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US Youth Soccer 2019 National Presidents Cup

Team Information Guide



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Presidents Cup Regional Champions:

Congratulations!! You have won the right to compete in the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup, which brings together the Regional Champions from four very different areas of the United States competing against one another for the National Presidents Cup Championship. You may meet fellow participants from as far away as Alaska or Hawaii, perhaps Maine or Florida, from the deep South of Texas or Southern California to Illinois. When you started playing last August, this trip was probably just a far off dream. That dream is now real, you will represent your State and Region for an honor that is difficult to achieve. The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Committee wishes you the best during the event.

As you prepare for this journey, this Team Information Guide has been created to provide important information and guidance. I suggest that this document be shared with all team members for reference.

On Wednesday, the day before play begins, your team is invited to attend a Player Event that will provide the chance to trade pins, t-shirts or other goodies with players from all over the country, while making amazing memories. Be sure to bring plenty of items to trade with friends-to-be. The gift swap has proven to be one of the special events of the tournament that players remember for many years.

The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup provides a progressive, competitive experience to US Youth Soccer teams from the state to regional and eventually to the national level. The tournament gives players an opportunity to compete against teams from across the country at a high level for the enjoyment and the challenge of the game. This event provides the chance to experience a unique US Youth Soccer Championship with a special focus on camaraderie, community and competition through sport.

I wish you the best of luck throughout the tournament.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Maffit".

Will Maffit
Chair
US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Committee



HOTELS

US Youth Soccer has partnered with Anthony Travel to reserve rooms for the National Presidents Cup. Teams are required to stay in the hotel(s) assigned to them and there are no exceptions.

Teams are allotted up to 15 rooms to start, with additional rooms most likely available once the reservation deadline has passed. Teams are required to utilize a minimum of eight (8) hotel rooms for four (4) nights. All hotels will be providing breakfast. Please check with your hotel to confirm what arrangements they will have.

Teams have until 12:00PM (Noon) on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 to block rooms. To reserve your block, the individual coordinating your hotel rooms must contact Anthony Travel with the information below. Please send your email to both addresses AlanWalters@anthonytravel.com & usyouth@anthonytravel.com

Team Name

Age Group

Gender

Region

Team Manager name

Team Manager email

Team Manager phone number

Once your block is assigned, you will receive additional instructions and a link for individual families to book their rooms.

Should you have any questions, need to modify a reservation or require any additional information, please contact Alan Walters (AlanWalters@anthonytravel.com). His phone number is 469.232.2874. Please do not contact hotel directly, as they may not receive your actual reservation until closer to your arrival date.

TRAVEL

Nashville International Airport (BNA) is approximately 45 minutes away from Murfreesboro, Tennessee by automobile. All travel to the tournament is at your expense. You should plan on arriving as early as possible on Wednesday, July 10 if your team is planning on participating in the Player Event, which begins at 4:00 PM. Please note that attendance is not mandatory, but it is certainly one of the highlights of the week. Barring unforeseen circumstances or weather delays, we anticipate the last awards ceremony will be complete by 3:00PM on Sunday, July 14. It is strongly recommended that you plan your departure time accordingly to enable your team to participate fully in the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup awards ceremonies.



US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP WEBSITES

The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup website is [at this link](#). You'll find the most up to date information on this page.

The online event schedule, match results and standings will be available [at this link](#).

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

Coaches and managers should be familiar with the Rules of the Competition for the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup event. They are included in Appendix B of this document.

ADAPTING TO THE WEATHER

Prepare your team for play in heat and/or humidity. The tournament is held in the middle of summer and conditions can be extreme during that time of year. It is suggested that players begin to hydrate their bodies a minimum of one week prior to event to help avoid heat related illnesses.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

All games will be played at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex. A tentative game schedule and a field map can be found on pages 20 and 21. All teams will play one game on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and based on the outcome of those games, play in either a Championship or Third Place match on Sunday.

Thursday	East vs. Midwest and South vs. West
Friday	Midwest vs. South and West vs. East
Saturday	South vs. East and Midwest vs. West
Sunday	Championship and Third Place matches



PLAYER/COACH PASSES

Each player and team official listed on a team roster must carry a current year US Youth Soccer member pass with a recent face on, passport style photograph and be signed by the appropriate official of the State Association. Proper documentation of teams and players by the State Association is essential.

Team passes must be laminated and contained on a split binder ring as pictured below, in alphabetical order by last name, all players first and then followed by team officials at the end. If your state uses credit card style (plastic) player cards, they are exempt from the laminating requirement, but still need to be contained on a split binder ring.



ROSTERS

Each team must submit a roster with not more than twenty-two (22) players. All rosters shall include the number of each player's jersey. A maximum of 18 players are eligible to play in a match; players on the team roster not participating in a match may sit on the bench in street clothes. Once identified, the sitting players may not be substituted into that match.

ROSTER FREEZE DATE

Rosters are submitted through the US Youth Soccer Event Management System (EMS). **The FINAL roster freeze date in the EMS system is Wednesday June 26th, 2019 at 11:59PM Central Daylight Time.** Your State Association must verify the eligibility of the players on your roster, so it is imperative that you work with them and allow plenty of time before June 26th in order to resolve any issues that may arise.

Your Team Representative will receive additional information from US Youth Soccer on the procedures connected with the EMS and National Presidents Cup.

Teams and State Associations are responsible for ensuring that participating teams maintain a roster continuity of at least 9 players from the State Qualifying event and the Regional Presidents Cup as they enter the National Presidents Cup event. By confirming the team's final roster into the EMS system, the State Association is certifying compliance with all appropriate National Presidents Cup policies and rules, including, but not limited to, birth date verification.



TEAM CHECK-IN INFORMATION

Team check-in is on Wednesday, July 10th from 1:30 to 2:30 PM on the mezzanine level at the Charles M. Murphy Athletic Center on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University. A team check-in is mandatory to participate in National Presidents Cup; any adult associated with the team (Coach, Manager, Team Representative or parent) can perform the check-in duties. Players should not attend the check-in, as space may be limited. All teams are required to present their Player Cards and the completed Code of Conduct form at check-in.

PLAYER CARDS

Teams must present laminated passes (see page 7 for more information) for each player and team official on the roster, presented in alphabetical order by last name, with the team official passes located behind the player passes.

CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Teams must bring the completed Code of Conduct form. Please note it requires several signatures. A blank form is included in Appendix A of this document. It is strongly recommended that you complete the form before your team begins its travel to the event, as incomplete forms will not be accepted.

MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS

Medical Release forms for players are not required at check-in. It is recommended that completed and signed US Youth Soccer Medical Release forms be available and accessible if needed during the event. The form is available on the US Youth Soccer website in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

AGE DOCUMENTATION

Proof of age for each player is not required at check-in. However, it is suggested that this information be accessible throughout the tournament. Acceptable proof of age documents are a birth certificate or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, a current passport, an alien registration card issued by the US Government, a certificate issued by the US Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Electronic copies of documents are acceptable. Hospital, baptismal or any religious certificates are not acceptable.

BENCH CREDENTIALS

At check in, each team will be provided with up to four (4) Bench Credentials, one for each team official listed on the roster as entered into the US Youth Soccer Event Management System. These credentials must be worn around the neck on the lanyard provided and be visible at all times. Individuals not displaying these passes are not allowed in the Technical Area.

