional tables must be provided within each of the team technical areas, for water, ice, and cups (with US Youth Soccer providing the cups). An adequate supply of water and ice must be provided by the LOC throughout the National Presidents Cup. Tents will be provided by US Youth Soccer.

Playing fields intended for use by the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup may not be used by any entity or for any purpose except the preparation of the field surfaces for a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the start of competition.

Medical Personnel and Facilities

Medical personnel (certified EMT's and/or Sports Trainers) must be present at the National Presidents Cup site at all times while games are being played. Personnel must be at the site one (1) hour before and one (1) hour after all matches. Medical personnel must consist of at least 2 Athletic Trainer Certified (ATC) and 2 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) all trained to recognize and treat trauma, and who are knowledgeable in the diagnosis and management of concussions. The medical personnel must have direct communication with a medical trauma facility and emergency transportation to that facility. If the nearest medical trauma facility is more than 10 minutes away from the site, an ambulance and crew equipped to respond through traffic with emergency warning systems mounted on the vehicle must be on site whenever players are competing.

Finances

The Host Association is responsible for the following expenses related to the National Presidents Cup meetings, preparations, and operations:

- All expenses related to renting the National Presidents Cup playing site.
- Local promotional funds for event marketing and promotion.
- Submitting a preliminary budget with its proposal to host the National Presidents Cup.
- All mowing, field preparation, field striping and maintenance of the playing facility in preparation for the National Presidents Cup.
- All mowing, field preparation, field striping and maintenance of the playing facility during the National Presidents Cup.
 - All playing fields must mowed one (1) time during the competition, normally after the 2nd day of play is complete.
 - All fields must be restriped as necessary during the tournament to ensure acceptable visibility.

In addition to the hosting requirements outlined above, the Host Association shall also have the following specific areas of responsibilities:

Field Operations

All field operations at all National Presidents Cup sites, including

- Procuring of the playing field facilities
- Procuring practice fields
- Procuring golf carts for use by US Youth Soccer
- Assigning and supervising volunteer personnel to staff the field sites as ball boys and girls, parking attendants, field marshals, and medical personnel.
- Water, Ice and Cup distribution to all games for each bench. US Youth Soccer will supply the coolers for use on the team benches. If a beverage sponsor is found then that product must also be provided to the benches.

Referee Activities

Arrange for the attendance of (4) local Referees for the duration of the event, and coordinate with the Referee Committee Chair (through the US Youth Soccer National Office), requirements of the officials and assessors assigned to the National Presidents Cup.

Local Supporter/Advertising/Media and Public Relations

Work in unison with the US Youth Soccer Director of Marketing to arrange advertising sales and information collection for printing or "E" Publication of a program. Also, work in unison with the US Youth Soccer National Office to assist in contacting the media and public officials regarding the National Presidents Cup.

Finances

Provide an accounting of the Host and/or State expenses for the National Presidents Cup to the National Presidents Cup Committee Chair and US Youth Soccer within 30 days of the conclusion of the event.

Hospitality

Provide US Youth Soccer with a separate hospitality area within the National Presidents Cup site, provide food and beverages for the hospitality area, and provide adequate volunteer staff during the hours of operation.

Administrative

Provide an administrative office and be responsible for all activities involved in the administrative office prior to and during the National Presidents Cup and provide necessary office space, machinery, telephone access, and staff during the event for use by US Youth Soccer.

Ball Kids

Recruit, provide, and coordinate ball kids (boys and girls) to serve during each game.

Statistics

Recruit volunteers to serve as statisticians for each game, and coordinate their schedules; make sure that statistics are provided to the press center in a timely manner following each game; and work closely with the Media and Public Relations Coordinator.

Activities and Events

Provide a list of activities, events, eating places, and shopping areas in the general area of the National Presidents Cup that are scheduled or available during the National Presidents Cup.

US Youth Soccer is responsible for the following:

Housing

US Youth Soccer or a US Youth Soccer designee will solicit and coordinate housing accommodations and enter into agreements with the housing properties. US Youth Soccer, or its designee, is responsible for blocking rooms for teams, referees, US Youth Soccer Board of Directors, National Staff, the National Presidents Cup Committee, and other VIPs. US Youth Soccer or its designee will also arrange for hospitality and meeting rooms at those hotels as needed. The LOC shall identify housing for US Youth Soccer to consider.

Player Event

The HA/LOC and the Chair of the National Presidents Cup Committee will determine the format, timing and duration of the Player Event. All arrangements for the Player Event, including the final site selection, price negotiation, entering into an agreement with the facility and all other aspects for the event are the responsibility of US Youth Soccer.

The Player Event will include complimentary admission for the following:

A maximum 48 teams, with 26 individuals per team for the 13-U, 14-U, 15-U, 16-U 17-U and 18-U boys and girls teams (players and coaches), National Presidents Cup officials and other dignitaries. If space allows, additional tickets may be sold by US Youth Soccer to parents, friends, and the general public.

Awards Ceremonies

Planning, organizing and coordination of all awards ceremonies. US Youth Soccer will provide all trophies, medals and awards for players and teams.

Finances

US Youth Soccer is responsible for the following expenses related to the National Presidents Cup meetings, preparations, and operations:

- All expenses related to the Player Event
- All expenses related to the Coaches and State Representatives Meeting
- Golf carts as approved by US Youth Soccer
- Radios
- Password protected Internet Wi-Fi service, and equipment if not already available on-site
- All expenses related to producing and printing of credentials, parking passes, player event program and tickets.
- All expenses related to staging, lighting, and a public-address system for the Awards Ceremony, if not available on-site.

General Information

Alcoholic Beverages

No alcoholic beverages may be served at any National Presidents Cup site, or during any events attended by players.

Insurance Requirements

Each party will maintain in effect a comprehensive liability insurance policy (general, liability coverage, personal injury and property damage) in force with at least \$2,000,000 general aggregate insurance, naming the other party as additional insured. Each party shall provide a certificate of insurance upon request by the other party. The policy shall be written so that the other party will be notified of the cancellation or any restrictive amendment of the policy at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such cancellation or amendment.

Force Majeure

US Youth Soccer nor the Host State Association and/or Local Organizing Committee shall be considered in default of its obligations to the extent that performance of its obligations is prevented or delayed by any cause beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God, acts or omissions of governmental authorities, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, acts of public enemy, wars, acts or threatened acts of terrorism, blockages, riots, civil disturbances, epidemics, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and any other similar events, acts, or omissions beyond the control of the parties.

Termination of Agreement

US Youth Soccer reserves the right at any time to withdraw the National Presidents Cup from the selected location if US Youth Soccer determines it is in best interests of the event. US Youth Soccer will provide written notification a minimum of 30 days in advance of any decision to withdraw. If the host/state association/venue is unable to promptly resolve the cause of the intent to withdraw, then National Presidents Cup Committee and/or the US Youth Soccer shall have the right to terminate the National Presidents Cup by providing formal written notice to the venue/host state association, which shall go into effect immediately upon receipt.