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2024 Southern Presidents Cup Team:

On behalf of US Youth Soccer, congratulations on qualifying for the 2024 US Youth Soccer Southern Presidents Cup! This is an incredible accomplishment towards your goal of advancing to the 2024 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup in Wichita, Kansas to compete for the National title.

We have been busy preparing for your arrival with our host, the North Texas State Soccer Association, to ensure a memorable experience for you in Plano, Texas.

There is an abundance of information in this guide to help prepare for your trip to Plano. Additionally, please visit USYouthSoccer.org periodically for the latest event information. We will update the website leading up to and throughout the event.

The schedule will be available upon completion of all state qualifying events (on or about Friday June 7th). The [preliminary game schedules](#) are posted on the website. Please note that schedule change requests will not be honored, so please make travel arrangements accordingly.

It is important that your team is registered for the event and your team's roster submitted for approval prior to the deadline provided by your State Association in the [GotSport platform](#).

In lieu of an in-person team check-in, we will host a webinar for team representatives on **Thursday, June 6 at 1PM CDT/2PM EDT**. The call-in details for this webinar will be provided about a week prior to the webinar, which will be recorded and made available to all teams for reference.

Should you have any questions or concerns, your first point of contact is always your State Rep. We look forward to seeing you in Texas!

Sincerely,

Jeannie Louk
US Youth Soccer Southern Presidents Cup Program Manager



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IMPORTANT TEAM INFORMATION

Any information in this document does not replace the need to be familiar with the “US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Competition Rules”, the “Policy on the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup”, and the “US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Competition Protocols”, all of which are available for download from the [US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup website](#).

MEMBER PASSES AND BENCH PASS CREDENTIALS

Each player and team official listed on a team roster must possess a current seasonal year US Youth Soccer member pass with a recent face-on, passport style photograph.

All member passes must be a laminated paper card or a machine produced credit card style. Teams without US Youth Soccer member passes shall not be allowed to participate in the Southern Presidents Cup.

Bench Personnel are **limited to a maximum of four (4) individuals** (this includes head coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, club coaches, trainers and/or any other team officials) in the technical area during a match. Each individual must possess a valid US Youth Soccer member pass and wear the provided Bench Pass credential around their neck, visible at all times, while in the technical area.

US YOUTH SOCCER CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

The US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competition follows the US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocol. Please be advised that if a player receives a completed US Youth Soccer Concussion Form due to displaying signs and symptoms of a concussion, that player may not return to play until a signed clearance form from a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy who specializes in concussion treatment and management has been received. Additional information on the concussion protocol is available [here](#).

A concussion clearance must be on a document issued by a medical doctor's office, state that the player has been cleared to return to play and is clear of symptoms. The form must be signed by the medical official.

If a player is cleared during the event, please notify your State Representative (if applicable) and bring the signed clearance to Event Headquarters. If a player is cleared post-event, please contact the US Youth Soccer National Office at 972-334-9300.

NOTE: The Athletic Trainers contracted for this event are considered primary, and any team or club Athletic Trainers are secondary.

EVENT HOST

The North Texas State Soccer Association is honored to host the 2024 US Youth Soccer Southern Presidents Cup. Hosting this event at Russell Creek Park is a tremendous privilege for them. While in the area, please be sure to take advantage of the many wonderful restaurants and attractions. Above all, enjoy your visit, and we wish your team the best of luck during your matches.

EVENT DATES

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| Thursday, June 13 | Practice day if desired; times must be reserved in advance |
| Friday, June 14 | Group Play Day 1 |
| Saturday, June 15 | Group Play Day 2 |
| Sunday, June 16 | Group Play Day 3 |
| Monday, June 17 | Semifinals |
| Tuesday, June 18 | Finals |



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EVENT LOCATION

All matches for the 2024 Southern Presidents Cup will be hosted at:

[Russell Creek Park](#)

3550 McDermott Road
Plano, Texas 75025

There are 18 natural grass fields and two (2) turf fields at Russell Creek Park. Concessions will be available.

