





## 2024 Eastern Presidents Cup Team:

On behalf of US Youth Soccer, congratulations on qualifying for our 2024 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup! This is an incredible accomplishment towards your goal of advancing to the 2024 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup in Wichita, Kansas and competing for a National title.

We have been busy preparing for your arrival with our host, the West Virginia Soccer Association, to help ensure a memorable experience for you.

There is an abundance of information in this guide to help prepare for your trip to West Virginia. Additionally, please visit <u>USYouthSoccer.org</u> periodically for the latest event information. We will update our website leading up to and throughout the event.

The schedule will be available upon completion of all state qualifying events (on or about June 7<sup>th</sup>). The <u>preliminary game</u> <u>schedules</u> are posted on the website. Please note that schedule change requests will not be honored, so please make travel arrangements 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.

In lieu of an in-person check-in, we will be hosting a webinar for team representatives on **Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 6PM CDT, 7 PM EDT**. The call-in details for this webinar will be provided about a week prior to the webinar, which will be recorded and made available to all teams for reference.

Should you have any questions or concerns, your first point of contact is always your State Rep. We look forward to seeing you in West Virginia!

Sincerely,

**Beth Noss** 

US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup Program Manager











## IMPORTANT TEAM INFORMATION

Any information in this document does not replace the need to be familiar with the "US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Competition Rules", the "Policy on the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup", and the "US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Competition Protocols", all of which are available for download at the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup website.

## MEMBER PASSES AND BENCH PASS CREDENTIALS

Each player and team official listed on a team roster must possess a current seasonal year US Youth Soccer member pass with a recent face on, passport style photograph.

All member passes must be a laminated paper card or a machine produced credit card style. Teams without US Youth Soccer member passes shall not be allowed to participate in the Eastern Presidents Cup.

Bench Personnel are **limited a maximum of four (4) individuals** (this includes head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, club coaches, trainers and/or any other team officials) in the technical area during a match. Each individual must possess a valid US Youth Soccer member pass and wear the provided Bench Pass credential around their neck, visible at all times, while in the technical area.

## US YOUTH SOCCER CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

The US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competition follows the US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocol. Please be advised that if 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. Additional information on the concussion protocol is available here.

A concussion clearance must be on a document issued by a medical doctor's office, state that the player has been cleared to return to play and is clear of symptoms. The form must be signed by the medical official.

If a player is cleared during the event, please notify your State Representative (if applicable) and bring the signed clearance to Event Headquarters. If a player is cleared post-event, please contact the US Youth Soccer National Office at 972-334-9300.

**NOTE:** The Athletic Trainers contracted for this event are considered primarily and any team or club Athletic Trainers are secondary.

## **EVENT HOST**

The West Virginia Soccer Association is honored to host the 2024 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup. Hosting this event at the Barboursville Soccer Complex and the Shawnee Sports Complex is a tremendous privilege for them. While in the area, please be sure to take advantage of the many wonderful restaurants and attractions. Above all, please enjoy your visit, and we wish your team the best of luck during your matches.

## **EVENT DATES**

Thursday, June 13 Practice day if desired; times must be reserved in advance

Friday, June 14 Group Play Day 1
Saturday, June 15 Group Play Day 2
Sunday, June 16 Group Play Day 3
Monday, June 17 Semifinals

Tuesday, June 18 Finals













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## **EVENT LOCATION**

Matches for the 2024 Eastern Presidents Cup will be hosted at two (2) locations. *Semi-finals and finals for ALL age groups will be played at the Shawnee Sports Complex.* 

<u>Barboursville Soccer Complex</u> <u>Shawnee Sports Complex</u>

6040 Booten Creek Road One Salango Way Barboursville, WV 25075 Dunbar, WV 25064

There are 15 fields at the Barboursville Soccer Complex and 10 fields at the Shawnee Sports Complex with concessions available at both complexes.

