



FALL 2025





## EVENT CONTACTS

**CHRIS JAMROZY, CUP ADMINISTRATOR**

[chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org)



**BILL BRUNO, CUP DIRECTOR**

[bill.bruno.iysa@gmail.com](mailto:bill.bruno.iysa@gmail.com)



**KATIE O'MALLEY, STATE OFFICE STAFF**

[katie@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:katie@illinoisyouthsoccer.org)



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**



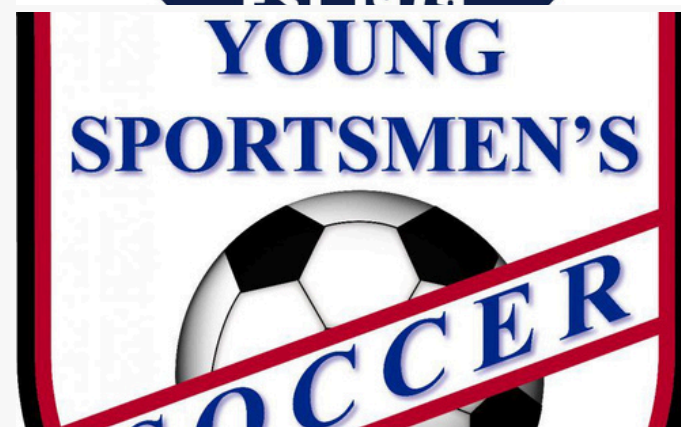




# LEAGUE REGISTRATION

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 Fall 2025 season.

THE ONLY exception is for Illinois Cup Gold where tournament only 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)**

---

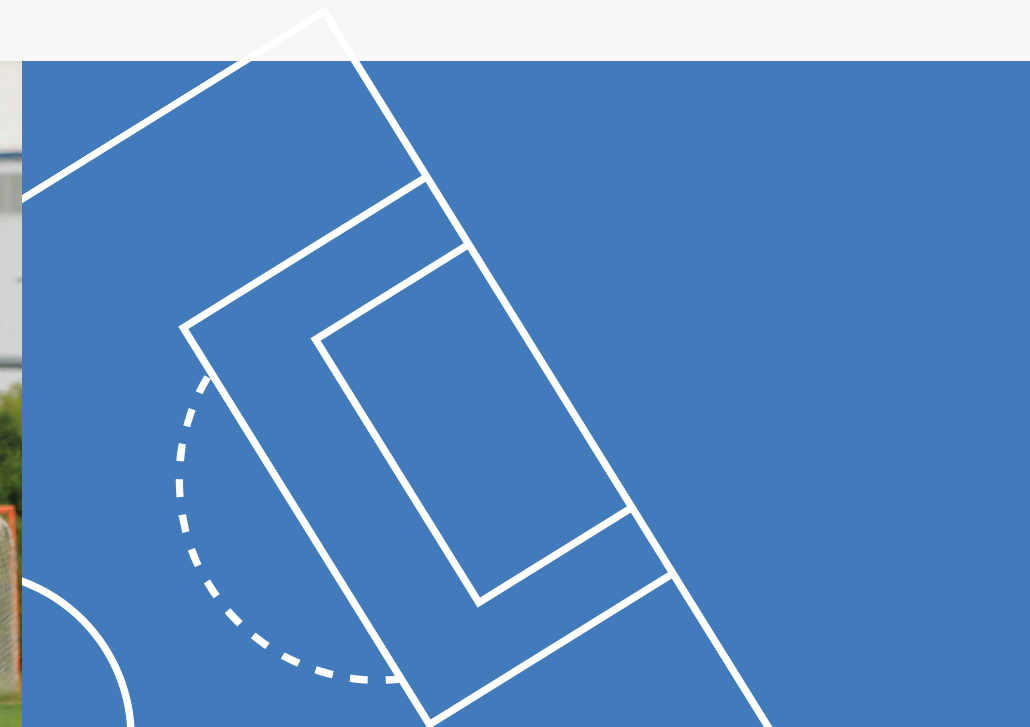
**YOUNG SPORTSMEN'S  
SOCCER LEAGUE (YSSL)**





# SCHEDULES

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







## IMPORTANT DATES

**FRI, AUGUST 8 @12pm: Coaching Conflicts Due**

**MON, SEPTEMBER 8 @3pm: HTH & Game Change Info Due**

**MON, SEPTEMBER 8 @3pm: Initial Rosters Due**

**FRI, SEPTEMBER 12: Rockford Times Announced**

**SEPTEMBER 29: Home Team Host Play By Date**

**OCTOBER 3-5: Group Play Games In Rockford**

**SUN, OCTOBER 5: Presidents Cup Quarterfinals**





## IMPORTANT DATES

**OCTOBER 17-19: State Cup Quarter & Semifinals**

**OCTOBER 17- 19: Presidents Cup Semis & Finals**

**OCTOBER 17-19: Illinois Cup Semis & Finals**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 2: State Cup Finals**

