



US YOUTH SOCCER POLICY ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Effective: October 26, 2025

Section I. REPEALED

The policy's titled US Youth Soccer Policy on The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series (last amended December 7, 2024) and US Youth Soccer Policy on The US Youth Soccer National President's Cup (last amended June 10, 2023) are hereby repealed and shall have no further force effect as the effective date.

Section II. POLICY ADOPTION

This Policy shall be titled: **US Youth Soccer Policy on National Championships**

Section III. TITLES

Rule 101. TITLE OF THE COMPETITIONS

Section 1. The title of the two National Championships conducted annually by the United States Youth Soccer Association shall be "United States Youth Soccer National Championship" and the "United States Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup".

Section 2. The national competitions are the property of US Youth Soccer and shall be competed annually on dates and at sites determined and approved by the US Youth Soccer CEO or designee.

Section 3. US Youth Soccer has established and shall organize annually National Championship competitions for boys and girls in the 13 and Under, 14 and Under, 15 and Under, 16 and Under and 17 and Under brackets. The Under 18 and Under 19 age groups shall be combined to form an Under 18/19 age bracket.

Rule 102. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1.

(a) The entire administration of these competitions is vested in the USYS CEO or designee(s).

(b) Any matters not provided for in this policy shall be decided by the USYS CEO or designee(s) and all decisions are final.

Section 2.

(a) The USYS CEO or designee shall determine each year the deadline for entry in these National Championships Competitions along with the entry fee for these competitions.

(b) Not later than the deadline for entry, each State Association wishing to enter these competitions shall submit to the US Youth Soccer national office the following:

(1) An entry form indicating the State Association's intention to compete.

(2) A non-refundable fee in the amount set by the US Youth Soccer.

Section 3. Participation in the US Youth National Championships shall be available to teams that qualify through their respective State Cup competitions. Teams representing states whose State Association, at its discretion, provides for a waiver of State Cup participation may also qualify for the US Youth National Championships through the US Youth Soccer National League pathway.

Section 4. The Cup for each boy's and girl's age group shall be engraved annually with the name of the champion team of that age group.

Section 5. National Championship Competitions at the State Association level shall include in their title the name US Youth Soccer National Championships as follows:

a) for State Association competitions: "US YOUTH SOCCER [insert State Association name] NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS", "US YOUTH SOCCER [insert State Association name] PRESIDENT'S CUP", or "US YOUTH SOCCER [insert State Association name] STATE CUP".

b) The US Youth Soccer National Championships logo is required on all event merchandise and graphics at the State Associations' competitions and national competitions. The logo may be used as part of event artwork or as a stand-alone logo.

Rule 103. PRECEDENCE OF GAMES

The National Championship Competition games governed by this Policy shall take precedence over all other US Youth Soccer games in the selected vicinities where the event(s) are located.

Rule 104. MANAGEMENT AND RULES

Section 1. The CEO or their designee(s) shall be responsible for the administration of the National Championship competitions in accordance with this policy and any rules adopted to govern these competitions.

Section 2. The CEO and/or their designee(s) are empowered to make all decisions concerning these national competitions, keeping in mind the best interests of US Youth Soccer, the US Youth Soccer competitions, and the safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators, and spectators. In addition to the specific powers detailed in other sections of this policy, the CEO or designee(s) are vested with all necessary power and authority to manage, regulate, supervise, administer, and conduct, including determination of any matter not otherwise provided for, within the US Youth Soccer competitions.

Section 3. The CEO or their designee(s) have the authority, subject to the provisions of this policy, to prescribe all US Youth Soccer national competition rules, regulations and procedures reasonable and necessary for the administration and growth of the US Youth Soccer national competitions. All US Youth Soccer national competition rules, regulations and procedures must be in writing and available for inspection by administrators, coaches, teams, players, parents and others.

Section 4. All proposed US Youth Soccer National Championships and US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup rules, regulations and procedures, and amendments to them, must be in writing and note an effective date at two days (2) day after the date it has been approved. A copy of each US Youth Soccer national competition rule, regulation, procedure and amendment shall be made generally available in writing.

Section 5. The CEO and/or their designee(s) are authorized to establish various technical, advisory, and other specialized support groups and designate persons on either a permanent or ad hoc basis to assist and advise.

Section 6. The US Youth Soccer CEO and/or their designee(s) shall submit proposed annual budgets in accordance with the US Youth Soccer Financial Policy for approval by the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors.

Section 7. The US Youth Soccer National Championship competitions shall adhere to all relevant sections in the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules.

Section 8. The CEO and/or their designee(s) is authorized to settle any disputes which arise in the course of the US Youth Soccer National Cup competitions.

Rule 204. AMENDMENT OF POLICY

Section 1. The US Youth Soccer Board of Directors may amend or repeal this Policy or any part thereof at any time by a majority vote.

Section 2. Amendments to this policy are effective August 1st of the next soccer year after approval by a majority vote of the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors.