Age groups playing at the Shawnee Sports Complex:

• 12U, 17U, 18U 19U

Age Groups playing at the Barboursville Soccer Complex:

13U, 14U, 15U, 16U

## **PRACTICE FIELDS**

Practice fields will be available on Thursday, June 13 at both field complexes. Teams should contact the facility directly to reserve a time. For Barboursville, please email <a href="mailto:apierce@barboursville.org">apierce@barboursville.org</a> and at Shawnee, please email <a href="mailto:samantha@shawneesports.com">samantha@shawneesports.com</a> or call 304-357-5147.

## **UNIFORMS**

Each team must have two (2) uniform sets, including socks, (one light color and one dark color at **each match** during the competition. Generally accepted light colors include, but are not limited to, white, light grey, sand, sky blue, yellow, gold, pink, and light green. Generally accepted dark colors include, but are not limited to, black, dark grey, dark brown, navy blue, red, maroon, dark green and deep purple.

- The home team (listed first in the schedule) is required to wear their light color jersey and socks.
- The away team (listed second in the schedule) is required to wear their dark color jersey and socks.
- Matching shorts *are not* required. The same color shorts can be utilized for both uniforms.

If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a jersey or sock color conflict, the **team causing the conflict** must change. The referee's decision is final. Any failure to comply may result in sanctions and/or fines levied against the offending team. **Reminder, teams are required to bring both color uniforms and socks to all matches**.

Uniforms numbers must be a minimum of six (6) inches in size. Each field player must have a number permanently affixed to the back of their jersey which must be clearly visible. **Duplicate and/or taped numbers are not permitted.** Goalkeepers must wear colors that distinguish them from other players and referees. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional; however, are recommended.











## **UNIFORM LOGOS, MARKINGS & SPONSORS**

At every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions, 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 player or team official chooses to not remove a name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization, it must be completely covered by another patch. At the event, USYS can supply semi-permanent patches to cover non-compliant markings or logos. The cost is \$75.00 per team (for 44 patches) or \$3.00 per patch, payable in cash. Covering non-complaint marks with tape is not permitted.

A player or team official is not prohibited from having a mark or name on clothing being worn at a match, provided that it is related to an item or service that is appropriate for youth. Any inappropriate mark or name must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to participate in the match. 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 to avoid an issue at the field.

Please note that these policies will be strictly enforced for participants at all levels of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions.

## **UNIFORM PATCHES**

As teams advance through the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions, they may be presented with State Champion uniform patches. The State Champion patches are optional and *are not required* for the Regional Presidents Cup competition. Before a team affixes any of these patches to their uniforms, be aware that teams that advance to the National Presidents Cup competition *must wear the National Presidents Cup patch* they will be provided, as outlined below. Although teams may utilize any other patches they were presented if they choose, it is recommended that teams leave sufficient space for the National Presidents Cup patch.

Important: All team member uniforms must have each patch permanently affixed in the same location.

Patches may be placed:

- On the right or left sleeve of the jersey, approximately 1" above the bottom edge of the sleeve with the patch facing outwards. For long sleeve jerseys, (for example a Goalkeeper jersey) place the patch in approximately the same spot as if it were a short sleeve jersey.
- On the right or left leg of the shorts, approximately 1" above the bottom edge of the hem with the patch facing forward.

These options are provided in order to avoid conflict with sponsor logos, player numbers, etc. However, as outlined above, all uniforms must have each patch permanently affixed in the same location.













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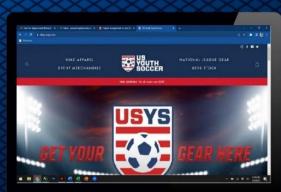
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## **TRAVEL**





All travel to the competition is at your expense. Should teams choose to fly, the closest airport is the Yeager Airport (CRW).

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

This is a stay-to-play event. Your State Association will send qualifying teams a link to reserve hotel blocks per the event housing requirements. Each team is required to book a minimum of 24 room-nights, through the approved housing coordinator. All teams are required to stay at one of the properties provided by the housing company.