**June 11-14: US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup  
Qualifier: Great Lakes: Grand Park, IN**

**July 7-11: National Presidents Cup: Wichita, KS**

**July 13-23: USYS Girls National Championships:  
Murfreesboro, TN**





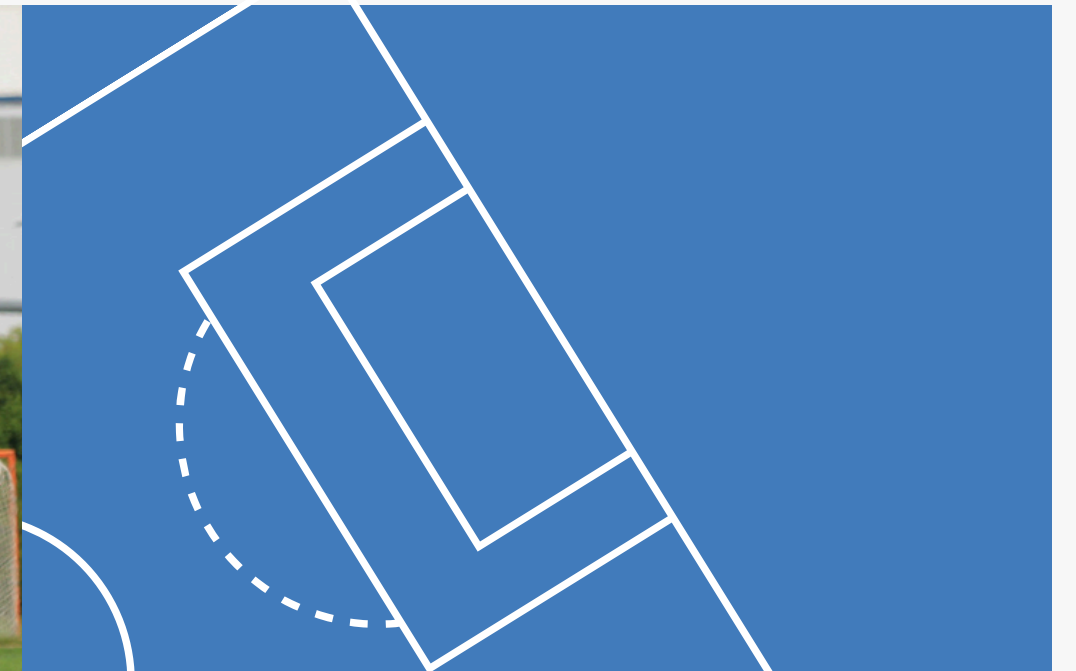
# COACHING CONFLICTS

If you are coaching multiple teams in the any of the Fall Cup events no later than August 8 at 12pm you must send the following to [chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org)

- Coaches Name
- Club
- Teams Coaching & Competitions they playing in

## Example

- Dave Smith
- Soccer Elite Academy FC
- 15U Girls Presidents Cup & 12U Boys Junior Illinois Cup







# 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 August 14**

**The IWSL free game change deadline is August 16**

**All teams (ESPECIALLY ILLINOIS CUP TEAMS)** should move any game scheduled on October 17-19 to a different date should they advance to elimination rounds.

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







# HOME TEAM HOST GAMES

GAMES LISTED ON SEPTEMBER 29 IN  
GOTSPORT ARE HOME TEAM HOST GAMES

- 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  
September 29.
- Home team host info must be submitted by  
3pm on Monday, September 8 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.



