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MOST COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE SENT THRU GOTSPORT AND OUR NEW CUP ENEWSLETTERS.

DO NOT OPT OUT OF THESE EMAILS.

IF YOU PREVIOUSLY OPTED OUT FOR OTHER EVENTS, GO TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND CHANGE THE SETTING TO ALLOW EMAILS FROM GOTSPORT & ILLINOISYOUTHSOCCER.ORG

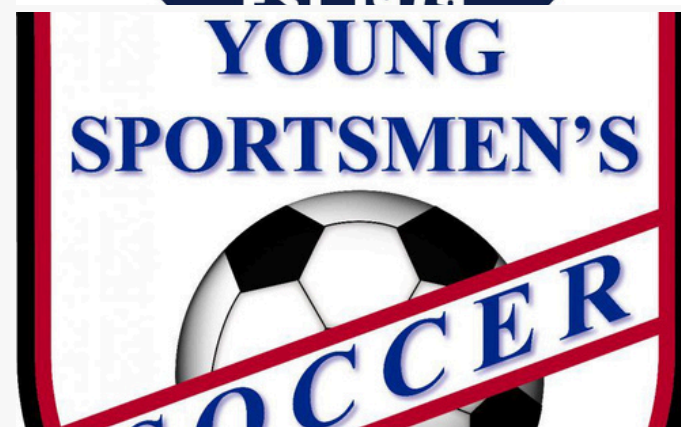




LEAGUE REGISTRATION

In order to be eligible for the State Cup, Presidents Cup or Illinois Cup your team and ALL PLAYERS MUST be registered to one of the Illinois Youth Soccer member competitive leagues for the Spring 2025 season.

THE ONLY exception is for Illinois Cup Gold where tournament only or member recreational league teams are allowed to play.



**CENTRAL ILLINOIS YOUTH
SOCCER LEAGUE (CIYSL)**

**ILLINOIS WOMEN'S
SOCCER LEAGUE (IWSL)**

LDE COMPETITIVE SOCCER

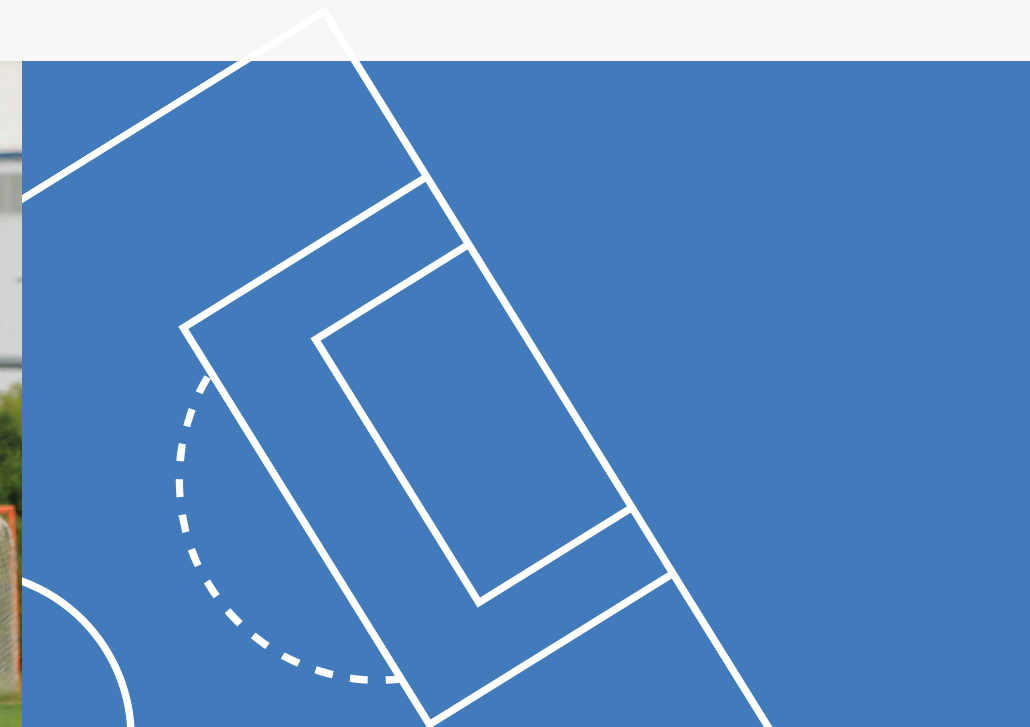
**ST LOUIS YOUTH SOCCER
ASSOCIATION - IL (SLYSA)**

**YOUNG SPORTSMEN'S
SOCCER LEAGUE (YSSL)**



SCHEDULES

SCHEDULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS
ARE POSTED AT THE IYSA
WEBSITE OR CAN BE FOUND IN
YOUR GOTSPORT ACCOUNT





IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, MARCH 14: [Play-In Change Deadline](#)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14: [Coaching Conflicts Due](#)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14: [Graduation Conflicts Due](#)

THURS, MARCH 20: [Play-In Times Announced](#)

TUES, APRIL 1: [Initial Rosters Due](#)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13: [Play-In Games Round 1 - The MAC](#)

SATURDAY, APRIL 19: [Play-In Games Round 2 - Rockford](#)

THURS, APRIL 24: [HTH & Game Change Info Due](#)

THURS, MAY 1: [Rockford Times Announced](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 12: State Cup & Presidents Cup HTH Play By Date

MAY 16-18: Group Play Games in Rockford

SUNDAY, MAY 18: Presidents Cup Quarterfinals

MAY 23-25: State Cup Quartersfinals & Semis

MAY 23-25: Presidents Cup Semis & Finals

MONDAY, MAY 26: Illinois Cup HTH Play By Date

MAY 30 - May 31: State Cup Finals

MAY 30 - June 1: Illinois Cup Semis & Finals



LEAGUE GAME CHANGES

Participation in any Cup does NOT exempt you from fees charged by leagues for game changes, even if you advance to the elimination rounds

The YSSL free game change deadline is March 14

The IWSL free game change deadline is March 15

GIRLS teams (ESPECIALLY ILLINOIS CUP TEAMS) should move any game scheduled on Memorial Day Weekend & May 30-June 1 to a different date should they advance to elimination rounds.

BOYS teams (ESPECIALLY ILLINOIS CUP TEAMS) should move any game scheduled on Memorial Day Weekend & May 30-June 1 to a different date should they advance to the elimination rounds.

Should your team not advance - you have now created a built-in rain date for the Spring.





HOME TEAM HOST GAMES

GAMES LIST ON THE FOLLOWING DATES IN GOTSPORT ARE HOME TEAM HOST GAMES

- May 12: State Cup & Presidents Cup
- May 26: Illinois Cup
- Game is played at the HOME team's field
UNLESS teams agree otherwise.
- Teams agree to the date and time.
- Game must be played NO LATER than the date listed.
- Home team host info must be submitted by 3pm on Thursday, April 24 or 5 days prior to the match, whichever is first.
- IYSA will still send the referees for HTH games.
- Teams that fail to meet the schedule by deadline will be subject to a \$50 per day fine .

