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CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO THE US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

On behalf of US Youth Soccer, we would like to extend a warm welcome to those attending and participating in the 2024 US Youth Soccer National Championships presented by New York Life. The US Youth Soccer National Championships are the country's most prestigious national youth soccer tournament, providing approximately 185,000 players on over 10,000 teams from US Youth Soccer State Associations the opportunity to showcase their soccer skills against the best competition in the nation while emphasizing teamwork, discipline and fair play.

As you prepare, US Youth Soccer has created this Team Information Guide to provide important information and guidance. It is strongly suggested that this document be shared with your team and a copy brought to the event for reference.

A special thank you to Disney - ESPN Wide World of Sports, Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, Greater Orlando Sports Commission, Experience Kissimmee and Florida Youth Soccer Association for the continued support of US Youth Soccer programs and events.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 21-28, 2024

The 2024 US Youth Soccer National Championships spotlight the best boys and girls club teams from around the nation. The finals are a culmination of a year-long series of competitions at the State and Regional level. The US Youth Soccer National Championships showcase the future stars of United States soccer.

GAME LOCATIONS

- ESPN Wide World of Sports
 - o 700 S Victory Way Kissimmee, FL 34747
- Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate
 - o 1500 Masters Blvd, Championsgate, FL 33896

Sunday, July 21st >> Team Check-In from 9:00am - 9:00pm - ESPN Wide World of Sports Advent Health Arena

Monday, July 22nd >> Player Event 1:00pm-3:00pm - ESPN Wide World of Sports AdventHealth Arena

Tuesday, July 23rd >> Group Play Day 1 games at ESPN Wide World of Sports /OMNI starting at 7:30am/8am

Wednesday, July 24th >> Group Play Day 2 games at ESPN Wide World of Sports /OMNI starting at 7:30am/8am

Thursday, July 25th >> Group Play Day 3 games at ESPN Wide World of Sports /OMNI starting at 7:30am/8am

Friday, July 26th >> Championship Matches at ESPN Wide World of Sports starting at 5:00 pm - 13U Girls, 7:00pm 13U Boys

Saturday, July 27th >> Semifinal Matches/ 18U Boys & Girls Final at ESPN WWOS starting at 8:00am for 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U,19U age groups.

Sunday, July 28th >> Championship Matches at ESPN Wide World of Sports starting at 7:30 am - 14U Girls, 14U Boys, 15U Girls, 15U Boys, 16U Girls, 16U Boys, 17U Girls, 17U Boys,19U Girls, 19UBoys.

Complex Entry

- ESPN Wide World of Sports - Information [HERE](#)
- No complex entry fee at Omni ChampionsGate

PARKING FEE

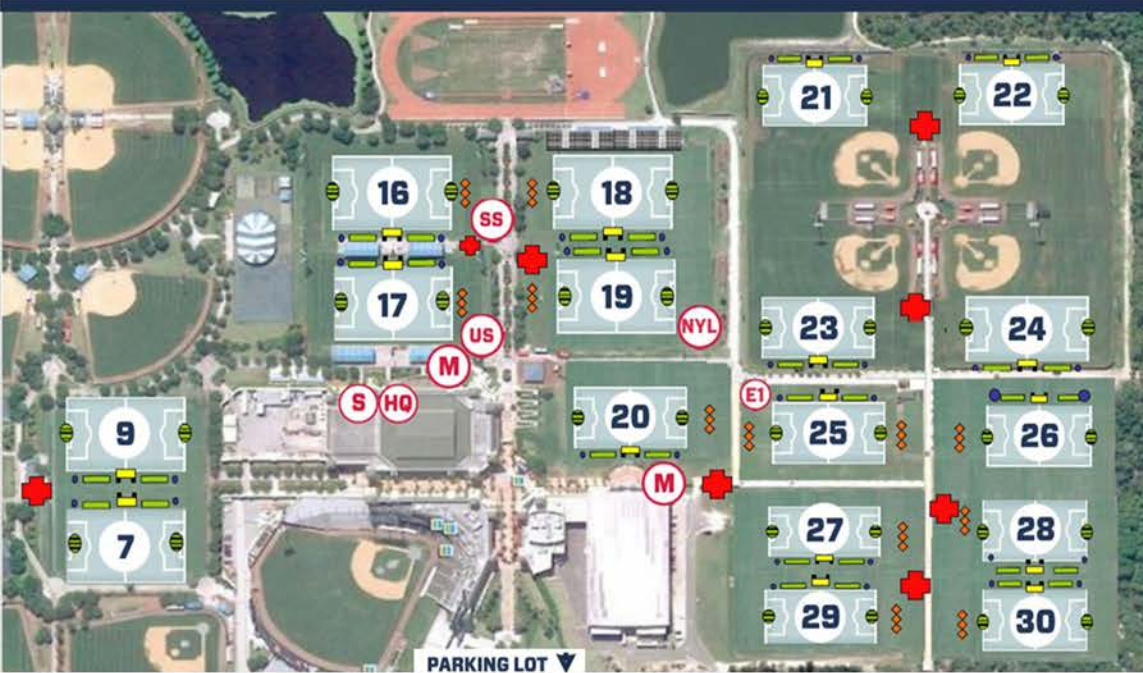
- ESPN Wide World of Sports - No Parking Fee
- Omni - \$10 daily

