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Dear 2025 Midwest Regional Championships Team:

On behalf of US Youth Soccer, congratulations on qualifying for the 2025 Midwest Regional Championships! This is a tremendous accomplishment toward your goal of advancing to the 2025 US Youth Soccer National Championships in Orlando, Florida, and competing for a National Championship.

We have been busy preparing for your arrival with our hosts, Kansas Youth Soccer Association, as well as <u>Visit</u> <u>Overland Park</u> and the <u>Olathe Convention and Visitors Bureau</u> to help ensure a memorable experience for you in Kansas. The 20 turf fields at the two complexes (Garmin Olathe Soccer Complex in Olathe and Scheels Soccer Complex in Overland Park) are beautiful and ready for action in just a few short weeks.

This team information guide will help prepare you for your trip to Kansas. Additionally, please visit **USYouthSoccer.org** for the latest event information. We will update the website leading up to and throughout the event.

The live schedule will be available upon completion of all National League conference matches and state qualifying events (on or around Friday, June 13th). The <u>preliminary game schedules</u> are posted on the event website. Please note that schedule change requests will not be honored, so please plan 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.

Should you have any questions or concerns not answered in this team information guide or on our website, your first point of contact is always your State Association Representative, or via email for those teams qualifying through the National League's Midwest Conference or Great Lakes Conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Kansas!

Sincerely,

Jen Fickett US Youth Soccer Midwest National Championships Program Manager











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EVENT DATES

Friday, June 20	Group Play
Saturday, June 21	Group Play
Sunday, June 22	Group Play
Monday, June 23	Day of Rest / TOPSoccer Event
Tuesday, June 24	Semifinals
Wednesday, June 25	Finals

EVENT LOCATION

Games will be played on the 20 lighted and artificial turf fields at the **Garmin Olathe Soccer Complex in Olathe** and the **Scheels Soccer Complex in Overland Park**. Field maps are located at the end of this document.

- 13U, 14U age groups (boys and girls) and 18/19U (boys) will play Group Play matches at the Garmin Olathe Soccer Complex in Olathe, KS (10541 S Warwick St, Olathe, KS 66061)
- 15U, 16U, 17U, and 18/19U (boys and girls) age groups will play Group Play matches at the Scheels Soccer Complex in Overland Park, KS (13700 Switzer Rd, Overland Park, KS 66221)

PRACTICE FIELDS

Practice fields will be available on Thursday, June 19 at Scheels Soccer Complex in Overland Park. A link for reservations will be available late May on a first-come-first-serve basis on the event website <u>USYouthSoccer.org</u>

GAME SCHEDULES

The live schedule for the 2025 Midwest Regional Championships will be released following the completion of all qualifying conference matches and State Championships and verification of all qualified teams on or around Friday, June 13th. Please that that schedule change requests will not be honored, so please plan accordingly.

- For Group Play, the first kickoff will be scheduled for 8:00am with matches scheduled to end by 6:00pm.
- For Semifinals, the first kickoff will be scheduled for 8:00am with matches scheduled to end by 3:00pm.
- For Finals, the first kickoff will be scheduled for 8:00am with matches scheduled to end by 1:00pm.

HOTELS

This is a Stay-to-Play event. Teams are required to utilize their hotel block provided through GroupHousing, the event's designated housing provider. Your State Association, or league manager in the case of conference representatives, has already selected your team's hotel. Please contact your State Association or league manager for more information.

All teams will initially book rooms for the first three days of group play and then check-out of their hotels on Sunday, June 23. GroupHousing will assist those teams who advance to semifinals in booking new blocks on Sunday. More details will be posted on the event website <u>USYouthSoccer.org</u> to assist you with re-booking your team's room block.

Teams who fail to utilize the selected rooms and/or meet the minimum room night requirement shall be subject to a fine of \$1,500 per team not using said rooms. Those teams may also lose eligibility to participate in the competition.











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REGISTRATION & ROSTERS

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Team registration takes place in advance through our event management system in GotSport prior to arrival in Kansas. Teams will receive information from their State Representative on how to register for the event and build rosters for approval prior to the deadline provided by their State Association. We ask that teams enter their uniform color information in GotSport to help prevent color conflicts and to aid in referee match preparation. Please ensure that there are phone numbers for each team representative (managers and coaches) in case we need to reach you.

