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# 2023 FACT SHEET

## **Communication:**

- Your State Representative will be your team's immediate resource for all tournament information. If you are not aware of who your representative is, please call/email your State Office for the name and contact details.
- Website: [2023 Southern Regionals](#)
- Website will populate with specific tournament details beginning April 20, 2023
- Age group schedule will be posted by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Schedule will provide information as to when a particular age/gender is playing but will not have specific teams listed
- Official schedule with teams will be posted no more than three days after the last team has qualified (historically this is about June 10<sup>th</sup>)

**Tournament Location:** Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Local Organizing Committee (LOC):** Baton Rouge Soccer Club & Louisiana Soccer Association

## **Team Check-In:**

- Thursday, June 22, 2023
- Only one representative per team is required (ex. Manager/coach)
- States will be given a specific time when their teams are to appear
- Time slots begin at 2:00 pm with each state given 45 minutes to complete the process.
- Teams will meet with their State Reps to confirm player passes, rosters, secure team official credentials, pick-up parking passes, turn in required paperwork and pick-up last minute tournament material.
- State Rep will review tournament rules, procedures, and answer last minute questions
- State Schedule check-in will be available by April 30, 2023

**Registration Location:** Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel  
Bourbeau Ballrooms: I, II, III & IV  
7000 Bluebonnet Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA. 70810



**Tournament Dates:**

- June 23 - 25 (Fri-Sun)..... Group Play for all age groups
- June 26 (Mon)..... \*Quarterfinals - rest day 13UG, 17U-19U boys & girls
- June 27 (Tues)..... \*Quarterfinals - rest day 13UB, 14U-16U boys & girls
- June 28 (Wed)..... \*Semi-finals
- June 29 (Thurs)..... \*Finals

\*Note: Subject to change based on the number of qualifying teams accepting bids in each age-group.

**Team Hotels:**

- Each State and National League Conference have a block of rooms already reserved for their qualifying teams
- This is a “Stay to Play” Tournament where qualifying teams are required to use their assigned tournament hotels
- Teams that do not advance will have the option to check-out without penalty, per hotel guidelines (ex. will need to notify hotel by a certain time in the day so you won’t be responsible for another night)
- All reservations are handled by your State Rep and the tournament’s third-party provider, CSTT.
- Do NOT contact CSTT directly, your State Rep will work with each team manager to secure your team’s block of rooms and provide a link for making room reservations. You will be given a team contact at CSTT once your team has qualified and are ready to make reservations.

**States Competing:**

- State Champions or their representative from:  
AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, N-TX, OK, SC, S-TX, and TN

**National League Conferences Competing:**

- Age group conference winner or representative from:  
Piedmont Conference (NC, GA, SC)  
Mid-South Conference (AR, LA, AR, MS, TN)  
Frontier Conference (N-TX, S-TX, OK)  
Frontier Development League (N-TX, S-TX, OK)  
Sunshine Conference (FL & Ga)  
Sunshine Academy League (FL)

**Soccer Complex:**

- Our Lady of the Lakes at Burbank Soccer Complex  
12400 Burbank Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. 70810  
Field Info: 26 grass fields; 15 fields have lights



### **Competition Age Groups:**

- 13U - 19U boys & girls
- Age groups: our intention is to have 12, 16, or 18 teams in an age group
- Age groups with 12 teams or less will NOT have a quarter-final, Monday will be a day of rest for all teams, semi-finals on Tues (6/27), finals played on Wed, (6/28).
- Age groups with 16 teams, top two teams in each of four brackets advance to quarters
- Age groups with 18 teams, top two teams in each of three brackets advance to quarters plus the next two teams with the highest points advance as wild cards.
- Age groups with 18 teams, 6-groups of 3 teams (A,B,C,D,E & F):

#### **In group play:**

Group A plays Group B (combine - top two teams advance to quarters)

Group C plays Group D (combine - top two teams advance to quarters)

Group E plays Group F (combine - top two teams advance to quarters)

Quarter Final Game #1: Group A/B Winner vs # 2 Group E/F

Quarter Final Game #2: Group C/D Winner vs # 2 Wild Card

Quarter Final Game #3: Group E/F Winner vs # 1 Wild Card

Quarter Final Game #4: #2 Group C/D vs #2 Group A/B

### **Practice Fields:**

- States will be assigned practice fields by June 1st
- Fields will be available Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> for coaches to schedule practices.
- Fields will be open throughout the entire tournament
- State Rep will coordinate team reservations
- Teams must register with their State Rep prior to going to a practice field.