## **SEVERE WEATHER & EVENT NOTIFICATIONS**

The Eastern Presidents Cup Event Management staff will constantly monitor weather conditions and will follow any local requirements as well as all US Youth Soccer weather protocols. Inclement weather announcements and other important competition information will be broadcast using WhatsApp. Your carrier may impose message and/or data charges. If you consent to receive messages during the Eastern Presidents Cup competition, scan the QR code below or click on this link.



## **TEAM REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN**

The online team check-in to ensure that all players and team officials are eligible prior to your teams' arrival. There is no "in person" team check-in. Any required documents must be uploaded into the GotSport system by the online check-in deadline. Your State Association and/or State Rep will be able to assist you through this process.

## **OFFICIAL EVENT MERCHANDISE**

We are proud to have <u>Team IP</u> as the official apparel provider of the 2024 Eastern Regional Presidents Cup. Be sure to pick up your t-shirts, hoodies and other apparel.

## **EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES**

US Youth Soccer photographers will be capturing action shots during many (but not all) of the matches during the week. Access to these photographs is free, additional information is contained in this guide.

## **EVENT VIDEO SERVICES**

Information will be provided to states via email closer to the event.











## **HYDRATION**

Teams are responsible for providing their own water and ensuring that their bench area is clean before departing after a match.

## **MEDICAL SERVICES**

Athletic Trainers will be available for preventative taping services; however, all medical injuries will have priority. Players being taped prior to matches must bring their own pre-wrap and tape. For any on-field injuries, trainers will provide all treatment supplies.

## **HOSPITAL & URGENT CARE FACILITIES**

If clearance is needed for a concussion or other medical situation, the addresses below are provided for your convenience.

Barboursville Soccer Complex

- Cabell Huntington Hospital 1340 Hal Greer Boulevard, Huntington, WV 25701
- Marshall Pediatrics/Now Care 5170 U.S. Route 60 Door D, Huntington, WV 25705

**Shawnee Sports Complex** 

- Thomas Memorial Hospital 4605 MacCorkle Ave SW, South Charleston, WV 25309
- Med Express Urgent Care 1416 MacCorkle Ave. SW, Charleston, WV 25303

## **REFEREES**

Just as teams earned the right to compete at the Eastern Region Presidents Cup, the referees have also earned their place, based on recommendations and accomplishments from within their home state. At this competition, referees compete to earn the honor of officiating at the National Presidents Cup based on their performance. The referees are supported by senior referees 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 during a match. The spectator area is located on the opposite side of the field from the technical/bench area. Spectators must remain in the half of the field directly across from their team's bench, subject to the following exception.

It is expected that respect for the game and players will prevail if a limited number of spectators wish to *quietly* observe the match in the far end of the opposing spectator section (for example, the Goalkeeper's parents). In the event of disruptive behavior by these spectators, a referee or tournament official may require them to return to their designated area and restrict any further sideline movement of spectators.

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.

Whistles, air horns, megaphones, artificial noisemakers and/or similar devices are prohibited at all National Presidents Cup competitions. Air horns are for use solely by tournament officials to signal when fields must be cleared due to inclement or dangerous weather conditions.





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## **PARKING**

There is a fee to park at the 2024 Eastern Presidents Cup. All parking passes are valid at both venues. Parking cost is \$300 per team.

One individual from each team must purchase the team parking pass <u>at this link</u>. There is no need to physically print the parking passes!

## **LOCAL AREA INFORMATION**

The links below highlight a wide range of attractions and activities for visitors of all ages and interests. We encourage you to take some time to enjoy the amenities in the area!

West Virginia Soccer Association Discover Barboursville Discover Charleston

<u>Visit Huntington</u> <u>Visit Putnam County</u>







## US Youth Soccer Eastern Region Shawnee Sports Complex Field Map