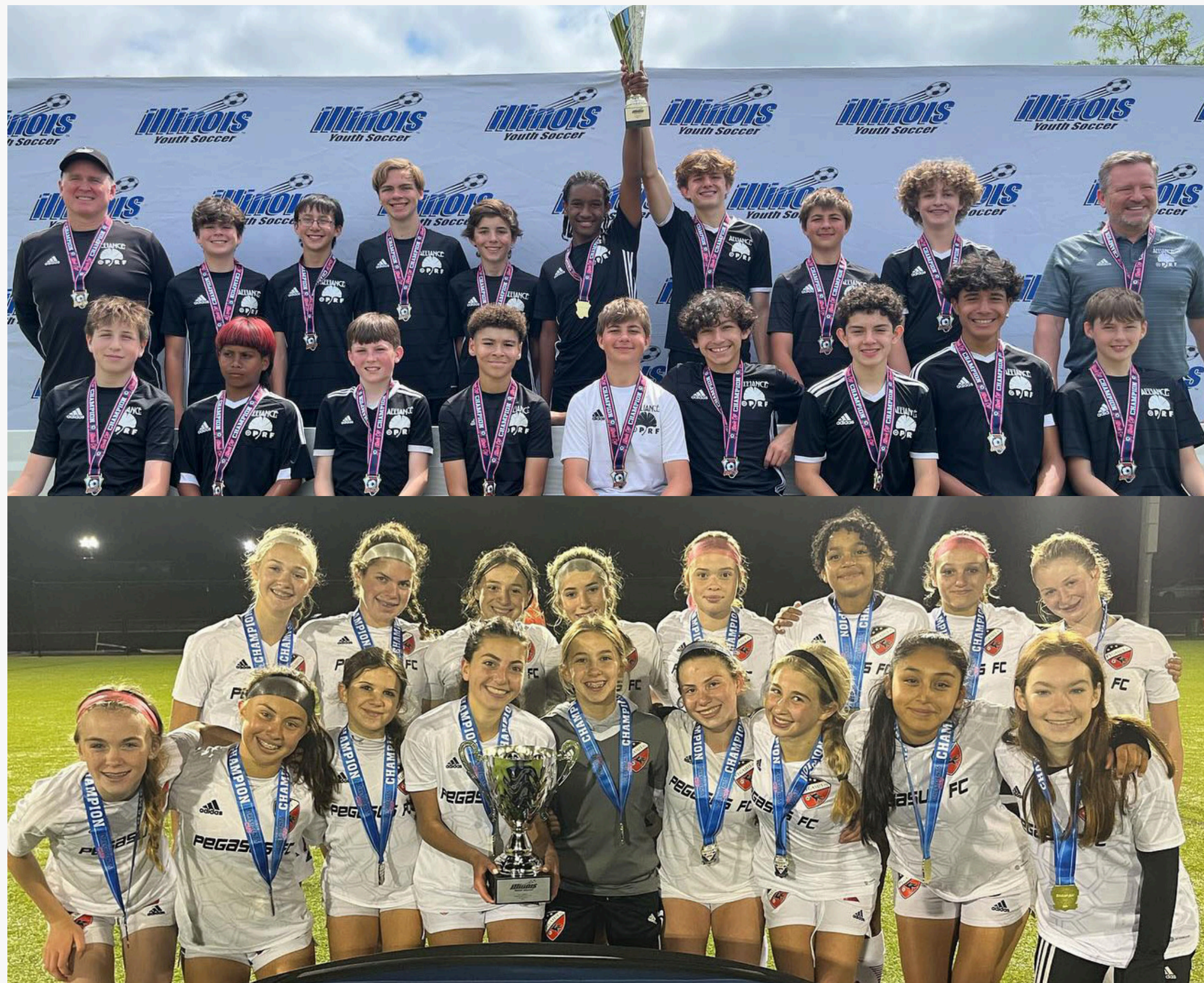




MOVING GAMES

Teams can mutually agree to move a group play game schedule in Rockford on May 16-18 to an EARLIER date at another location.

- **BOTH teams MUST be in agreement.**
- **Team no longer get a \$50 refund for moving games off of Rockford.**
- Game changes must be submitted by 3pm on Thursday, April 24 or 5 days prior to the match, whichever is first.
- **Games must be played by May 16.**
- IYSA will still send the referees for moved games
- IYSA does NOT pay any field rental fees for moved games
- Elimination rounds are to be played in Rockford UNLESS APPROVED BY IYSA





MOVING GAMES

Teams contact each other and come to an agreement on moving a Cup game.

Once an agreement is made, the team **HOSTING** the match must complete the online **Home Team Host / Cup Game Change Form**. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DIFFERENT PROCESS THAN PREVIOUS YEARS**

If a match is moved to a location other than Rockford and is cancelled due to weather:

- If prior to kick off - Notify the assignor.
- If the game is stopped during or pre-game, teams should work to finalize a reschedule.
- There is NO defined time that constitutes a completed match. That is at the discretion of the Cup Director.





The IYSA State Assignor, Patrick Legge, sends referees for all Cup matches including games moved to alternative locations.

If you move a match to a different date and have any day of referee issues, please contact Patrick directly at PatLeggeRefereeAssignor@gmail.com or 224-484-0990

REFEREES

You DO NOT need to confirm any referees with Patrick once the game change form is submitted.

The referees working Cup matches are also being evaluated to be selected to attend 2025 Regional events.





ROSTERS

All roster must be entered in the official Cup roster in GotSport. There is a walk thru video on how to do so if you have never used GotSport before

Teams are ONLY allowed to use age eligible players currently registered to their club that have a USYS/IYSA member competitive league pass.

NO GUEST PLAYERS FROM OUTSIDE THE CLUB.

Up to 22 players can be on a Cup roster

18 players can dress on match day



ONCE YOU PLAY YOUR FIRST GAME YOUR ROSTER IS FROZEN FOR THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT



ROSTERS

A PLAYER CAN ONLY BE ROSTERED TO ONE STATE CUP or PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM

- Does NOT matter if a player plays up in age. If a 15U player is rostered to the 16U team in State Cup they CAN NOT also be rostered to the 15U team in State or Presidents Cup.
- A player on an Illinois Cup roster CAN also be a on a State Cup or Presidents Cup roster.
 - A player CAN NOT be on two Illinois Cup rosters

Any player on a 15U or older Girls team roster in the Fall for State Cup or Presidents Cup IS THEN INELIGIBLE TO BE ON A STATE CUP OR PRESIDENTS CUP ROSTER IN THE SPRING



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ROSTERS

NO LATER THAN APRIL 1 (or 48 hours prior to your first match, whichever is first)

ALL TEAMS MUST ENTER THEIR INITIAL ROSTER INTO GOTSPORT & UPLOAD THEIR IYSA MEMBER COMPETITIVE LEAGUE.

