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## CONGRATS





On behalf of US Youth Soccer, congratulations! Your team has qualified for the National Championship Regional Tournament in West Virginia. This is an incredible accomplishment towards your goal of advancing to the US Youth Soccer National Championships, presented by New York Life, in Orlando, Florida. We have been very busy preparing for your arrival with our host, West Virginia Soccer Association, to help ensure a memorable experience for you. Your state representative(s) will be at the Regional Championships in West Virginia to support you. More information will follow; however, please see the enclosed to get you started. For further information on the Eastern Regional Championships, please go to the US Youth Soccer Eastern Regional Championships website page.

This packet includes information that you will need to review.





### HOTEL RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAM CONTACTS

• Halpern Travel is handling the reservations for all teams attending the East Regional Tournament. They will be sending out a reservation link through your State Cup Director/State Office and then forwarded to the individual qualified team. Teams can make an initial reservation of 15 rooms but can ask Halpern Travel for additional rooms if needed. If teams choose to use other housing, they will be assessed a non-compliance fee of \$1,500.00. In addition, they are NOT PERMITTED to utilize or reserve housing at properties that are under contract through Halpern Travel for this event. Please make sure you take care of the rooming list for the property that you are assigned to as soon as possible.

#### **REGIONAL TEAM CHECK-IN**

• Team Check-In: June 26 from 3:00 - 9:00 PM at the HQ Hotel for the site your age group will compete.

HQ hotel for Barboursville site is: Delta Hotel, 3551 US Route 60 East, Barboursville, WV.

HQ Hotel for Shawnee site is: Embassy Suites, 300 Court St, Charleston, WV.





Only one person from each team is needed at check-in.
 Player and Coaches passes MUST be presented at check-in. Passes will be checked against frozen cup rosters at this time to verify the eligibility of players.

#### **HYDRATION**

• Teams will be required to provide their own water at their games. Water fountains are placed throughout the parks for public use. NO water coolers will be on team sidelines. Please make sure players have water at the bench for their use. Reusable water jugs are encouraged as players can take to and from games. This eliminates single-bottle waste and helps with trash elimination within the bench area. Teams are expected to clean and clear the bench area immediately following the game's conclusion.







#### **REGIONAL TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION & ROSTER**

- 1) Your state will designate how you will register your team for the event. There are no team registration fees or referee fees at the regional tournament.
- 2) You will be able to make changes to your State Cup roster based on the following:
- You must have at least 50% of players from your State Cup roster on your regional roster for continuity (eight players for 12U teams only) with the frozen State Cup roster and the National Championship roster.
- 3) Subject to the provisions on Rule 221, Section 1(5), at each level of the National Championship Competitions, a team may add as many registered Youth players holding club passes of the club of which the team is a member of so long as the roster does not exceed 22 players.
- A team will be permitted to roster on the regional/national rosters a total of two previously rostered players from another club that played in NCS and whose team did not advance in the competition. Players will be designated as PRP.
- 4) Rosters are frozen for regionals on *Tuesday, June 17,* **2024.** NO EXCEPTIONS. Please make sure to contact your state representative to let them know that your roster is ready for approval in the GotSport system.





#### **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 picture, at registration and all regional matches. Passes **must** be laminated.
- Bench personnel are limited to a maximum of four (4) individuals (this includes head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, trainers, or any other team officials).
  Everyone must have a valid US Youth pass and wear their bench pass credential at all times.
- If teams have more than 18 players present at the match, players who are not participating in that match must wear an inactive credential while on the bench and cannot be in uniform.







#### **US YOUTH SOCCER CONCUSSION PROTOCOL**

• We will follow the US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocol during this event. If a referee feels that a player has sustained a possible head injury, the trainer will provide an evaluation of that player and either allow the player to return to the match or put the player in concussion protocol. If the player is put into concussion protocol, they must receive clearance, in written form on a document issued by the medical doctor's office stating that the player is cleared to return to play and is clear of any symptoms. This form must be signed by the *medical doctor* that conducted the testing.

**NOTE**: The Athletic Trainers from on-site are considered primary and any team or club Athletic Trainer is considered secondary and cannot conduct concussion tests for their







#### **UNIFORMS**

- Each team should always bring two (2) uniform sets to each match during the competition.
- The **home team** (team listed first on the schedule) is required to wear their light colored jersey and light colored socks.
- The visiting team (second team listed on the schedule) is required to wear their dark colored jersey and dark colored socks.
- If there is a conflict (example: the home team's light color is gold and visiting team's dark color is gold), the home team is required to change.

The referee will make the final decision if a change is required.

- Goalkeepers must have a unique number on the back of their jerseys.
- Only US Youth Soccer, State Association, or other members of the US Youth Soccer name, logo, or other identifying marks can be present on team uniforms. 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 participate in the match. Tape cannot be used to cover any name, logo, or identifying mark.