PRACTICE FIELDS

Practice fields will be available on Thursday, June 13 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM in 60-minute time slots. A link to sign-up for practice fields will be posted on the event website at USYouthSoccer.org for teams and communicated to State Reps.

UNIFORMS

Each team must have two (2) uniform sets, including socks, (one light color and one dark color at each match during the competition. 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 (listed first in the schedule) is required to wear their light color jersey and socks.
- The away team (listed second in the schedule) is required to wear their dark color jersey and 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 jersey or sock color conflict, the **team causing the conflict** must change. The referee's decision is final. Any failure to comply may result in sanctions and/or fines levied against the offending team. **Reminder, teams are required to bring both color uniforms and socks 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.** Goalkeepers must wear colors that distinguish them from other players and referees. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional; however, are recommended.



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UNIFORM LOGOS, MARKINGS & SPONSORS

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 player or team official 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. At the event, USYS can supply semi-permanent patches to cover non-compliant markings or logos. The cost is \$75.00 per team (for 44 patches) or \$3.00 per patch, payable in cash. **Covering non-complaint marks with tape is not permitted.**

A player or team official is not prohibited from having a mark or name on clothing being worn at a match, provided that it is related to an item or service that is appropriate for youth. Any inappropriate mark or name must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to participate in the match. 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 to avoid an issue at the field.

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

UNIFORM PATCHES

As teams advance through the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions, they may be presented with State Champion uniform patches. The State Champion patches are optional and **are not required** for the Regional Presidents Cup competition. Before a team affixes any of these patches to their uniforms, be aware that teams that advance to the National Presidents Cup competition **must wear the National Presidents Cup patch** they will be provided, as outlined below. Although teams may utilize any other patches they were presented if they choose, it is recommended that teams leave sufficient space for the National Presidents Cup patch.

Important: All team member uniforms must have each patch permanently affixed in the same location.

Patches may be placed:

- On the right or left sleeve of the jersey, approximately 1" above the bottom edge of the sleeve with the patch facing outwards. 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.
- On the right or left leg of the shorts, approximately 1" above the bottom edge of the hem with the patch facing forward.

These options are provided to avoid conflict with sponsor logos, player numbers, etc. However, as outlined above, **all uniforms must have each patch permanently affixed in the same location.**



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TRAVEL

All travel to the competition is at your expense. Should you choose to fly, the closest airports are the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and the Love Field (DAL) in Dallas.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

This is a stay-to-play event. Your State Association selects all team hotel accommodations per the event housing requirements. Each team is required to book a minimum of 24 room-nights, through the approved housing coordinator. All teams are required to stay at the property their State Association assigned to them. All properties include free parking and free breakfast unless otherwise noted by your State Rep.

SEVERE WEATHER & EVENT NOTIFICATIONS

The Southern Presidents Cup Event Management staff will constantly monitor weather conditions and will follow any local requirements as well as all US Youth Soccer weather protocols. Inclement weather announcements and other important competition information will be broadcast using WhatsApp. Your carrier may impose message and/or data charges. If you consent to receive messages during the Southern Presidents Cup competition, scan the QR code below or click on [this link](#).



TEAM REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

The online team check-in to ensure that all players and team officials are eligible prior to your teams' arrival. There is no "in person" team check-in. Any required documents must be uploaded into the GotSport system by the online check-in deadline. Your State Association and/or State Rep will be able to assist you through this process.

OFFICIAL EVENT MERCHANDISE

We are proud to have [Team IP](#) as the official apparel provider of the 2024 Southern Regional Presidents Cup. Be sure to pick up your t-shirts, hoodies and other apparel.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

US Youth Soccer photographers will be capturing action shots during many (but not all) of the matches during the week. Access to these photographs is free, additional information is contained in this guide.