COACH / TEAM REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Immediately after team check-in is complete, there will be a Coach / Team Representative meeting at the Murphy Athletic Center. Team Managers are also welcome to attend. The meeting will review important event procedures and answer any questions you might have. It is recommended at least one individual from each team attend.



TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Each team must select an individual to serve as their Team Representative for the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup. The Team Representative can be a manager or any other adult associated with the team, or a representative from the state association. Each team must provide their Regional Presidents Cup Chair their Team Representatives name and contact information no later than June 19th, 2019. Earlier is better so that your team does not miss out on any important information or update.

Team Representative Responsibilities before the National Presidents Cup

- Please make sure that you check your email frequently in the days and weeks leading up to the National Presidents Cup tournament. There will be a substantial amount of information sent to you, some of which may require a prompt response.
- Contact your Regional Presidents Cup Chair with your teams' arrival and departure information, while making note of the following:
 - Confirm that the team's arrival time is early enough so the team will be able to attend the Player Event on Wednesday.
 - Confirm that the teams' departure times are late enough on Sunday to enable the team to attend the awards ceremony.
- Ensure someone on your team has reserved Hotel rooms for your team (see page 5).
- Provide any required documents to your Regional Presidents Cup Chair in a timely manner, including contact information for all coaches, managers and other team officials. You should make sure that your team has a minimum of two credentialed coaches on the bench at every match.
- Ensure that you, all coaches, the team manager and any other team officials are familiar with the information outlined in this Team Information Guide, paying specific attention to the Rules of the Competition as well as the team expectations for the event.

Team Representative Responsibilities during the National Presidents Cup

- Attend the pre-tournament meeting with your team coaches and managers.
- The Team Representative should sit under the US Youth Soccer tent located at the half line of the field, along with any Field Marshal or other personnel for each game their team participates in during the competition.
- The Team Representative is expected to monitor, and if necessary, help control the behavior of their players and team officials. The Field Marshal may ask the Team Representative for assistance.
- If a player is sent off by the referee, that player may remain on the team bench. Should that player's behavior subsequently become a disturbance and the player is dismissed by the referee, a credentialed team official must escort and remain with the player at a location out of sight and sound of the field until the referee crew has departed the field of play after the match.
- If a team official is dismissed by the referee, he or she must leave the vicinity of the field before the match will be restarted. It is the responsibility of the Team Representative to ensure that the dismissed team official remains out of sight and sound of the field until the referee crew has departed the field of play after the match.
- Upon completion of each match ensure that the bench area is clear of all trash.



Team Representative Responsibilities after the National Presidents Cup

- Follow up with your team to ensure that they will complete the online Coach/Team Feedback Survey, which should be released on or about July 19th. This survey is mandatory and must be completed on or before July 31st.
- Prepare a written Team Representative report outlining your experiences at the event, what was beneficial, and what can be improved on. Please email your report to wmaffit@usyouthsoccer.org on or before the July 31st deadline date.

Other Information

- Team Representatives will be issued a US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup credential, which will allow access to the field of play & half line tent during matches.
- Gift Exchange: A practice has been established where team captains exchange a small gift before each game. Examples of appropriate gifts include Club or State soccer pennants or flags, a token, symbol, or something else unique and identifiable from your state. Note that your team will play 3 different teams during the event and play one of those teams a second time in either the Sunday Championship or 3rd place match.



PLAYER EVENT

The player event is held on Wednesday afternoon, the day before the competition begins. It is not mandatory to attend, but your team will be missing out on one of the highlights of the National Presidents Cup if they do not participate.

The player event is an opportunity for the players to meet their fellow soccer players from all over the country, as well as a chance to trade pins, memorabilia, t-shirts, and other items that help define your state and culture. Make it a point to provide each of your players with something that has meaning to the team, club, State, and/or Region you represent. Most players participating in previous National Presidents Cup tournaments and other US Youth Soccer hosted events have reported this is one of their best memories of the competition. Consider having a parent or two circulate with the players to take pictures.

Players will have access to a large open area where they can mingle and meet their fellow competitors. The trading may start off slow, but once everyone gets the hang of things, it becomes fast and furious. History has shown that somewhere around 10 to 20 trading items per player is usually enough to get things rolling. There are no rules other than both parties must agree to any trade. Team, club, state or tournament T-Shirts are highly valued, as players enjoy collecting shirts from all over the country. Cowboy hats from Texas teams have always proven to be popular but may come at the high cost of multiple T-Shirts or something equally valued.

If you're looking for suggestions on items to trade, mini soccer balls, lapel pins from your club or state, or any similar items that you can come up with are perfect. If there is something famous that comes from your state that travels well, that's always welcomed. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination. You should not break the team budget with these items, but there are many options out there where you can source inexpensive goodies. Many have found that local businesses love to help teams playing for a National Championship. You might also consider asking a teacher, they are familiar with items like this.



UNIFORMS

Each team **must** have two (2) uniform sets (one light color and one dark color) at **each match** during the event. Generally accepted light colors include, but are not limited to: white, light grey, sand, sky blue, yellow, gold, pink, and light green. Generally accepted dark colors include, but are not limited to: black, dark grey, dark brown, navy blue, red, maroon, dark green, and deep purple.

- The home team is required to wear their light color jersey and light color socks.
- The away team is required to wear their dark color jersey and dark color socks.
- Matching shorts are not required. The same color shorts can be utilized for both uniforms.

If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict, the team causing the conflict must change. The referee's decision is final. **Again, teams are required to bring both uniform sets to all matches.**

Uniforms numbers must be a minimum of six (6) inches in size. Each field player must have a number permanently affixed to the back of their jersey which must be clearly visible. Duplicate and/or taped numbers are not permitted. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional but are recommended.

The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup requires that all players participating in the event wear the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup logo patch on their uniforms. Two (2) sets of patches, (44 per team), were supplied to each advancing team at their Regional Presidents Cup. The patches must be placed on the **RIGHT SLEEVE** of both jerseys, approximately 1" above the bottom edge of the sleeve. Most teams center the patch facing outwards. All jerseys used in the competition must have this patch affixed in a permanent manner. For long sleeve jerseys, (for example a Goalkeeper jersey) place the patch in approximately the same spot as if it were a short sleeve jersey. Extra patches are not available.





UNIFORM LOGOS & MARKINGS

Per the Policy on the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Rule 304, Section 3, Paragraph 3: At every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game or associated activity of the competitions may only have on the outerwear of the player or team official a name, logo, or other identifying mark of a youth soccer organization that is US Youth Soccer, a State Association or other member of US Youth Soccer, a member of a State Association, or an organization that is a member of an organization that is a member of a State Association. A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to remain at the game site for the game or associated activity.

If a team chooses to not remove a name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization, it must be completely covered by another patch that is sewn on. American flag patches are perfectly suited for this purpose. Covering patches with tape will **not** be accepted.

UNIFORM SPONSORS

From the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules Rule 304, Section 2: A team member is not prohibited by US Youth Soccer from having a mark or name, or both, on any part of the team member's uniform being worn at a game if the mark or name is related to an item or service that is appropriate for youth. Any inappropriate mark or name on a team member's uniform must be removed, replaced, or covered before the team member may continue to participate.