#### SCHEDULES

• Final schedules will be released on the East Region website by June 20, provided all rosters are in and locked for teams participating in the event.

#### **US YOUTH SOCCER STATE CHAMPION PATCHES**

• The patch is for the State Champion ONLY. The patch MUST be sewn on the RIGHT SLEEVE of a team's primary jersey. If the right sleeve is full, put on the left sleeve of the primary jersey. If the primary jersey is sleeveless, the patch may be sewn on the back of the jersey above the player's number or on the front of the jersey in the chest area right or left side.

#### **PRACTICE FIELDS**

- Practice fields will be available on Wednesday, June 26, and possibly your rest day and QF/SF days. There is a charge for field use.
- Call 304-357-5147 for the Shawnee Sports Complex.
- Call Andre Price at 304-633-4157 for the Barboursville Sports Complex.









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#### **PARKING FEES**

• To help offset field fees and help with the infrastructure costs of the tournament including medical, security and tents, all teams will be required to purchase a team parking pass that is good at either location for the duration of the event. Teams will pay their parking fee directly to West Virginia Soccer Association.







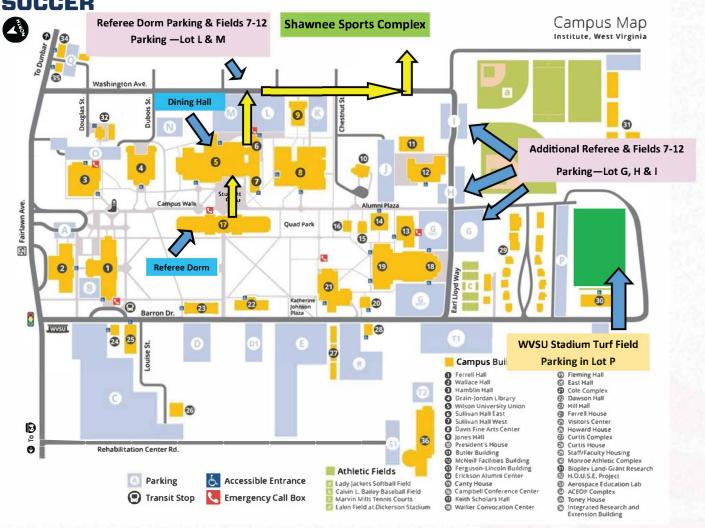
#### US Youth Soccer Eastern Region Shawnee Sports Complex Field Map





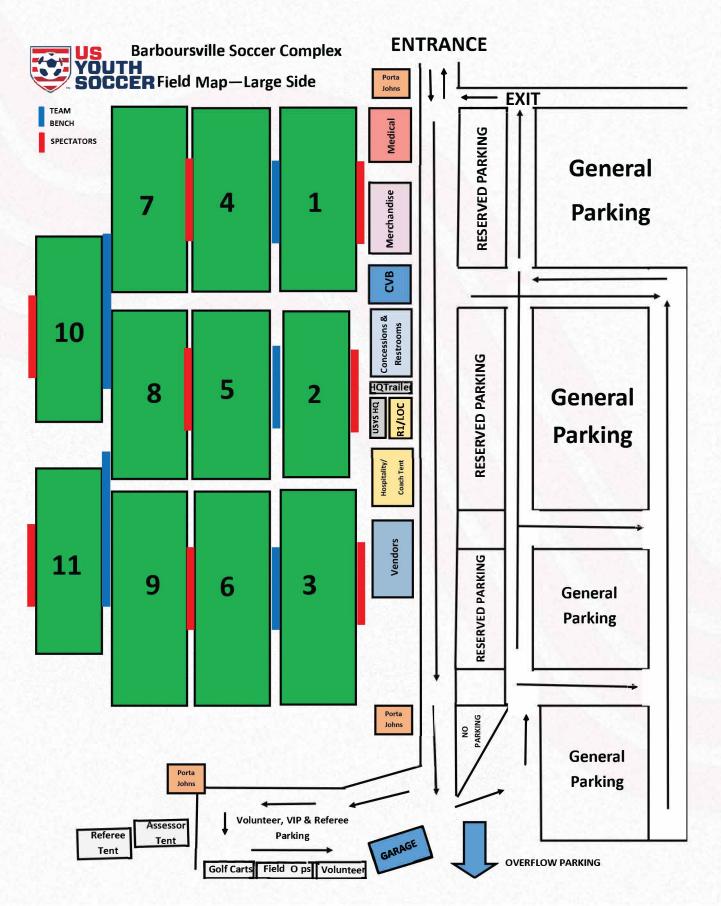


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