SEVERE WEATHER & EVENT NOTIFICATIONS

The Midwest Regional Championships staff and complex staff will be constantly monitoring weather conditions using multiple sources. They will be in constant contact if severe weather is approaching. Should it be deemed necessary to suspend games due to severe weather, it will be announced using warning horns and/or sirens. Do not seek shelter in the pavilion areas as these areas are NOT SAFE from lightning. There is simply not enough room in any structures. All must go to their cars and wait out the storm until the "all clear" is given. At that point players, coaches, referees, and fans may return to the fields. Schedule updates and other event specific announcements may also occur during a weather delay or at any time on the live schedule available on the event website <u>USYouthSoccer.org</u>

We have created a WhatsApp Community called "2025 USYS Midwest Regional Championships" to be used for timely distribution of critical alerts at the event, including weather delays. This will be an announcement only group – not for 2-way communication. You must have the WhatsApp app installed on your device prior to joining the group. Please sign up now – do not wait until the first crack of lightning to attempt to sign up. At least one representative from each team should subscribe at: bit.ly/2025MWNCS

Please note that this is for team representatives (managers and or coaches) and not for every family on your team – you should continue to use the team communication method you would normally use.

US YOUTH SOCCER CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

Please be advised that after 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 osteopath who specializes in concussion treatment and management has been received. Please refer to the form for further details. The form is available on our web site, listed above. *For clarification, whether an M.D. or D.O., the physician must specialize in concussion treatment and management.*

The clearance must be on a document from the medical doctor's office stating that the player has been cleared to return to play and is clear of symptoms. The document must be signed by the official.

MEDICAL

Medical services will be provided by the local organizing committee. Athletic trainers will be on site along with EMTs. Preventative taping services will be provided for free; however, medical issues and injuries have priority.

Note that the ATCs contracted for this event are considered primary and any team ATCs are secondary.









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MEMBER PASSES AND BENCH PASS CREDENTIALS

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Each player and team official listed on a team roster must have a valid physical US Youth Soccer member pass at the competition. The US Youth Soccer member pass must carry a current photograph of the player or team official. All member passes shall be laminated (or machine produced). Teams without US Youth Soccer member passes shall not be allowed to participate in the Midwest Regional Championships.

Bench Personnel are **limited to four (4) individuals** (this includes head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, club coaches, trainers, and/or any other team officials) per technical area per game. Each individual must have a valid US Youth Soccer pass and wear a "Bench Pass" credential, visible at all times while in the technical area. Bench Pass credentials are provided by your **State Rep**. Be sure to bring them with you as replacements will not be available from the Midwest Region at the event.

UNIFORMS

Each team must have at least two (2) uniform sets (one light color and one dark color).

- The home team (listed first in the schedule) is required to wear their light color jersey.
- The away team (listed second in the schedule) is required to wear their dark color jersey.

If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a jersey color conflict, the team causing the conflict must change. The referee's decision is final. Any failure to comply may result in the team forfeiting the match.

Each player shall have a number on the player's jersey (goalkeeper number is optional). 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. **No duplicate and/or taped or altered numbers will be allowed.**

Each team who qualified for the Midwest Regional Championships as a State Champion shall wear the "State Champion" patch presented to them at their state championships on the right sleeve of one (1) set of jerseys.

UNIFORM LOGOS, MARKINGS & SPONSORS

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 a sewn-on patch. American flag patches are perfectly suited for this purpose. **Covering non-conforming patches or logos with tape will not be accepted.**











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Per 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 in the game."

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.

REFEREES

Just as teams earned the right to compete at the Midwest Regional Championships, the referees have also earned their place, based on recommendations and accomplishments from within their state. At this competition, referees compete to earn the honor of attending the National Championships based on their performance. The referees are supported by senior referees, referee coaches, 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 or team side of the field during a match. The spectator area is located on the opposite side of the field from the technical/bench area.

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.

HYDRATION

We will be operating with team-supplied water. Players/teams must bring their own water for their hydration needs. US Youth Soccer will not be providing water jugs/cups in the team bench areas, as seen in previous years. We will have hydration stations that players can use to refill their own bottles.

ANIMALS

Animals are NOT allowed at the complexes (exception: service animals with proper documentation)! No animals are allowed on any artificial turf surface at any facility.

TOBACCO & ALCOHOL

Please note that BOTH Soccer Complexes are NO-Smoking facilities. Furthermore, alcohol may not be brought into











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SCHEELS OVERLAND PARK SOCCER COMPLEX

13700 Switzer Rd, Overland Park, KS 66221 Group Play Matches: 15U, 16U, 17U, 18/19U Boys & Girls All Semifinal & Final Matches



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GARMIN OLATHE SOCCER COMPLEX

10541 S Warwick, Olathe, KS 66061 Group Play Matches: 13U & 14U Boys & Girls & 18/19U Boys











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