HYDRATION

Hydration Stations will be set up at the main Medical Tents during the 2024 competition. Teams are responsible for ensuring that their bench area is clean before departing after a match.



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MEDICAL SERVICES

Athletic Trainers will be available for preventative taping services; however, all medical emergencies and injuries will take priority.

HOSPITAL & URGENT CARE FACILITIES

If clearance is needed for a concussion or other medical situation, the following information is provided for your convenience. If further evaluation or clearance is needed for any injuries, a Texas Health professional will assist with where/who to use for follow-up

- For all needs at the fields, Texas Health will be on hand.
- For after-hours needs, please proceed to the nearest ER.

REFEREES

Just as teams earned the right to compete at the Southern Region Presidents Cup, the referees have also earned their place, based on recommendations and accomplishments from within their home state. At this competition, referees compete to earn the honor of officiating at the National Presidents Cup based on their performance. The referees are supported by senior referees and mentors who contribute to their development by guiding them in post-match reflections. Please refrain from criticizing the officials throughout the competition.

SPECTATORS

Parents and/or spectators who can reasonably be considered to be affiliated with a team are considered a part of that team, and the actions of those 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. Spectators must remain 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 at 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, provocative or unsportsmanlike behavior by any spectator may result in 1) their removal from the complex or 2) clearing the sideline and removing all spectators from the match, either from one or both teams. Any spectators asked to leave by law enforcement, security, referee or any other event 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 individuals removed may not return to the field at the end of the match.

Whistles, air horns, megaphones, artificial noisemakers and/or 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.

LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

Visit Plano is excited to welcome you to the 2024 USYS South Presidents Cup in Plano, Texas. Plano is a vibrant and dynamic city in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. This community offers a wide range of attractions and activities for visitors of all ages and interests. From world-class shopping and dining to exciting outdoor adventures and cultural experiences, Plano has something for everyone!

Click [here](#) to Visit Plano!

PARKING

All parking at Russell Creek Park is free.



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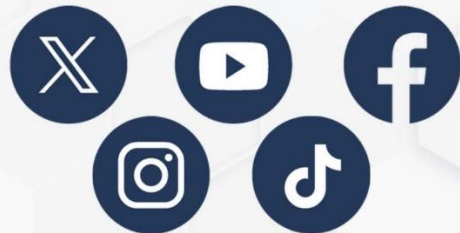


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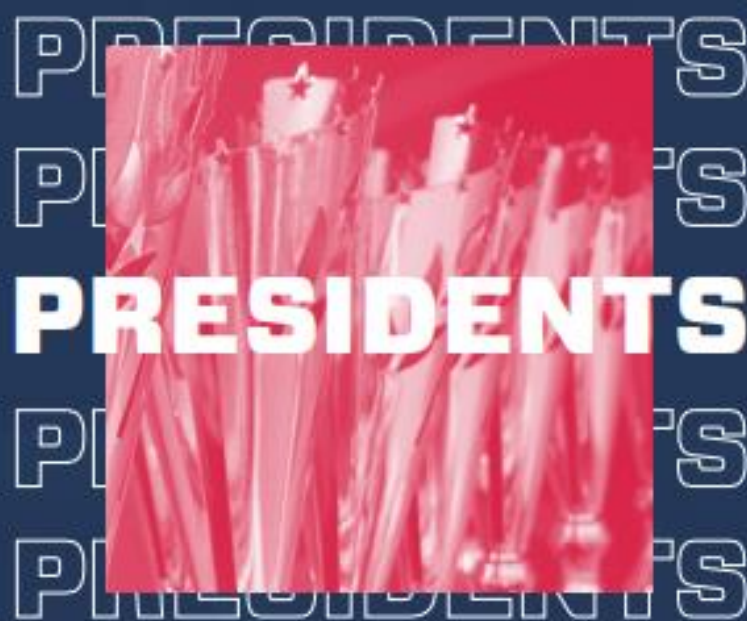
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