Examples of inappropriate marks or names would be tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, etc. If there is any question about a logo, marking or sponsor, it is **strongly** suggested that you inquire well in advance of the start of the event in order to avoid an issue at the field.

Please note that these policies will be strictly enforced for all participants at the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup.



GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Teams and players competing in the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup are representatives of their State Association and Region. The National Presidents Cup committee expects exemplary behavior from everyone participating in the event, including parents and spectators. Above all, we expect and demand the proper respect for an opponent on the field. This also includes sportsmanlike behavior on the field, respect for referees and opposing coaches, tournament staff and volunteers. Coaches, please go over with your team how to stop play for an injured player and the proper restart that respects the injury. Discuss with them how to march in the pregame walkout, how to win with humility, and lose with dignity. Team officials are expected to act as chaperones for players at all times during the National Presidents Cup. Team officials must accompany players to all scheduled events.

TEAM & PLAYER BEHAVIOR

Players and team officials are expected to adhere to the standards of conduct outlined below. Violation of these standards can jeopardize continued participation in the National Presidents Cup and may result in forfeiture of any subsidies provided by or through US Youth Soccer and/or your State or Region.

Teams are required to stay in the lodging provided or arranged for them by US Youth Soccer. No camping, no changing hotels – no exceptions.

Although not mandatory, teams should plan on attending all activities scheduled during the National Presidents Cup including, but not limited to, the player event, and/or any photo sessions scheduled by the National Presidents Cup committee. Such events are planned with the welfare of the players in mind.

Teams are expected to be present at the field at the designated time for all matches. Players shall conduct themselves in a mature manner when in hotels and public areas both at and away from the playing fields. Rowdy behavior, including but not limited to, violations of hotel policies and/or fraternizing in hotel rooms will not be tolerated. No alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or other intoxicants shall be in the possession of players.

A player or team official found using, providing, or in the possession of illegal drugs, alcohol or in violation of any US Youth Soccer rule, may result in disciplinary action up to and including disqualification from the event.

A player or team official who has displayed violations of local ordinances (including, but not limited to, theft or willful destruction of property) may result in disciplinary action up to and including disqualification from the event.

A player, team official or spectator who physically or verbally attacks another player, team official, spectator, referee or other event official may result in disciplinary action up to and including disqualification from the event. Players and team officials are expected to cooperate with and be courteous to all tournament personnel and dignitaries. This includes referees, field marshals, ball kids and other event volunteers.



TEAM & PLAYER BEHAVIOR (continued)

A maximum of four team officials will be allowed on the team bench during games. Team officials are expected to cooperate with game officials and to follow all established protocols and/or procedures. Excessive coaching will not be permitted from the touchlines. Degrading remarks directed toward players, opponents, or game officials (in any language) may result in disciplinary action.

The above standards shall be in force during such time as the team is within any venue of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

The parents and/or spectators affiliated with a team are considered a part of the team, and the actions of these individuals are the responsibility of the credentialed team officials appearing on the roster.

No spectators are permitted anywhere behind the goal line during a match. The spectator area is located on the opposite side of the field from the technical/bench area. The spectator area is behind the line clearly marked 3 yards beyond the touchline and extends from a point 3 yards from the center line down to the corner flag. Spectators must remain in this area, in the half of the field directly across from their team's bench, subject to the following exception.

It is expected that respect for the game and players will prevail if a limited number of spectators wish to quietly observe the match in the far end of the opposing spectator section (for example, the Goalkeeper's parents). In the event of disruptive behavior by these spectators, a referee or tournament official may require them to return to their designated area and restrict any further sideline movement of spectators.

Technical instruction from any part of the spectator area, or provocative or unsportsmanlike behavior by any spectator may result in their removal from the complex. Any spectator asked to leave by a referee or tournament official must immediately depart the field area and remain out of sight and sound of the match until the teams have departed the field of play and are no longer the responsibility of the referee. Any individual removed may not return to the field at the end of the game.

Whistles, air horns, megaphones and similar devices are prohibited at all National Presidents Cup competitions. Air horns are for use solely by tournament officials to signal when fields must be cleared due to inclement or dangerous weather conditions.



TEAM PRACTICE

Team practices are allowed during the tournament but must take place on a field assigned to your team. Practice sessions are limited to 1 hour in length and a half field with a goal is provided. Teams will need to supply their own beverages.

No practices are permitted during the player event on Wednesday, but times are available between 8AM and 2PM. Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons, practice times are available between 3PM and 7PM. Please email wmaffit@usyouthsoccer.org to request a time, and please provide a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice. The committee reserves the right to cancel or reschedule a training session if it interferes with any rescheduled tournament event or operation.

TEAMS TRAVELING BY BUS

If a team is traveling by bus, drivers should drop players off near their playing field, then move to the upper parking lot near fields 12 through 15 to wait. Once the match has finished, the bus may return to pick-up the players.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If lightning or severe weather approaches the complex, play will be stopped and all athletes, coaches and spectators must immediately clear the fields and remain in vehicles until the all clear is given. If possible, tournament personnel will be deployed to offer assistance to those that may need help getting to their vehicles.

Teams traveling by bus should immediately contact their bus driver to return to the drop-off point to allow the team to evacuate for the duration of the interruption.

PLAYING FIELDS

The fields at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex are Bermuda grass and measure 75 yards wide by 120 yards long.

CONCESSION STANDS & BATHROOMS

The concession stands within the complex will be open during matches. They offer a variety of food and beverage items for sale. Bathroom facilities are located throughout the complex.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

There are many things to see and do in the Murfreesboro/Nashville area. Please see the links below for information on restaurants, shopping, sightseeing and other attractions.

Rutherford County: <https://visitrutherfordtn.com/>

Nashville: <https://www.visitmusiccity.com/>



MATCH DAY PROCEDURES

Teams should come to the fields dressed in the appropriate (dark or light) uniforms.

Referees will collect coach and player passes from both teams and verify them during their review. 18 players are allowed to be dressed out for a match. If a team's roster has more than 18 players listed, a credentialed team official must inform the referee which players are not participating, and they will be crossed off game card. Rostered players not participating may be on the team bench in street clothes and may not wear shirts that are the same color of their team or the opposing team.

Prior to every match, all players (including any that are not participating) will take part in an International Walkout. The walkout is scheduled to begin 3 minutes prior to kick off.

Tents will be provided at each field for shade protection. Please do not change the tent settings.

Water will be provided at each team bench. Water breaks (2 minutes maximum) will be implemented if deemed necessary by the National Presidents Cup committee. Players may leave the field and it is a substitution opportunity if desired. The referee will add time to compensate.

US Youth Soccer will supply each team with vests which must be worn by substitutes in the bench area during matches. These vests are a gift to the team.

If a player is sent off by the referee, that player may remain on the team bench. Should that player's behavior subsequently become a disturbance and the player is dismissed by the referee, a credentialed team official must escort and remain with the player at a location out of sight and sound of the field until the referee crew has departed the field of play after the match.