COMPLEX MAPS



ESPN Wide World of Sports

- HQ** HEADQUARTERS
- S** COLLEGE COACH & REFEREE HOSPITALITY
- #** SOCCER FIELD NUMBERS
- M** EVENT MERCHANDISE
- +** MEDICAL
- E1** EVOLVE1
- US** USYS BOOTH
- NYL** NEW YORK LIFE
- SS** STATSPORTS



Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate





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EVENT DEADLINE DATES

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Email report to tgonzalez@usyouthsoccer.org FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th

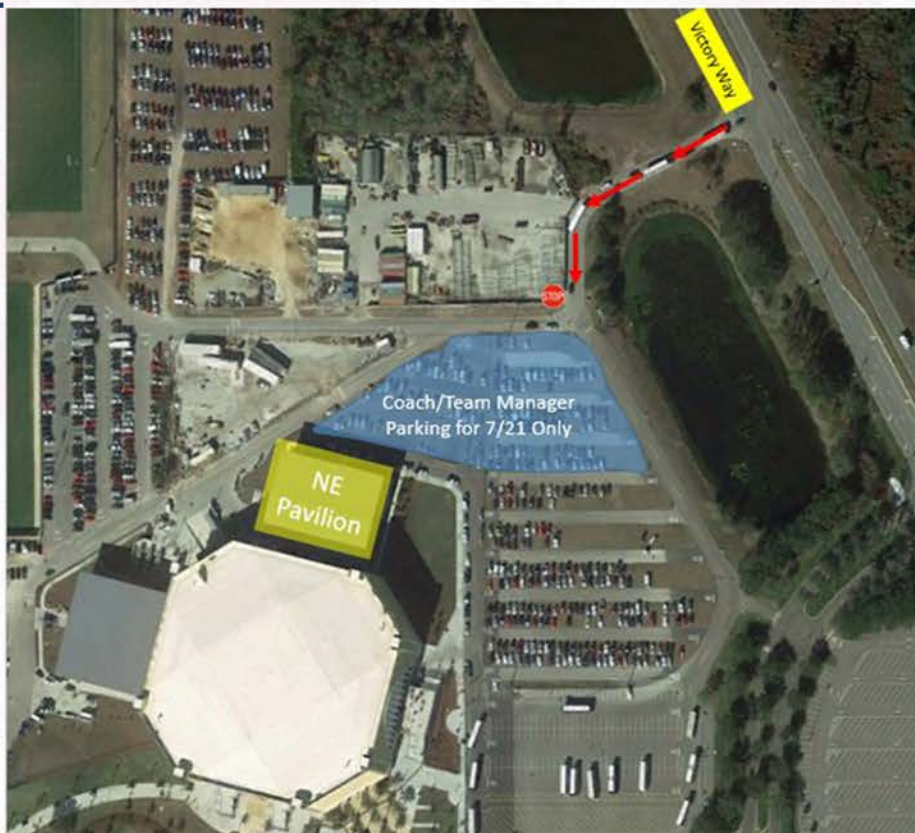
ROSTERS

FREEZE DATE.....Tuesday, JULY 16th at 5:00pm Central Standard Time

All competition rosters for the 2024 US Youth Soccer National Championships will be frozen on July 16th at 5:00pm Central Standard Time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TEAM CHECK IN MAPS