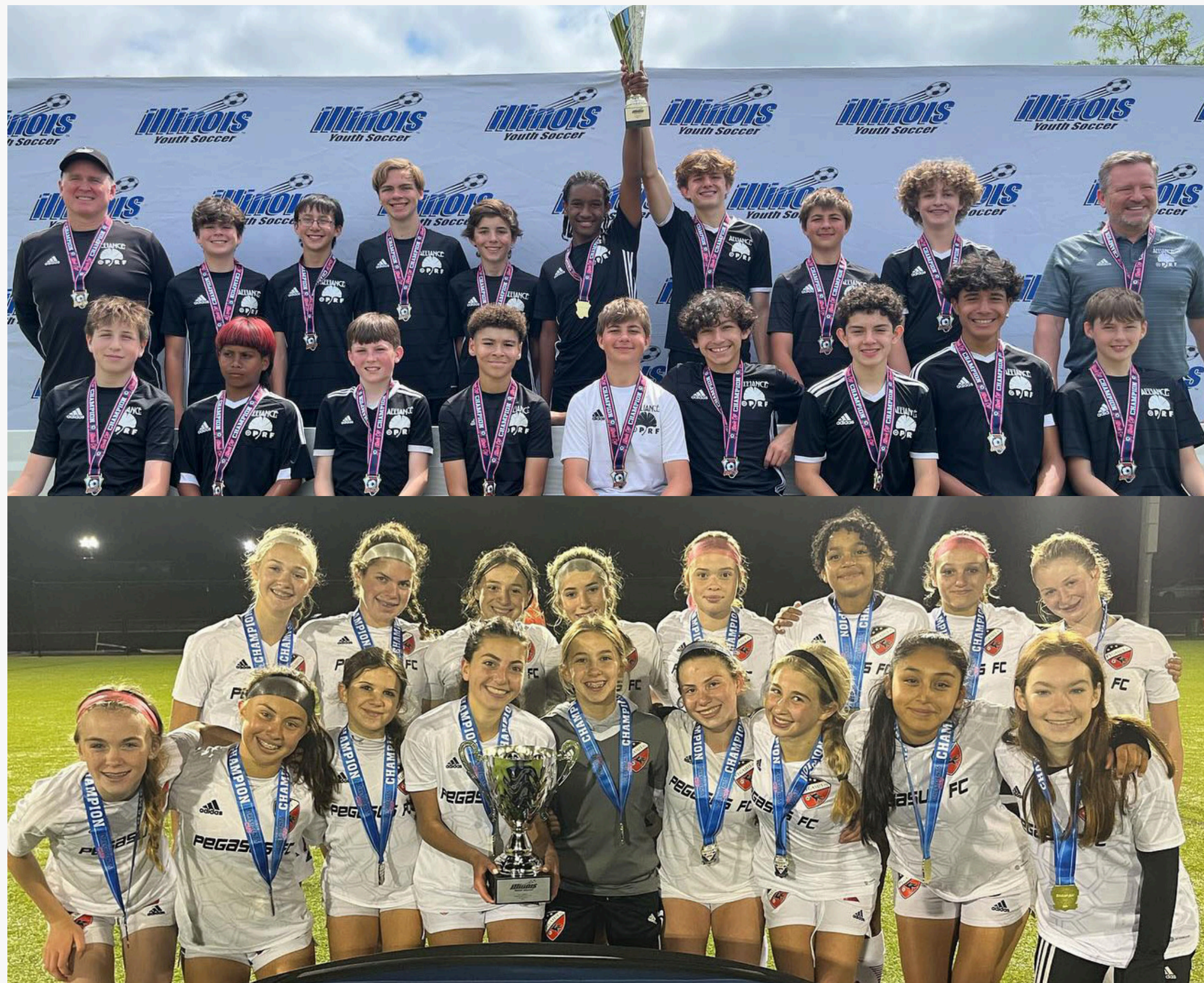




# MOVING GAMES

Teams can mutually agree to move a game schedule in Rockford on October 3-5 to another date and location.

- **BOTH teams MUST be in agreement.**
- **Team no longer get a \$50 refund for moving games off of Rockford.**
- Game changes info must be submitted by 3pm on Monday, September 8 or 5 days prior to the match, whichever is first.
- **Games must be played by October 2 .**
- 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.**

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.
- **IYSA will not delay elimination rounds due to moved games not being completed due to weather.**







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](mailto: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 2026 USYS National 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 on a State Cup or Presidents Cup roster.
  - A player CAN NOT be on two Illinois Cup rosters
- Teams /players that compete in the Fall Illinois Cup are eligible for any of the Spring Cups
- 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



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





## 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
- Midwest Conference Club Premier I
- US Youth Soccer 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.



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





# 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 a league roster for one of these divisions.



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





# 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](mailto:chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org)

## FOR GAMES NOT ROCKFORD

- Scan or take a photo of BOTH match cards and email them to [iysascoring@gmail.com](mailto:iysascoring@gmail.com)
- Results should be submitted no later than 24-hours after the conclusion of the match





# RULES

Complete playing rules will be posted on the website by 8/12.

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
  - Red cards for players, coaches & spectators are calculated in tiebreakers







### 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 August 26 (earlier for play-in games).

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 into US Youth Soccer Regional or National event.

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

## REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS





- State Cup winners advance to USYS National Championships
- New two-tiered format
  - Tier 1: 10 National League Qualifiers and 22 State Cup Winners - ILLINOIS IN THIS TIER
  - Tier 2: 32 State Cup winners
- National Championships
  - Girls: Murfreesboro, TN
  - Boys: Salt Lake City, UT
  - July 13-23
    - 16U-19U play July 13-20
    - 13U-15U play July 16-23
  - Play Format
    - Days 1-3: Group Play Games
    - Day 4: Rest Day
    - Day 5-6: Quarters & Semifinals
    - Day 7: Rest Day
    - Day 8: Championship







- Presidents Cup winners advance to the Great Lakes USYS National Presidents Cup Qualifier
- June 11-14 in Indiana at Grand Park
  - June 11-13 Group Play
  - June 14: Championship
- Play against teams from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio & Indiana
- 8 teams per age group so additional Wild Card opportunities
- Winners advance to US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup
- 8 teams per age group, 1 from each National Presidents Cup Qualifier
- National Presidents Cup: July 7-11 in Wichita, KS







# QUESTIONS

---

**CHRIS JAMROZY, CUP ADMINISTRATOR**

[chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org)

**BILL BRUNO, CUP DIRECTOR**

[bill.bruno.iysa@gmail.com](mailto:bill.bruno.iysa@gmail.com)