- Teams can make final changes to their roster up to 48 hours prior to their first match.
- Teams must UPLOAD a copy of the IYSA member competitive league roster showing all players on the GotSport roster. **TEAMS THAT DO NOT SUBMIT THEIR ROSTER TO PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST MATCH WILL BE FINED & POSSIBLE FORFEIT OF GAMES.**

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IWSL & YSSL Roster Look Like



CIYSL, SLYSA, ILLOWA





ELIGIBILITY

If a player is listed as a PRIMARY rostered player for any of the following US Youth Soccer competitions they are ineligible for Presidents Cup

- Midwest Conference Premier I
- Elite 64 (National)
- National League

Players that are listed as Club pass and used sparingly in these competitions would be eligible but may be required to show proof of the player designation prior to their first Presidents Cup match.



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SILVER ELIGIBILITY

The Illinois Cup SILVER Division is exclusive to teams and players that compete in

- IWSL C Division or Lower
- YSSL 3rd Division or Lower

All player on an Illinois Cup SILVER Division roster may **ONLY** be on a league roster for one of these divisions.



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WHAT TO BRING ON GAME DAY

For EVERY game teams need to bring the following

- IYSA member competitive league issued player pass for all players competing
 - MOBILE VERSIONS OK - Prez Cup & IL Cup
 - Printed OK
- IYSA member competitive league issued coaches pass for ALL adults on the sidelines during a game.
- Match card printed off GotSport
- Pinnies for players on bench to wear





The WINNING team or the HOME TEAM IF A DRAW, collects BOTH match cards from the referee at the conclusion of the match and does one of the following to report the score:



REPORTING SCORES

FOR GAMES IN ROCKFORD

Bring match cards to IYSA staff on site

**IF THERE IS A RED CARD THE REFEREE
WILL KEEP THE MATCH CARDS TO SEND
IN THE RED CARD REPORT**

If there are no red cards and referee keeps the match cards please email chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org

FOR GAMES NOT ROCKFORD

- Scan or take a photo of BOTH match cards and email them to iysascoring@gmail.com
- Results should be submitted no later than 24-hours after the conclusion of the match or the winning team could be fined.



RULES

Complete playing rules will be posted on the website

Few rules of note:

- Match lengths may be different than league play
- NO HARD CASTS
- **Red Cards** = fines & suspensions for players (\$50), coaches (\$300) & spectators (\$300)
 - It is the responsibility of the coach to control their spectator section.
 - Outstanding fines are the responsibility of the club to get paid
 - Red Carded players & coaches MUST sit at least the next match
 - Games where red card coach or player participates will result in forfeits & fines
 - Team may keep the player or coach passes





GROUP PLAY SCORING

Win: 3 points

Tie: 1 points

Loss: 0 points



SCORING & TIEBREAKERS

GROUP PLAY TIEBREAKERS

If group play ends in a tie, the following criteria will determine tie-breakers.

1st: Head-to-head

2nd: Most Wins

3rd: Goal Differential (5 goal max per game)

4th: Goals Allowed

5th: **Least Red Card Received**

6th: Penalty Kicks

IF A THREE-WAY TIE - Tiebreakers RESET to #1 once a team advances or is eliminated



MARKETING MATERIALS

IYSA will have pre-made social media graphics for all teams in a Cup that you can download from our website and use throughout the competition. These will be available by April 4.

Also available here are the Cups & IYSA logo to create your own or to add to your website.

Also, teams on-site in Rockford will get any photos taken by IYSA staff of your team(s) to share with players, parents and on social media.





State Cup & Presidents Cup Champions earn a spot in US Youth Soccer Regional events with the hopes of then securing a spot in either National event



- US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup: June 13-17 in St Louis
- US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup: July 11-15 in Tampa, FL
- US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships: June 20-25 in Overland Park
- US Youth Soccer National Championships: July 22-27 in Orlando, FL

REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

At the time of registration for the Illinois event, teams are committing to compete in the entirety of either the National Championship Series or National Presidents Cup and are expected to attend the Regional and National events should they advance. Teams that do not could be fined or not accepted into Cup and other IYSA/USYS competitions the following year



In addition to State champions teams can also earn a spot at these events via Wild Card slots or Midwest Conference (NCS/State Cup only). Illinois has been drawn the following Wild Card spots for US Youth Soccer Regional competitions.



REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

Presidents Cup Wild Cards

- 13U (2012) Boys
- 13U (2012) Girls
- 14U (2011) Boys
- 14U (2011) Girls
- 18U (2007) Boys



Regional Championships Wild Cards

- 13U (2012) Boys
- 13U (2012) Girls
- 17U





QUESTIONS

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