If a team official is dismissed by the referee, he or she must leave the vicinity of the field before the match will be restarted. It is the responsibility of the Team Representative to ensure that the dismissed team official remains out of sight and sound of the field until the referee crew has departed the field of play after the match.

After each game, please ensure that your bench area is clean, and your team vacates the bench as quickly as possible, so the next team playing can get settled in.

US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocols are utilized during the National Presidents Cup, including a mandatory medical release in order to return to play. The host state may have additional laws or procedures regarding Concussions which must also be followed.

PRE-MATCH EXCHANGE OF GIFT

The tradition before each National Presidents Cup match is for team captains to exchange a pennant, flag, or other small item during the coin flip. Be fully prepared to participate in this by having an appropriate token (one per match) available to exchange. Also keep in mind that your team will play one other team twice during the tournament, in either the Championship or Third Place match.



AWARDS TO TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Each champion will be presented the perpetual US Youth Soccer trophy for their age group/gender, which will be engraved with their team name and reside at the US Youth Soccer National Office. Each champion team will also receive a team trophy to take home with them.

A Golden Boot award to the top scorer and a Golden Glove award to the outstanding goalkeeper will be presented in each age group/gender.

A Best 11 honor for each age group/gender will be awarded to the top players in the event based on voting throughout the tournament. Players are selected for the Best 11 are based on coaches ranking the players on their own team. If your coach does not submit a voting form for every match, it severely impacts the chances of players from your team being named to the Best 11.

CHAMPION & FINALIST AWARD CEREMONY

The Champion and Finalist in each age group/gender will participate in an awards ceremony on the stage. If your team participated in the championship match, please make your way to the stage area as quickly as possible after the conclusion of the game. Staging areas will be set up so players can get off their feet and under shade. Water will also be available. Please be ready to move to the stage when your age group is called.

Please do not take time to discuss the just completed match with your team at the field after it ends. Many people are depending on you to get your team to the awards ceremony promptly. There will be time after the awards ceremony for a final talk with your players.

3rd & 4th PLACE AWARDS

At the conclusion of the 3rd place match, players and coaches will receive their medals and any individual player awards at the game field. There will be a photo backdrop in the vicinity of the main stage for any teams or players wishing to use it.



MASTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, July 10, 2019	1:30PM – 2:30PM	Team Check-In Murphy Center at MTSU
	2:45PM – 3:30PM	Coach/Team Rep Meeting Murphy Center at MTSU
	4:00PM	Parade of Teams and Welcome
	Approx. 4:45PM	Player gift swap
Thursday, July 11, 2019	7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM	Group Play Day # 1 Richard Siegel Soccer Complex
Friday, July 12, 2019	7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM	Group Play Day # 2 Richard Siegel Soccer Complex
Saturday, July 13, 2019	7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM	Group Play Day # 3 Richard Siegel Soccer Complex
Sunday, July 14, 2019	Various	Championship & Third Place Matches <i>All teams receive awards</i>



GAME SCHEDULE

Thursday July 11, 2019

	Field 1	Field 2	Field 4	Field 5	Field 6	Field 7	Field 9	Field 10
7:30 AM	14B East vs Midwest	14B South vs West	13G East vs Midwest	13G South vs West	17B East vs Midwest	17B South vs West	14G East vs Midwest	14G South vs West
9:30 AM	16B East vs Midwest	16B South vs West	17G East vs Midwest	17G South vs West	13B East vs Midwest	13B South vs West	18B East vs Midwest	18B South vs West
11:30 AM	15G East vs Midwest	15G South vs West	18G East vs Midwest	18G South vs West	15B East vs Midwest	15B South vs West	16G East vs Midwest	16G South vs West

Friday July 12, 2019

	Field 1	Field 2	Field 4	Field 5	Field 6	Field 7	Field 9	Field 10
7:30 AM	18B Midwest vs South	18B West vs East	16B Midwest vs South	16B West vs East	17G Midwest vs South	17G West vs East	13B Midwest vs South	13B West vs East
9:30 AM	16G Midwest vs South	16G West vs East	15G Midwest vs South	15G West vs East	18G Midwest vs South	18G West vs East	15B Midwest vs South	15B West vs East
11:30 AM	14G Midwest vs South	14G West vs East	14B Midwest vs South	14B West vs East	13G Midwest vs South	13G West vs East	17B Midwest vs South	17B West vs East

Saturday July 13, 2019

	Field 1	Field 2	Field 4	Field 5	Field 6	Field 7	Field 9	Field 10
7:30 AM	18G Midwest vs West	18G South vs East	15B Midwest vs West	15B South vs East	16G Midwest vs West	16G South vs East	15G Midwest vs West	15G South vs East
9:30 AM	14B Midwest vs West	14B South vs East	14G Midwest vs West	14G South vs East	17B Midwest vs West	17B South vs East	13G Midwest vs West	13G South vs East
11:30 AM	17G Midwest vs West	17G South vs East	13B Midwest vs West	13B South vs East	18B Midwest vs West	18B South vs East	16B Midwest vs West	16B South vs East

Sunday July 14, 2019

	Field 1	Field 2	Field 4	Field 5	Field 6	Field 7	Field 8	Field 9	Field 10	Field 11
7:00 AM	16G Final							16G 3rd		
7:15 AM					15B Final		15B 3rd			
7:30 AM		18G 3rd								18G Final
8:00 AM				15G Final		15G 3rd				
8:15 AM			17B 3rd						17B Final	
9:30 AM	14B Final							14B 3rd		
10:00 AM					13G Final		13G 3rd			
10:30 AM		18B 3rd								18B Final
11:00 AM				16B Final		16B 3rd				
11:15 AM			17G 3rd						17G Final	
12:00 PM	13B Final							13B 3rd		
12:15 PM					14G Final		14G 3rd			

This schedule is final, and the only changes that will be made are due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.



FIELD MAP



PARKING INFORMATION

There is no charge for parking during the National Presidents Cup. On match days, automobiles should use the parking lot nearest the game field. Busses will be permitted to drop players off near the playing field, then move to the upper parking lot by fields 12 through 15 to wait. Once the match has finished, the bus may return to pick up players.



SPORTS MEDICINE INFORMATION

Soccer is an endurance sport consisting of moderate activity levels interspersed with brief high intensity bursts. This type of activity leads to a high rate of heat production within the body. Mid July temperatures can be in the 90's or above, and taking into account the heat index, the "feels like" temperature could easily be above 100 degrees.

Heat related illnesses occur when the body generates more heat than it can get rid of. Generally, this happens when the temperature within the body rises too high. The heat related illness can take on one of three forms: heat cramps (mildest and most common), heat exhaustion (very serious, could lead to other problems), or heat stroke (extremely serious, could cause death).

Heat cramps are muscle cramps that occur during or immediately following heavy exertion in hot or humid weather. These cramps can occur in one or several different muscles, with the leg muscles being the most common site. Heat cramps are warnings that more severe heat related problems are possible but can be avoided if appropriate actions are taken.

Heat exhaustion is an indication that the body's cooling system is not working properly. This will produce varied symptoms, but most often a person will feel nauseated, disoriented, and/or weak. The skin is usually cold and clammy. When either of these conditions occur, one should move to a cool, shaded area, drink plenty of cold water, and rest. Avoid any further activity for 24 hours and seek medical assistance if symptoms continue.