### **Parking Passes:**

- Teams will have the opportunity to order online (for a reduced price) event parking passes.
- Online purchasing will open late May and continue until 5 days prior to the event.
- Pre-orders are to be submitted by team - no individual orders will be accepted.
- Parking passes will be required for entry to all Tournament Complexes.
- Teams are highly recommended to pre-order parking passes allowing for easy entry at the soccer complex and to take advantage of the reduced price.

### **Tournament Gear:**

- Tee-shirts, hats, and all other tournament gear will be available for purchase at tournament complexes.

### **Medical Support:**

- Certified Athletic Trainers and additional personnel will be strategically located throughout the complex to support teams and players in the event of a medical event
- Taping stations will be available to teams for pre-taping. Players should prepare to be at the fields at least an hour prior to game time
- An ambulance will be onsite during all play.
- If during competition a player is suspected to have a head injury - the player may be required to see a tournament physician onsite prior to their next game to determine if player is cleared to play or a concussion diagnosis is appropriate.
- Teams bringing a Certified Athletic Trainer or other certified medical support will need to secure tournament credentials - please contact your State Rep
- Team medical personnel are secondary to Tournament Medical Personnel while at the tournament complex.

### **Team Bench Area:**

- A maximum of four (4) team officials will be permitted on the sideline at a time. Official must be a 2022/23 USYS carded individual within the team's club. Additionally, official must have on his/her person a tournament team bench credential.
- US Youth Soccer will have a tent and benches for each team on the sideline.
- There will be no water coolers at the benches provided by the tournament. Players will be required to have their own water bottle.
- Teams are welcome to bring their own coolers.
- Water stations will be maintained around the complex for players to refill their containers as hydration is critical given the heat usually experienced at Southern Regionals in June.

### **2023 NCS Competition Rules - quick view:**

- There are three (3) levels to the NCS event: State Cup, Regionals, and the National Championship.
- NL Conference qualifiers **MUST** compete in their respective State Cup prior to officially qualifying for Southern Regionals.
- A player may only be on one frozen NCS roster for one team at a time.
- A player may not be on another frozen NCS roster until the player's initial team has been eliminated from the entire competition.
- Continuity Rule: Competing teams must have on their roster a **MINIMUM** of 50% of the **players** from the team's frozen State cup roster at all levels of play.
- All teams must travel to tournament with a home and an away soccer kit
- See 2023 Southern Regional Championship Tournament Rules for a complete breakdown of all the event rules.
- Full tournament rules will be posted April 20th on the website.
- 2022/2023 National Championship Series Policies are now available on the [2023 Southern Regionals](#) website under the tab marked Policy and Protocols.
- A State is responsible for confirming the eligibility of each of their teams and players entering the competition.
- Contact your State Rep for questions related to tournament rules.

### **Team Withdrawal Penalty**

- In the event a team withdraws from the Southern Regional Tournament, a fine will be assessed as follows:
  - 15 -11 days from the beginning of the tournament - \$2000 *(June 8, 2023)*
  - 10 days or less from the beginning of the tournament - \$3000 *(June 13, 2023)*
  - Applies to teams that have committed to their State or NL Manager to attend tournament

### **National Championship Tournament:**

- Southern Regional Champions advance to the National Championship Tournament.
- Dates: July 17 - July 23, 2023
- Location: Orlando, Florida

### **National League Pro Teams:**

- NL-Pro Teams who qualify directly to the National Championship event must compete in their State NCS Cup. Additionally, if the NL-Pro team qualifies for Southern Regionals as either a State Cup Champion or NL-Conference Qualifier and advance through the tournament exiting as the 2023 Southern Regional Champion, the team will represent the National League Pro League at the National Championship. The Tournament Finalist will be offered the bid to attend the National Championship as the 2023 Southern Regional representative.

Contact your State Representative if you have additional questions.

Congratulations on advancing to the  
2023 US Youth Soccer Southern Regional Champion Tournament.

Safe travels to Baton Rouge, LA