



# 2025 US Youth Soccer Southern Regional Championship Tournament

## Stay to Play

*(Effective for 2020 competition, updated 2024)*

### 1. **Minimum number of rooms that must be reserved:**

- Teams from each state are responsible for booking an average of eight (8) rooms per team for round robin competition. A state's team count includes State Cup Champion or Finalist, teams participating as National League Conference representatives and any wildcard teams accepted by the state. **Every team must book a minimum of four (4) rooms per night the team is still in the competition.**

*Example:*

A state sending 14 teams will need to book a minimum of 112 rooms per night:  
(14 teams x 8 minimum # = 112 rooms per night).

### 2. **Opt-out Option:**

- Teams that insist on **not** taking advantage of the hotel rooms available through the tournament third party provider may "opt out" with approval from their State and Southern Regional Tournament Director. **An OPT-OUT request must be received and approved no later than May 30, 2025.** There will be an assessment of \$2,500 per team. The team assumes the responsibility for making their own lodging arrangements and agrees to not make reservations at any property contracted with the Southern Regional Championship event. Teams must provide the State with the name of the property(s) booked. Assessment is due to the LOC prior to the state's assigned tournament check-in. An invoice will be sent to the State with payment instructions. The team may lose eligibility to participate in the competition if they fail to pay the fine.
- If a team is identified as not participating in the Stay to Play and have not received permission for an OPT-OUT option, **will be assessed an additional \$1000.00 payable to Southern Regionals.** The state is responsible for having the payment to the Local LOC & Southern Regionals prior to any team advancing to the National Championship or July 19, 2025, if no team is advancing to the Championship. **Total fine is \$3,500.00**

### 3. **Local Area Teams:**

- Local area teams will not be required to meet the 8-room minimum. A local team is defined as one that is registered in the **same state** as the hosting LOC **and** where the club's main soccer headquarters (address) is located no more than 100 miles from the primary tournament competition site.
- It will be between the State Association and LOC to determine if an "opt out" fee will be levied to teams that meet this requirement.
  - It should be understood that:
    - No tournament schedule changes will be made to accommodate travel for local teams.
    - No accommodation will be made outside tournament rules if team is delayed due to traffic