Heat stroke occurs when there is a complete shutdown of the body's cooling system and requires immediate medical attention. The victim will often go into shock or even lose consciousness. Additionally, the skin will generally be hot and dry. If the person's body temperature is not lowered immediately, heat stroke may cause death. Cool the person's body rapidly and call for emergency medical assistance.

It is suggested that players begin hydrating their bodies a minimum of one week prior to the tournament (longer is better) and that they eat a nourishing breakfast before each game.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOTEL

Can we check in at the Hotel early?

All hotels utilized during the National Presidents Cup event receive a constant flow of visitors, so please refer to the check in and check out times for your team's hotel on their website.

How do we handle rooming list changes?

Please do not contact the hotel to make or change your reservation. Should you need assistance, please contact Alan Walters (AlanWalters@anthonytravel.com); 469.232.2874 The hotels will not receive your reservation information until close to your arrival date.

TEAM STIPENDS

Do we receive a Stipend?

Teams that comply with all rules and procedures during the National Presidents Cup will qualify for a \$500 stipend. Depending on the policy of your State and/or Region, teams may (or may not) receive an additional stipend.

Actions that may result in forfeiture of all or part of stipends include but are not limited to:

- Teams not staying in assigned hotels
- Hotel or other facility damage
- Disciplinary or behavior problems
- Ethics violations
- Team bench left in disarray after games
- Failure to submit all requested forms and information
- Teams not attending awards ceremonies
- Teams practicing at unassigned times and/or on fields not assigned to them



MATCH INFORMATION

How many bench credentials can my team receive?

Each team can receive up to 4 credentials for bench personnel that are listed on the roster.

Where do we warm up prior to our matches?

There will be areas adjacent to the fields for warm-ups, and teams will be allowed on the field prior to their scheduled match. Weather or other conditions may require limits on warm-up time and/or areas of the field prior to a match.

Does my team need to bring its own medical supplies?

There will be trainers available and supplies to cover injuries that may occur during the tournament. Ice will be available for injuries at each field and water coolers will be provided on each bench during the matches. If your team or club utilizes its own trainers, the official event trainers are in charge and make all decisions regarding treatment.

When and where can I get taped/wrapped?

Trainers will be available at the medical tents one hour before the first game kicks off, during, and immediately after all matches. Make sure you arrive early, as there may be other players that are also waiting to be taped.

Are the matches live streamed?

No, but team video services will be available, please see this [link](#). Team Representatives will also receive this information regarding the service.

Can I use a Drone to film matches?

No. The use of non-approved Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), more simply known as a Drone, at any event that is sanctioned by US Youth Soccer is strictly prohibited. The use of any UAS at any US Youth Soccer event must be approved by US Youth Soccer for a specified promotional activity at an event, in a designated area or areas that are away from youth soccer players, spectators and over any field for play or practice.

Any person violating this policy shall be immediately removed from the event by the US Youth Soccer authority managing the event.



DOCUMENT CHANGE LOG

Date Adopted	Rule/Section	Change
9/6/14	Various	Conforming changes as related to revised USYS Bylaws. Rules published in team information packet.
4/11/16	Various	Original rules document created. Decision made to make no changes in documents for 2016 event due to upcoming committee changes.
4/1/17	Various	Changes to Substitution and Discipline rules, addition of USYS Match Manipulation Rule. General modifications for clarity and ease of comprehension.
6/7/17	Various	Various modifications for clarity and ease of comprehension.
10/7/17	Various	Modifications to spectator behavior and uniform procedures.
3/6/2018	Various	Updates to reflect 2018 NPC information.
5/26/2018	Various	Modifications for clarity and ease of comprehension.
4/2/2019	Various	Updates to reflect 2019 NPC information. Minor clarifications to content.



Appendix A

CODE OF CONDUCT



CODE OF CONDUCT

This form should be brought to team check-in on Wednesday July 10, 2019

My team will conduct itself in a manner that respects all players, coaches, referees, administrative staff, and the host facility during the 2019 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup.

My team understands that if any team member is found using or in possession of illegal drugs, tobacco products, alcohol or any other intoxicants or in violation of any US Youth Soccer rule, the result may be the team's immediate ejection from the 2019 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup and forfeiture of all stipends from US Youth Soccer.

My team will comply with all rules and requirements of US Youth Soccer and the National Presidents Cup during the competition, including, but not limited to, participation in all scheduled matches.

My team understands that if they fail to play a scheduled match, the team will be removed from the competition and additional sanctions may be taken against the team by US Youth Soccer, its Region and/or by the State Association through which the team is registered.

Team Name: _____ Age Group: _____

Name of Head Coach: _____

Signature of Coach: _____ Date: _____

Name of Team Manager: _____

Signature of Manager _____ Date: _____



Appendix B

US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Rules of the Competition

Effective: April 12, 2019



RULES OF PLAY

Except as otherwise provided herein, FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply as modified by US Youth Soccer.

PLAYER PARTICIPATION

A player may be rostered to only one team at each level of the National Presidents Cup competitions during a seasonal year.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT / UNUSUAL SITUATIONS / MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, interpretation of the rules, or any other dispute or protest concerning the National Presidents Cup competition shall be referred to the National Presidents Cup Committee. All decisions of the National Presidents Cup Committee are final.

The National Presidents Cup Committee has the authority to modify any of the Rules of the Competition as deemed necessary to ensure the orderly progression of the event. The National Presidents Cup Committee shall also determine any matter not provided for in any National Presidents Cup rule, policy or procedure. Any decision of the National Presidents Cup Committee shall be final.

DISCIPLINE

Players ejected, or team personnel removed from a match shall be automatically suspended for the next match. The National Presidents Cup committee will review all such dismissals and may impose additional penalties, suspensions or other punishment depending on the circumstances and severity of the infraction.

Players ejected from a match may continue to sit in the technical/bench area unless removed by the referee for inappropriate behavior once they have been sent to the bench.

If a player is removed from the technical/bench area they must be accompanied by a credentialed team staff member. A National Presidents Cup committee member, Tournament official or State representative will escort the player and team staff member to a waiting area.

Team personnel dismissed must leave the vicinity of the field before the match will be restarted.

Players who are serving a disciplinary suspension may occupy the bench in the technical area while dressed in street clothes. If additional disciplinary situations occur in which a suspended player is involved, the National Presidents Cup Committee will impose additional penalties, suspensions or other punishment to be served either during the event or the following season of play.

Coaches serving a disciplinary suspension may attend team activities during the suspension as a spectator only. No communication with players or team management is permitted during the suspended match(s). Any violations will result in additional disciplinary action being taken by the National Presidents Cup Committee, including but not limited to additional suspensions and/or recommendations to the home state association.



MATCH MANIPULATION

Teams failing to compete in the spirit of the competition or are involved in the manipulation of a game result are subject to forfeiture and disqualification from all levels of the National Presidents Cup competition.

- If failing to compete is observed and confirmed, the competition authority representative will give notice to the offending team or teams.
- If corrective action is not taken, the team or teams will be subject to disqualification.