- ★ Directional Usher
- ☂ Umbrella

GENERAL INFORMATION

16 - Team Divisions

ABC D
1 1 1 1
2 2 2 2
3 3 3 3
4 4 4 4

Group Play:

- Bracket A plays within bracket
- Bracket B plays within bracket
- Bracket C plays within bracket
- Bracket D plays within bracket

*Semi-Finals:

- Semi-final #1: Winner Bracket A vs Winner of Bracket C
- Semi-final #2: Winner Bracket B vs Winner of Bracket D

*Tie breaker format used to determine advancing team, if a tie exists.

14 - Team Divisions - 19U Girls

ABCD
1 1 1 1
2 2 2 2
3 3 3 3
4 4

Group Play:

- Bracket A plays within bracket
- Bracket B plays within bracket
- Bracket C plays teams in Bracket D

Semi-Finals:

- Semi-final #1: Winner Bracket A vs *CD1
- Semi-final #2: Winner Bracket B vs *CD2

*Combine Bracket C and Bracket D to determine teams advancing to Semi-final. Top two teams on points advance as CD1 and CD2

NOTE: Tie breaker format used to determine advancing team, if a tie exists.

4 - Team Divisions: 13U Girls, 13U Boys, 18U Girls, 18U Boys

Bracket A
1
2
3
4

Group Play:

- Bracket A plays within bracket

*Finals:

- Top two (2) teams advance

*Tie breaker format used to determine advancing team, if a tie exists



GENERAL INFORMATION

PLAYER EVENT

The US Youth Soccer National Championships officially begins with a Player Event held at AdventHealthArena on Monday, July 22nd at 1:00PM Eastern Standard Time. Teams will receive wristbands for everyone on the official roster at Team Check In on Sunday, July 21. Each team will also receive an additional 10 spectator wristbands for (Parents, friends, etc..) to attend the player event. Due to limited capacity in AdventHealthArena and in fairness to all teams receiving the same amount of spectator tickets 10 is the max. *Business casual attire preferred- no training or match day kits.*

TEAM TRAINING

Available training days are Sunday and Monday (limited time slots will be available). Team training is on a first come first served sign up basis and will be assigned only during non-game times and will not be allowed immediately before or during the Player Event. Teams that sign up for training will receive a 1hr block on half a field. Trainers will be on site only during scheduled training times. Teams are responsible for supplying their own hydration needs during training days.

GAMES should come to the fields dressed in game uniform on game days. Tents will be provided at each field for shade protection. After each game, please leave your bench area in the manner it was when you arrived -- clean. Bathroom facilities are located throughout the complex.

- Each team receives up to four (4) credentials for bench personnel. Each Team Representative will receive his or her own credential (the Team Representative is not included in the four (4) count). Water will be available at each field.

UNIFORMS

- Teams should be aware of the following uniform color requirements during the National Championships. Teams listed first on the schedule are the home team. Please bring both sets of uniforms to the fields. If there is a conflict, the home team will be required to change.
- Home team - Light Colored Uniforms
- Away team - Dark Colored Uniforms

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

Team Representative can represent one or more teams, as long as there is no conflict with the schedule.



GENERAL INFORMATION

HEAD INJURIES & SUBSTITUTES Follow Rule 242 (sec 3) (3)

If a player is suspected of suffering a head injury they may be substituted for evaluation without the substitutions counting against the teams total number of allowed substitutions during each half or overtime period. If the player with the suspected head injury has received clearance from the events' Health Care Professional, the player may re-enter at any stoppage of play. The evaluated player must replace the original substitute and will not count as a substitution. The temporary substituted player may re-enter the game as a regular substitute. A team may only make a temporary substitution if they have a substitution available.

If the temporary substitute is sent off during the evaluation period, the evaluated player may not return in the same half of play in a limited reentry age division

TEAM TRAINERS

A Team Trainer will receive a separate credential allowing secondary medical support in the event of a team injury. This credential will allow bench area presence if there are 3 or fewer issued bench passes. The Team Trainer should be a Certified Athletic Trainer or similar accreditation with a US Youth Soccer member pass. Team Trainers are secondary in supplying medical support as the Event Athletic Trainers and Medical staff are the primary. If a Team Trainer starts medical attention until the Event Medical arrives, the Team Trainer must relinquish attention once the Event Medical staff arrive.

