



FALL 2025





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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 Junior Cup your team and ALL PLAYERS MUST be registered to one of the Illinois Youth Soccer member competitive leagues for the Fall 2025 season.



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



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



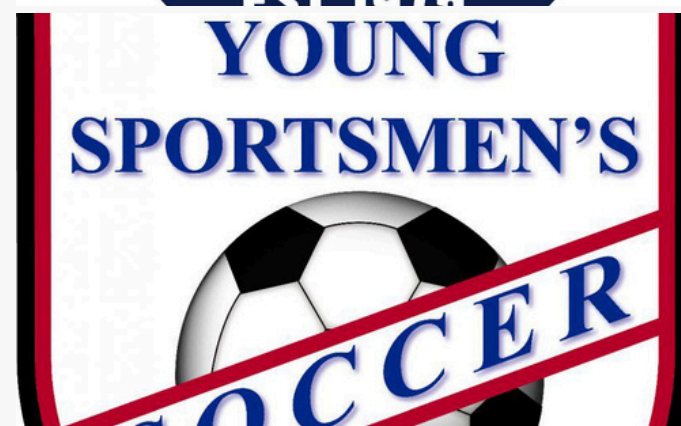
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**LDE COMPETITIVE SOCCER**



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



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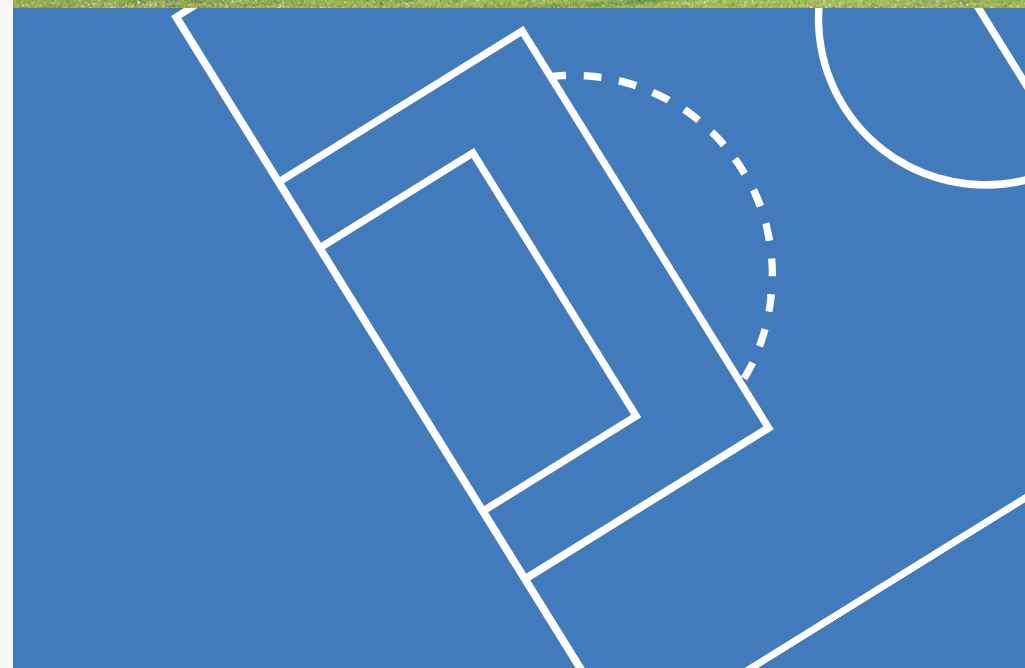
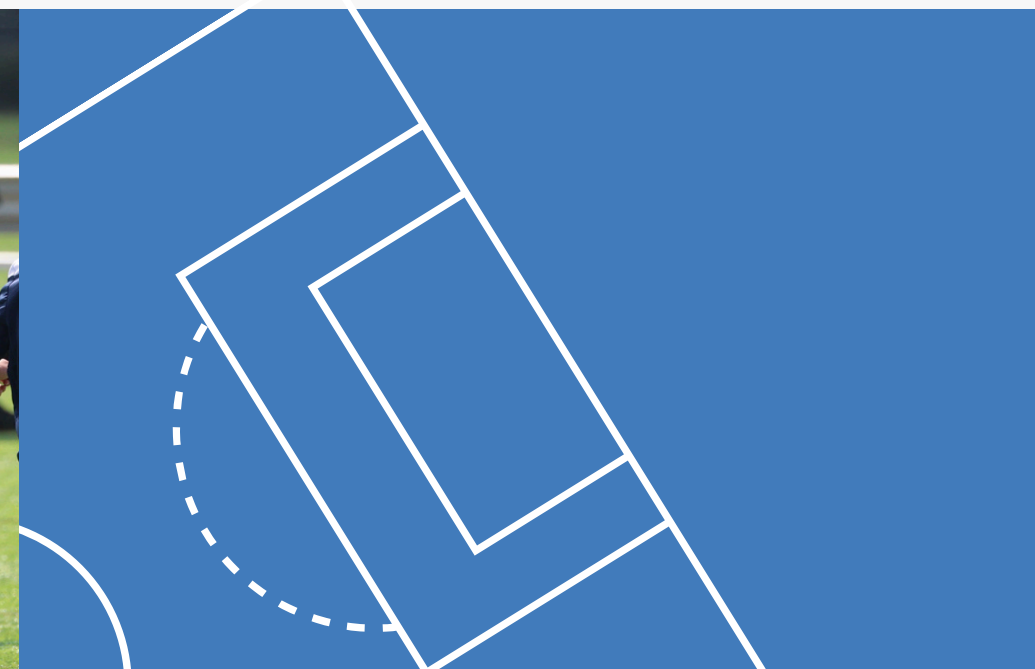
**YOUNG SPORTSMEN'S  
SOCCER LEAGUE (YSSL)**