DURATION OF MATCHES

Age Group	Game Length	Halftime	Overtime Periods (Championships only)
13U	Two 35 minute halves	10 minutes	Two 10 minute periods
14U	Two 35 minute halves	10 minutes	Two 10 minute periods
15U	Two 40 minute halves	10 minutes	Two 15 minute periods
16U	Two 40 minute halves	10 minutes	Two 15 minute periods
17U	Two 45 minute halves	10 minutes	Two 15 minute periods
18U	Two 45 minute halves	10 minutes	Two 15 minute periods

SCORING METHOD

The standings of teams are based upon the number of points earned in qualifying matches. Teams earn points as follows: Three (3) points for a win (including forfeits, which are considered a 4-0 victory), One (1) point for a tie and Zero (0) points for a loss.

TIE BREAKERS

In the event teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the team's placement will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria.

1. Winner in head-to-head competition (this criterion is not used if more than two teams are tied.)
2. Winner of most games. The team with the most wins advances.
3. Highest goal difference (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum differential of four (4) goals difference per match counted both for and against. For example, if the score were 8-3, the calculation would be +4 goals for the winning team, -4 goals for the losing team. If the score were 6-4, the calculation would be +2 goals for the winning team and -2 goals for the losing team.
4. Fewest goals allowed. The team with the fewest total goals allowed advances.
5. Kicks from the penalty mark.

Note: If more than two teams are tied, the sequence above will be followed until a team is eliminated. In a situation where three teams remain tied, a draw between tied teams will be conducted by the Tournament Committee to determine an order of contest between tied teams. The first team drawn will receive the bye; the next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of penalty kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in penalty kicks to determine the winner. The bye team will be the home team.

Eleven players from the roster of the final match will be selected by each coach to participate, and a referee will be assigned to break the tie on a field assigned by the National Presidents Cup Committee.



Players ejected in the second or third match of the National Presidents Cup, or not listed on the game roster of the third match are not eligible to participate in the Kicks to Break Standings Tie.

If the score of a Championship match is tied at the end of the second half, there will be two overtime periods of 10 minutes each for play in the 13U and 14U age groups. If the score of a Championship match is tied at the end of the second half in the 15U, 16U, 17U and 18U age groups, there will be two overtime periods of 15 minutes each. There is no “Golden Goal” in any overtime period. If neither team scores during the two overtime periods, the winner will be determined by FIFA Kicks from The Penalty Mark.

If the score of a third-place match is tied at the end of the second half, no overtime periods will be played, and the winner will be determined by FIFA Kicks from The Penalty Mark.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions shall be unlimited and can be made with the consent of the referee during any stoppage of play, except Penalty Kicks.

MATCH BALLS

The National Presidents Cup Committee will supply match balls. In the unlikely event that the National President Cup Committee cannot provide match balls, the referee will make a choice from balls offered by both teams. All matches will be played using a size #5 ball.

UNIFORMS

Each team must have two (2) uniform sets (one light color and one dark color) at each match during the event. Generally accepted light colors include, but are not limited to white, light grey, sand, sky blue, yellow, gold, pink, and light green. Generally accepted dark colors include, but are not limited to black, dark grey, dark brown, navy blue, red, maroon, dark green, and deep purple.

- The home team is required to wear their light color jersey and light color socks
- The away team is required to wear their dark color jersey and dark color socks
- Matching shorts are not required

If, in the opinion of the Referee, there is a color conflict, the team causing the conflict must change.

GRACE PERIODS

Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted a ten (10) minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team. All situations where a team is not ready to play will be assessed by the National Presidents Cup Committee.



TECHNICAL/BENCH AREA

Players and team officials will be in the technical/bench area on one side of the field. A maximum of four (4) team officials (i.e. coach, assistant coach, manager, or trainer) may be in the technical/bench area. Team officials must visibly display the Bench Pass provided by the National President's Cup Committee to be permitted on the team sideline. No coaching is allowed from other than the technical/bench area.

SPECTATORS

The parents and/or spectators affiliated with a team are considered a part of the team, and the actions of these individuals are the responsibility of the credentialed team officials appearing on the roster.

The spectator area is located on the opposite side of the field from the technical/bench area. No spectators are permitted anywhere behind the goal line during a match. The spectator area is behind the line marked 3 yards beyond the touchline and extends from a point 3 yards from the center line down to the corner flag. Spectators must remain in this area, in the half of the field directly across from their team's bench, subject to the following exception.

It is expected that respect for the game and players will prevail if a limited number of spectators wish to quietly observe the match in the far end of the opposing spectator section (for example, the Goalkeeper's parents). In the event of disruptive behavior by these spectators, a Referee or Tournament official may require them to return to their designated area and restrict any further sideline movement of spectators.

Technical instruction from any part of the spectator area, or provocative or unsportsmanlike behavior by any spectator may result in their removal from the complex. Any spectator asked to leave by a Referee or Tournament official must immediately depart the field area and remain out of sight and sound of the match until the teams have departed the field of play and are no longer the responsibility of the referee.

Whistles, air horns, megaphones and similar devices are prohibited at all National Presidents Cup competitions. Air horns are for use solely by tournament officials to signal when fields must be cleared due to inclement or dangerous weather conditions.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event that inclement weather affects the competition, the National Presidents Cup Committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning this competition in order to ensure the orderly progression of the event. The decisions of the National Presidents Cup Committee are final, and not subject to appeal.



UNFINISHED MATCHES

If, as determined by the National Presidents Cup Committee, inclement weather affects the National Presidents Cup competition, the following rules will apply regarding play and the determination of a winning team, in the order stated:

- If play is suspended or the start of play is delayed, the Committee may eliminate overtime periods. If the match is tied at the conclusion of regulation playing time, the match will go immediately to FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark.
- The game length may be reduced to 70 minutes for the 17U and 18U age groups and 60 minutes for the 15U and 16U age groups. If the game is terminated beyond these times, the result of the game will stand. If the game is tied or does not reach those times, then advancement in the competition will be determined by FIFA Kicks from The Penalty Mark.
- If, in the opinion of the National Presidents Cup Committee, additional steps to assure the safe conclusion of the Presidents Cup competition are needed, those decisions will be communicated to all designated team coaches and/or managers before they are implemented.



PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Section 1. All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the National Presidents Cup competitions, shall be referred to the National Presidents Cup Committee regarding games at the national level, or to the Regional Presidents Cup regarding games at the regional level.

Section 2. (a) To be valid and eligible for consideration at the national level of the competitions, each protest:

- 1) must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; and
- 2) must be filed with the National Presidents Cup Committee within 2 hours after the completion of the game being protested, accompanied by—
 - A) a fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors;
 - B) 2 written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged; and
 - C) 2 written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses.
 - a. Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained only if a written objection has been lodged with the referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.
 - b. The Chairman of the National Presidents Cup Committee shall immediately on receipt of the protest notify the team against which the protest is made and shall provide a copy of the protest and all particulars to that team, which will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses.

Section 3. (a) An appeal of a decision may be appealed as provided by Article XVII of the US Youth Soccer Bylaws. Any such appeal must be filed within 2 hours of receiving the decision—

- (1) if a decision of the Regional Presidents Cup Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Chairman of the National Presidents Cup Committee; or
 - (2) if a decision of the National Presidents Cup Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Board of Directors.
- (b) Each appeal filed under subsection (a) of this section must be accompanied by—
- (1) a fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors; and
 - (2) 2 written copies of the appeal.