US YOUTH SOCCER SUBSIDY

Each team receives a general subsidy plus an additional travel subsidy based on the total distance they travel to Orlando, FL. Teams should expect their subsidy check within 90 days of completion of the National Championships provided the Team Representative Report have been completed and received in the US Youth Soccer National Office. Disciplinary problems, ethics violations, facility damage, or failure to turn in all requested forms will be considered reason for delaying or deducting subsidy money. Each team's subsidy check will be mailed to the address provided by your Regional Cup Chair or entered into the GotSport by National League teams.

FORFEITURE OF TEAM SUBSIDY

- Actions that MAY result in forfeiture of part or the entire team subsidy;
- Teams/players not wearing championships patch as instructed;
- Team bench left in disarray after games;
- Disciplinary problems (see Standards of Team Conduct);
- Teams/players not attending awards ceremonies;
- Team Representative report turned in to the National Office after the deadline;
- Teams practicing on fields that are not assigned to them.
- Match Manipulation, Teams not competing in the spirit of the competition.

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS



Rules & Complex Policies-USYS July 23-28, 2024

*Subject to change and may vary depending on specific event

700 S Victory Way, Orlando, FL 34747

PRE-ARRIVAL

Theme Park Tickets

- Specially priced pre arrival tickets, must be purchased in advance by 11:59 pm EST Monday July 22, 2024 via the event site, [CLICK HERE](#)

Spectator Event Admission

- There is no on-site box office sales.
- **Specially Priced Early Pre Purchase LOE (length of event ticket) admission available until Monday 7/8/2024 11:59 pm EST, then Regular Priced LOE available Tuesday 7/9/2024 12:00 am EST through event dates.**
- **Daily Single Day Admission also available.**
- All spectators must purchase event specific admission via the event site, [CLICK HERE](#)

Event Parking

- Complimentary General parking is available.
- \$150 Platinum Parking available, more details and purchase through event site, [Click Here](#)

Prohibited Items

- Firearms, ammunition, knives and weapons of any kind.
- Marijuana (including marijuana enriched products) or any illegal substance.
- Objects or toys that appear to be firearms or weapons.
- Horns, whistles, large megaphones or artificial noise makers.
- Recreational devices such as drones, remote-control toys, skateboards, scooters, inline skates or shoes with built-in wheels.
- Strollers that are greater than 31" (79 cm) in width and 52" (132 cm) in length.
- Wagons and strollers are prohibited at indoor venues of ESPN Wide World of Sports.
- Flags/banners of any kind that are larger than 3' x 5' regardless of how the flag/banner is intended to be carried. No metal flag poles.

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS RULES

TENTS

- USYS will provide tents that cover team benches.
- Spectators can **NOT** bring their own tents for use.
- Spectators can bring umbrellas, however nothing can be staked into the ground or left unattended.

TRIPODS/VEO EQUIPMENT

- Tripods/ monopod and VEO equipment can only be used on the spectator side of the fields.
- If desired height is over 6' (182 cm) then please speak with an ESPN Wide World of Sports Cast Member at the fields to receive an exception tag and instructions to weigh it down.

COOLERS & ICE

- Guests may bring a single cooler for personal use and are subject to inspection by an ESPN Wide World of Sports Cast Member.
- Coaches may bring a single cooler for team use and are subject to inspection by an ESPN Wide World of Sports Cast Member.
- No alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers are allowed in ESPN Wide World of Sports.
- Loose or dry ice is not permitted in these containers. Re-usable ice packs are recommended, or a bag of ice that is not broken until after coolers are checked at the entrance.

SEATING

- Bleachers are at limited fields for first come first serve seating.
- Team benches are at the fields.
- Spectators can bring their own chair, it must not prohibit or obstruct safety in walking paths and exit ways.

Inclement Weather

- In the event of inclement weather, including lightning, all competitions will be halted and all Guests will be directed by public address announcements and Disney Cast Members to appropriate shelter areas.
- Please refer to tournament rules for information on specific policies for your event.

