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US Youth Soccer Expands Age Participation for the 2021 USYS National League, National Championship Series and Presidents Cup

FRISCO, Texas (July 16, 2020) — US Youth Soccer (USYS) is excited to make the following changes to their **USYS National League** (including the Conferences, Showcase Series and Playoffs) and **National Championship Series** (including State, Regional and National competitions):

The oldest admissible age group FOR THE 2020-21 SEASONAL YEAR ONLY will be 19/20-U. Eligible players' must be born on or after January 1, 2001. This one-year change is in place to allow players to participate in one additional year of eligibility due to the missed programming as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The National League enthusiastically embraces this change as it gives impacted players another shot at achieving their dreams," said Marley Wilson, Director, USYS National League and Competitions

"The National Championship Committee unanimously supports this initiative to allow players an additional chance to raise a US Youth Soccer National Championship trophy," said Bob Hart, Chair, USYS National Championship Committee.

US Youth Soccer (USYS) is also excited to make the following changes to their **USYS Presidents Cup** (including the State, Regional and National competitions):

The oldest admissible age group FOR THE 2020-21 SEASONAL YEAR ONLY will be 18/19-U. Eligible players' must be born on or after January 1, 2002. This one-year change is in place to allow players to participate in one additional year of eligibility due to the missed programming as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The National Presidents Cup Committee is excited to offer 19U players the opportunity to participate in the 2021 Presidents Cup competitions, which were cancelled this past year through no fault of their own," said Will Maffit, Chair, National Presidents Cup Committee.

Given the current challenges faced by so many members of the USYS Family, USYS is hopeful that this will allow more players to not only experience the thrill of heightened competition, but also fulfill their dreams of being champions.

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