Section 4. Any party to a protest or appeal shall be accorded the right to be assisted in the presentation of the party's case at the protest or appeal proceeding.

Section 5. A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the National Presidents Cup competitions is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by US Youth Soccer.



Appendix C

US Youth Soccer Policy on the National Presidents Cup



POLICY ON THE
US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP
March 10, 2018



PART I—GENERAL

Rule 101. DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided, the following definitions apply to this policy:

- (1) "**Article**" preceding a Roman numeral means a reference to a specific portion of the US Youth Soccer Bylaws.
- (2) "**Board of Directors**" means the Board of Directors of US Youth Soccer established under Article XIII.
- (2) "**National Presidents Cup Committee**" means a special committee of US Youth Soccer established under Article XIV(5).
- (3) "**National Presidents Cup competitions**" means the competitions established under this policy.
- (4) "**Region**" means one of those regions established under Article VIII of US Youth Soccer.
- (5) "**State Association**" means the States Associations enumerated in Article VIII.
- (6) "**State Cup or State Championship**" means those competitions established in Rules 101, 102, and 103 of the US Youth Soccer National Championships Policy.
- (7) "**US Youth Soccer**" means the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc.
- (8) "**Club**" means an organization providing soccer to youth players that is a member of a State Association; provided however, a "club" need not have the word "club" as part of its official name.
- (9) "**Club Pass**" means a US Youth Soccer pass which—
 - (A) issued to a registered youth player by a club in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member;
 - (B) issued as provided by this policy: and
 - (C) specifies the club of which the youth player is a registered member.



Rule 102. ESTABLISHMENT AND TITLE

Section 1. US Youth Soccer establishes and shall organize annual National Presidents Cup competitions for those qualifying players in the 13 and Under through 18 and Under age groups as defined by Rule 104 of the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules.

Section 2. There shall be individual, separately conducted National Presidents Cup competitions for boys and girls in each of the age groups.

Section 3. The title of the National Presidents Cup competitions shall be the "US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL PRESIDENTS CUP".

Section 4. The titles of the cups presented annually to the championship teams of each boys and girls age group at the national level are the following:

- (1) for the boys 13 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 13 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (2) for the girls 13 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 13 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (3) for the boys 14 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 14 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (4) for the girls 14 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 14 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (5) for the boys 15 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 15 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (6) for the girls 15 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 15 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (7) for the boys 16 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 16 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (8) for the girls 16 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 16 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (9) for the boys 17 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 17 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (10) for the girls 17 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 17 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (11) for the boys 18 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Boys 18 and Under National Presidents Cup.
- (12) for the girls 18 and Under age group, the US Youth Soccer Girls 18 and Under National Presidents Cup.



Rule 103. AWARDS TO TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Section 1. The champion team for each boys and girls age group at the national level each year will be given a team award determined by the National Presidents Cup Committee.

Section 2. The players and coaches of each of the 4 teams that are first, second, third, and fourth place teams competing in the National Presidents Cup at the national level in each of the boys and girls age groups shall be awarded individual medals.

Rule 104. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. There shall be a National Presidents Cup Committee. The Committee is responsible for the entire administration of the National Presidents Cup competitions, subject to review by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The National Presidents Cup Committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning the National Presidents Cup competitions, keeping in mind the best interests of US Youth Soccer, the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup, and the safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators, and spectators.

Section 3. Unless otherwise provided in this policy, the decisions of the National Presidents Cup Committee are final.

Rule 105. NOTICES

All notices and other communications required to be given under this policy shall be in writing and addressed as the National Presidents Cup Committee shall direct.



PART II—ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITIONS

Rule 201. STATE, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS

Each National Presidents Cup competition shall be conducted at the following levels:

- (1) The first level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the state level.
- (2) The second level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the regional level.
- (3) The third level of competitions for each boys and girls age group is at the national level.

Rule 202. STATE LEVEL COMPETITIONS

Section 1. (a) Each State Association shall determine—

- (1) whether it shall conduct a National Presidents Cup competition to determine its representatives in compliance with Rule 303;
- (2) which age groups, and whether boys or girls, or both, that it will conduct State Association level competitions for; and
- (3) the teams that represent it for each boys and girls age group at the National Presidents Cup competitions for the region of which the State Association is a member in compliance with Rule 303.

(b) The format for the competitions at the State Association level to determine teams representing the State Association shall be a format established by the State Association.

Section 2. Prior to the competitions at the State Association level, the schedule and plans for determining the State Association representatives shall be submitted for approval to that State Association's region.

Rule 203. REGIONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS

Section 1. Each of the regions shall conduct a National Presidents Cup competition for the region consisting of boys and girls age groups. The competitions shall be among the National Presidents Cup teams of the State Associations of the region. These regional competitions shall determine the teams that represent the region for each of the boys and girls age groups at the national level of the National Presidents Cup competitions.

Section 2. Each region shall establish the requirements and format for the competitions for the region consistent with this policy.



Rule 204. NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITIONS

Section 1. The National Presidents Cup teams representing each of the regions in each of the boys and girls age groups shall compete in the National Presidents Cup competitions at the national level to determine the champion team for each of those boys and girls age groups.

Section 2. (a) The teams from the regions shall compete in a round-robin format recommended by the National Presidents Cup Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) The National Presidents Cup Committee shall determine the days on which the round robin, final, and third place games shall be played.



PART III—PLAYERS, TEAMS, AND GAME PLAY

Rule 301. APPLICATION

This part III applies to the National Presidents Cup Regional and National levels of competitions.

Rule 302. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions are intended for properly registered and rostered players in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer (Policy on Players and Playing Rules, 201 and 209) and the State Association at the beginning of the State's qualifying event for that age and gender.

Section 2. In State Associations where player registrations are 25,001 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, a player who was rostered to any team that competed in quarter, semi or final matches in a designated State NCS series or was rostered to any team that competed in an elite, premiere or the most competitive level or levels in any regional or national league, or were a member of a national level developmental academy are not eligible to participate in a Regional or National Presidents Cup.

Section 3. A club may issue a club pass to any youth player who is a registered youth player of the club before the team to which such youth player is to be rostered for the State Association level of the National Presidents Cup competitions submits its roster for its first competition at the State Association level.

Section 4. A player may be rostered to only one team at each level of the National Presidents Cup competitions during a seasonal year.

Section 5. US Youth Soccer State associations are charged with making a final determination of a players' eligibility to be rostered on a team participating at any level of the National Presidents Cup competitions.

Section 6. A team that is found guilty for any reason of having an ineligible player on its roster or using an ineligible player forfeits each game involving the ineligible player.

Section 7. A player who has been suspended may play after the player's term of suspension has expired.