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STANDARDS OF TEAM CONDUCT

Teams competing in the US Youth Soccer National Championships are representatives of their State Association and Region. Teams are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. The following are standards of conduct for team players and team officials. Violation of these standards may jeopardize the team's participation in the National Championships and may result in forfeiture of any or all subsidies provided by or through US Youth Soccer.

1. Teams are required to stay in the lodging provided or arranged for them by US Youth Soccer. No camping, no changing hotels - no exceptions. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in your team losing their US Youth Soccer Subsidy.
2. Teams shall attend all activities planned on their behalf including, but not limited to, media events, banquets, photo sessions, or parties. Such events will be planned with the welfare of the players in mind.
3. Players are expected to be present at the field at the designated time for all games and all pre-game ceremonies. Players shall be dressed appropriately and, when in team uniform, shall have jerseys tucked into shorts and socks pulled up. Players shall conduct themselves in a mature manner when in hotels and public areas at and away from the playing fields. This shall mean that rowdy behavior and fraternizing in hotel rooms will not be tolerated including violations of hotel policies. No alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or other intoxicants shall be in the possession of players.
4. Team officials are expected to provide chaperones for players at all times during the National Championships. Team officials shall accompany players to all scheduled events.
5. Team officials and team supporters are expected to cooperate with and be courteous to tournament personnel and dignitaries in all dealings. This includes referees, ball kids, and other volunteers.
6. Only four (4) team officials will be allowed on the team bench during games. Team officials are expected to cooperate with game officials and to follow procedures established. No coaching will be allowed from the touchlines. Degrading remarks directed toward players, opponents, or game officials in any language may result in being sent off the game site.

The above standards shall be in force during such time as the team is within the venue of the US Youth Soccer National Championships.

STANDARDS OF TEAM CONDUCT

The US Youth Soccer Board of Directors has mandated that all players participating in the US Youth Soccer National Championships shall wear the US Youth Soccer logo patch on their uniforms. Two (2) sets of patches will be supplied to each team at the Regional Championships.* If the team has two pair of shorts they should both have the patch sewn on.



US Youth Soccer advises that the US Youth Soccer logo patch shall be sewn on the **FRONT RIGHT LEG** of the team uniform shorts, centered, and one inch from the bottom.

National League teams that qualify for the National Championships will have their patches mailed to them once all regional championships have begun.



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SCORING & TIEBREAKERS

SCORING METHOD

The standings of teams within brackets are based upon the number of points earned in qualifying games. Teams earn points as follows:

Three points for a win (including forfeits*)

One point for a tie

Zero points for a loss.

* Forfeits are considered a 3 - 0 victory.

TIEBREAKERS

• In the event teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the team's placement will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria.

a. Winner of head to head competition (these criteria not used if more than two teams tied.)

b. Winner of most games.

c. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of five (5) goals per game.

d. Fewest goals allowed.

e. Kicks from the penalty mark (as described in National Championships Rule 242 Section 2 (c)).

NOTE

• If more than two teams are tied, the sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated/advanced. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at Point "b" above until the tie is broken.

• If FIFA penalty kicks have to be taken, there will be a draw by the National Championships Committee. The first team drawn will receive the bye; the next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of penalty kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in penalty kicks to determine the round robin winner. The bye team will be the home team. This is only if there are more than two (2) teams tied after going through the Tie Breakers.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOTEL

- Can we check in at the Hotel early?

No. All of the hotels are strict about check-in and check-out times as they receive a constant flow of visitors. Please refer to the check in and check out times listed for your team's hotel. Early check-in may be available, but it is not guaranteed. In other words, do not expect that you will be able to get in early or extend your check out. Additionally, there is minimum space available in the hotels' lobbies. All luggage will have to be checked with the hotels' bell desks until check-in.

Because of limited floor area, please leave all baggage in the vehicle until rooms have been assigned. This will provide more room in the reservation area and will keep the players from unnecessarily being inconvenienced by carrying their bags and reloading to the vans.

- How do we handle rooming list changes?

Once your rooming list has been submitted, any changes or cancellations must be made through your Anthony Travel contact and not with the hotel. Please call 855-665-3287 and reference your team's reservation number or email your Anthony Travel contact directly. Contacting the hotel directly for room changes will further complicate the process.

