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US Youth Soccer Announces New Host for 2021 National Championship

Bradenton-Sarasota Area to Offer Unique Experiences for Elite Competitors and Guests

FRISCO, Texas (March 29, 2021) — US Youth Soccer (USYS) is proud to announce that Bradenton-Sarasota, on Florida’s West Coast, has been selected to host the 2021 US Youth Soccer National Championships, July 20-25, 2021. Given the challenges faced due to COVID, USYS has worked collaboratively with the Bradenton-Sarasota area representatives to move the elite-level competition to the Premier Sports Campus in Lakewood Ranch.

“We are excited to bring this year’s tournament to the Bradenton-Sarasota area,” said USYS CEO Skip Gilbert. “This unique Florida location, amidst sand and surf, will make our National Championships even more memorable for our teams and guests. We look forward to delivering another top-flight programming experience for these elite teams. Given the heritage and history of the USYS National Championships, we are excited to see our players challenge themselves given the enormous hurdles they’ve faced this past year.”

“We are thrilled to have been selected as host for the 2021 US Youth Soccer National Championships, coming to Premier Sports Campus in the Bradenton-Sarasota Area this summer. We are honored to host this historic youth soccer championship in Lakewood Ranch and are thrilled to work with US Youth Soccer to make this event memorable for the athletes and attendees,” said Elliott Falcione, Executive Director of the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

“Florida Youth Soccer Association is proud to be the host state for the 2021 US Youth Soccer National Championships at Premier Sports Campus in the Bradenton-Sarasota Area. This is an undoubtedly unique year, but in conjunction with destination representatives Premier Sports Campus in Lakewood Ranch, and the Chargers Soccer Club, FYSA is committed to making this a safe and exciting National Championship. The outstanding Florida attractions, accommodations, and (most importantly) world-class soccer facilities will all be on display for the entire soccer community.”

The Premier Sports Campus touts 23 FIFA-regulation Celebration Bermuda grass fields on a 140 acre campus. The Bradenton-Sarasota Area is located on Florida’s west coast. With its own airport (Sarasota Bradenton International Airport), some of the world’s best beaches, award-winning dining options, historical parks, museums and nature preserves, the destination is a hidden gem that families can discover and explore again and again.

About the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer)

US Youth Soccer, the largest youth sport organization in the country, is on a mission to provide world-class support, resources and leadership, helping every member fulfill their goals, on and off the field of play. US Youth Soccer registers nearly 3 million players annually. Through its programming, resources and leadership, US Youth Soccer is advancing the game for its 55 Member State Associations, 10,000 clubs and leagues and nearly 1 million administrators, coaches and volunteers. US Youth Soccer connects families and communities to the power of sports and its shared love of soccer. US Youth Soccer provides a path for every player, offering programs that provide a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game. We Are Youth Soccer. For more information, visit www.usyouthsoccer.org.

About the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series

The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series is the country's oldest and most prestigious national youth soccer tournament, providing approximately 185,000 players on more than 10,000 teams from US Youth Soccer State Associations the opportunity to showcase their soccer skills against the best competition in the nation. Emphasizing teamwork, discipline and fair play, the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series also provides the nation's top collegiate, pro and international coaches with the premier stage to identify and scout the most coveted players in the country. Dating back to 1935, the USYS National Championships culminates with the presentation of the famed McGuire Cup.

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