# 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**

**SAT, AUGUST 16 @6pm: Game Changes Due**

**THUR, AUGUST 21: Rockford Times Announced**

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

**SEPTEMBER 21: Final Day To Play Moved Games**

**OCTOBER 4-5: Group Play Games In Rockford**

**OCTOBER 18: Girls Semis & Finals**

**OCTOBER 19: Boys Semis & Finals**

**JUNE 2026: Cross Border Battle vs Wisconsin**





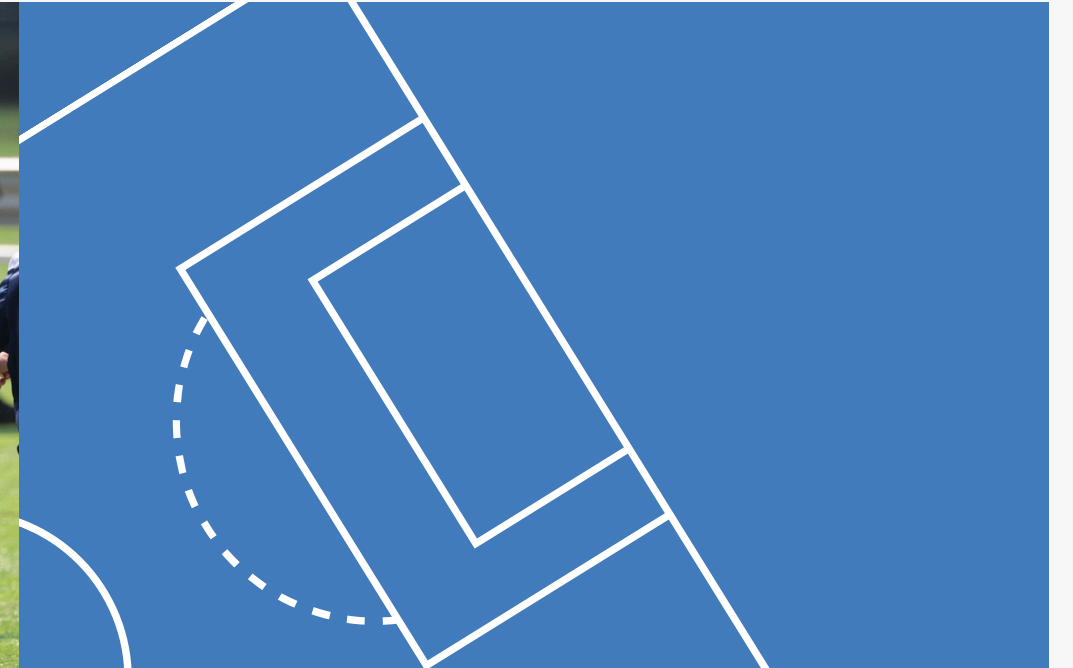
# COACHING CONFLICTS

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 Junior 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 should move any game scheduled on October 18 (Girls) - 19 (Boys) 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.







## MOVING GAMES

Teams can mutually agree to move a game schedule in Rockford on October 4-5 to another date and location

- **BOTH teams MUST be in agreement**
- Game changes must be submitted by 6pm on Saturday, August 16.
- Games must be played by September 21
- IYSA will still send the referees for moved games
- IYSA does NOT pay any field rental fees for moved games
- Semis & Finals are to be played in Rockford UNLESS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY IYSA







## MOVING GAMES

Teams contact each other and come to an agreement on moving a Junior 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.**







## REFEREES

The IYSA State Assignor, Patrick Legge, sends referees for all Junior 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

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







# ROSTERS

All roster must be entered in the official Junior 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.

**NO GUEST PLAYERS FROM OUTSIDE THE CLUB.**

**A player can only be on 1 Junior Cup roster.**

Maximum roster size is 18 players.

Upon request, a team MUST be able to show an IYSA league roster showing all players registered to your club



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# ROSTERS

**JUNIOR ILLINOIS CUP: ONLY** players roster to C/3rd Division in league play can be on a Junior Illinois Cup roster.

**ROSTER DEADLINE: NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 8 or 48 hours prior to your first match, whichever comes first, initial roster must be entered in GotSport.**

- For teams playing their first games in Rockford on October 4-5 you can make adjustments until 10am on October 1.
- For teams NOT playing Rockford, you can make changes to your roster up to 48-hours prior to your first game.



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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
  - Printed OK
- IYSA member competitive league issued coaches pass for ALL adults on the sidelines during a game.
- For games NOT played in Rockford teams also must print and bring their match card to each game







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 Junior Cup page by 8/12.

Few rules of note:

- Match lengths may be different than league play
- NO HARD CASTS
- Unlimited subs for all age groups
- **Red Cards** = fines & suspensions for players (\$50), coaches (\$300) & spectators (\$300)
- It is the responsibility of the coach to control their spectators section.
- Outstanding fines are the responsibility of the club to get paid
- 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







# SCORING & TIEBREAKERS

## GROUP PLAY SCORING

Win: 3 points  
Tie: 1 points  
Loss: 0 points

## 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: Goals For
- 7th: Most Shutouts
- 8th: Penalty Kicks





# MARKETING MATERIALS

IYSA will have pre-made social media graphics for all teams in the Junior Cup that you can download from our website and use throughout the competition. These will be available by August 26.

Also available here are the Cup & 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.







# IL VS WI BORDER BATTLE

Champions of the 12U Junior State Cup & Junior Presidents Cup will have the opportunity to compete in the 3rd Annual Illinois vs Wisconsin Junior Cup Border Battle.

This event will be held in early June 2025 in Rockford.

Teams that earn this **FREE** opportunity will get more details after the conclusion of the Illinois Junior Cup.





# QUESTIONS

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