Rule 303. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The National Presidents Cup competitions shall be open to any team whose players are registered with US Youth Soccer through a State Association if the team is in compliance with all of the following requirements:

- (1) The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered youth players (as defined by US Youth Soccer).
- (2) The team must be in good standing with its State Association, must not be under sanction by their State Association or US Youth Soccer, and must be in compliance with, and have not violated any of the bylaws and policies of their State Association or US Youth Soccer.
- (3) In State Associations where player registrations are 25,001 or larger during the immediately preceding seasonal year, a team is not eligible to participate in the National Presidents Cup competitions if:
 - It competed in an interstate regional competition in which the team advanced to a round of 16, quarter, semi or finals in a State Cup or State Championships competition, or
 - It competed in the quarter, semi or final matches in a State Cup or State Championships competition, or
 - It competed in an elite, premiere or the most competitive level or levels in any regional or national league or were a member of a national level developmental academy.
- (4) In State Associations where player registration totals less than 25,001 during the immediately preceding seasonal year, each State Association may designate any team as their representative to the regional level of the National Presidents Cup.

Rule 304. PASSES, ROSTERS AND UNIFORMS

Section 1. At the National Presidents Cup competitions, each player and team official listed on the team's roster must carry the US Youth Soccer member pass. The member pass issued to a player shall identify the club by name or other appropriate means of identification. The US Youth Soccer member pass must carry a current photograph of the player or team official, as the case may be, and be signed by the appropriate official of the state association.

Section 2. At least 14 days before the date of the first scheduled game of the National Presidents Cup competitions, each team in the competitions shall submit a roster with not more than 22 players.

A team's National Presidents Cup competitions roster is set at the beginning of its State Qualifying event. A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the State Qualifying event and every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to that roster of the team at every level of the competition.

All information listed on the roster must be verified by the appropriate official of the State Association and signed by that official for each level of the National Presidents Cup.



Section 3. (1) The team’s National Presidents Cup roster and the US Youth Soccer member’s passes must be available at the game site at all times. The roster shall include the number of each player’s jersey.

(2) Each player shall have a number on the player’s jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Each player on a team must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional. It is suggested that teams traveling with multiple goalkeepers have numbered jerseys for them.

(3) At every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game or associated activity of the competitions may only have on the outer wear of the player or team official a name, logo, or other identifying mark of a youth soccer organization that is US Youth Soccer, a State Association or other member of US Youth Soccer, a member of a State Association, or an organization that is a member of an organization that is a member of a State Association. A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to remain at the game site for the game or associated activity.

Rule 305. GAME PLAY

Section 1. The playing rules of the National Presidents Cup competitions shall conform to the FIFA “Laws of the Game” except as provided by this rule.

Section 2. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the length of games, ball size, ball circumference, and ball weight for each age group shall be as follows:

Age Group	Game Length	Ball	Circumferenc	Weight
13 and Under	Two 35’ halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
14 and Under	Two 35’ halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
15 and Under	Two 40’ halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
16 and Under	Two 40’ halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
17 and Under	Two 45’ halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.
18 and Under	Two 45’ halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 oz.

(b) If the score of a final game is tied at the end of regulation time, there will be 2 overtime periods of 10 minutes each for play in the 13 and Under and 14 and Under age groups. If the score of a final game is tied at the end of the second half in the 15 and Under, 16 and Under, 17 and Under, and 18 and Under age groups, there will be 2 overtime periods of 15 minutes each. If neither team scores during the 2 overtime periods, the winner will be determined by FIFA *Kicks from The Penalty Mark*.



(c) If the score of a third place game is tied at the end of regulation time, no overtime periods will be played, and the winner will be determined by FIFA Kicks from *The Penalty Mark*.

(d) If, as determined by the National Presidents Cup Committee, inclement weather affects the National Presidents Cup competition, the following rules will apply regarding play and the determination of a winning team, in the order stated:

(1) If play is suspended or the start of play is delayed, the Committee may eliminate overtime periods. If the game is tied at the conclusion of regulation playing time, the game will go immediately to FIFA Kicks from *The Penalty Mark*.

(2) The game length may be reduced to 70 minutes for the 17 and Under age group and 60 minutes for the 16-year-old age group. If the game is terminated beyond these times, the result of the game will stand. If the game is tied or does not reach those times, then advancement in the competition will be determined by FIFA Kicks from *The Penalty Mark*.

(e) A team may have not more than 4 individuals designated as team officials for the team. The National Presidents Cup Committee will issue bench pass credentials to the team officials prior to the team's first game. Only those team officials who sign for the credentials will be allowed in the bench area and on its team side of the field.

(f) There shall be no limit on the number of substitutions.

Section 3. Any player or team official who is sent off from any National Presidents Cup game is prohibited from participating in the next immediately following game played by the player or team official's team. A player or team official may receive more than a one-game suspension. If a player or team official receives a red card in a final or consolation game, that player or team official will be referred to the player or team official's State Association for appropriate disciplinary action.



Rule 306. GAME OFFICIALS

Section 1. For National Presidents Cup competitions at the national level, the Chairman of the Referee Committee, or the Chairman’s designee, shall appoint the game officials. For National Presidents Cup competitions at the regional level, the Regional Representative to the Referee Committee, or the Regional Representative’s designee, shall appoint the game officials.

Section 2. Any referee appointed to officiate in any National Presidents Cup competition game may not be a past or present member of either of the competing teams.

Section 3. The scale of charges for referees shall be as set by the National Presidents Cup Committee.

Section 4. The referee has the authority to deal with players and team officials as provided by the FIFA “Laws of the Game”. No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the referee.

Section 5. The referee must forward to the Chairman of the National Presidents Cup Committee Chair, or the designee of the Chairman, on the official game report form with the results of the game, a list of the players participating in the game, and all particulars related to the game.



PART IV—PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Rule 401. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Section 1. All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors, to interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest concerning the National Presidents Cup competitions, shall be referred to the National Presidents Cup Committee regarding games at the national level, or to the Regional Presidents Cup regarding games at the regional level.

Section 2. (a) To be valid and eligible for consideration at the national level of the competitions, each protest —

(1) must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the referee and with the opposing coach at the game site before entering the field of play or leaving the game site, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) must be filed with the National Presidents Cup Committee within 2 hours after the completion of the game being protested, accompanied by—

(A) a fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors;

(B) 2 written copies of the protest, which must include full particulars of the grounds on which the protest is lodged; and

(C) 2 written copies of any information to be presented by witnesses.

(c) Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained only if a written objection has been lodged with the referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.

(d) The Chairman of the National Presidents Cup Committee shall immediately on receipt of the protest notify the team against which the protest is made and shall provide a copy of the protest and all particulars to that team, which will then have the right to defend its case, with or without witnesses.



Section 3. (a) An appeal of a decision may be appealed as provided by Article XVII of the US Youth Soccer Bylaws. Any such appeal must be filed within 2 hours of receiving the decision—

(1) if a decision of the Regional Presidents Cup Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Chairman of the National Presidents Cup Committee; or

(2) if a decision of the National Presidents Cup Committee, with the Chairman of that Committee who shall immediately notify the Board of Directors.

(c) Each appeal filed under subsection (a) of this section must be accompanied by—

(1) a fee in an amount determined by the Board of Directors; and

(2) 2 written copies of the appeal.

Section 4. Any party to a protest or appeal shall be accorded the right to be assisted in the presentation of the party's case at the protest or appeal proceeding.

Section 5. A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of the National Presidents Cup competitions is not sufficient grounds for a protest or appeal. Violators may expect appropriate action by US Youth Soccer.