- How many rooms does our team get?

Each team in the 13U through 15 U age groups are assigned at least 15 rooms. Each Team in the 16U through 19U are assigned 15 rooms. The Team Representative must be included within the rooms on your team rooming list.

ACCREDITATION/ACCESS

The US Youth Soccer National Championships credential will provide access to certain restricted areas of the ESPN Wide World of Sports from Tuesday, July 23rd until Sunday, July 28th.

The list below illustrates the zones to which each credential permits access within Wide World of Sports:

VIP - hospitality and non-team areas

All access - access to all locations

Field of Play - team bench

Referee

College Coaches

Team



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GAMES

- **WHERE DO WE WARM UP PRIOR TO OUR GAMES?**

There will be areas adjacent to the fields for warm-ups, and the teams will be allowed on the field prior to their scheduled game.

- **WILL PINNIES BE PROVIDED IN THE BENCH AREA?**

Yes, US Youth Soccer will supply each team with up to eleven (11) pennies which **MUST** be worn in the bench area during their games.

- **DO I NEED TO BRING MY OWN TAPE?**

One hour prior to the start of each session we will have a Certified Athletic Trainer available to assist you and your athletes with pre-game preparations. US Youth Soccer will provide the supplies for players needing to be taped. Ice will be available for injuries and water coolers will be provided during the games.

- **WHEN AND WHERE CAN I GET TAPED / WRAPPED?**

Trainers will be available at the medical tent at the soccer fields one hour before, during, and immediately after all games. During practice the trainers will be on-site thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled practice times.

- **IS A PLAYER MEDICAL RELEASE FORM REQUIRED?**

No, however it is highly recommended that each player participating in the tournament have a signed medical release form. The form will make any medical emergency situation run smoother if the information is readily available. This form can be from either your state cup or regional tournament. If you need the form please print out the Player Information and Medical Release form from our website.

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TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

Each Team (Regional winners and National League Teams) will select a Team Representative for their team while they compete in the US Youth Soccer National Championships. This Team Representative can be a team manager or a representative from the state association (choice is up to the team). Each Team Representative must notify their respective regional program manager to inform them of their name and contact information. A state association is not required to provide a team representative to the team.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Contact your Regional Program Manager with your teams' arrival and departure information.
- Contact your team and or Anthony Travel as to your credit card information to guarantee your room at the assigned hotel with your team.
- Provide correct and on-time documents to the Regional Program Manager required before the event.
- Communicate with coach or team officials regarding National Championships requirements.
- Distribute tournament rules to all team officials.
- Within seven (7) days upon completion of the Regional Championships confirm with the Regional Program Manager that the team's arrival times are early enough so the team will be on time for the Player Event, which is the Opening event.
- Within seven (7) days upon completion of the Regional Championships confirm with the Regional Program Manager that the team's departure times are late enough on Saturday/Sunday to enable the team to attend the awards ceremony following the Championship games.
- Team Rep must stay with the team at the designated hotel.



TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **GAME DAY:** The Team Rep **MUST** sit at the assigned Team Rep table (usually statistician table) for each game their team participates in during the competition. Team Rep is often able to help statistician with jersey numbers for fouls and goals.
- If a Player is sent off the field by the Game Official, that player can stay on the bench. Should that player's behavior become a disturbance to the Game Officials, the Game Officials will dismiss the player and the Team Rep will then need to escort that player away from the field.
- If a Team Official is sent off the field by the Game Official, it will be the responsibility of the Team Rep to escort the Team Official to an area away from the field.
- Upon completion of each game ensures that the bench area is clear of all trash.
- Upon completion of team's final game that would involve a medal ceremony it will be the responsibility of the Team Rep to escort his or her team from the bench area to the site of the mandatory awards ceremony.
- Monitor and control behavior of players and team officials at all times.
- Ensure that all eligibility rules have been met for players and team officials.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AFTER THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Upon your return from the US Youth Soccer National Championships follow up with your team that they have completed the online Coach/Team Feedback Survey to be released by Aug 5th and to be completed on or before August 9th.
- Upon your return from the US Youth Soccer National Championships prepare your written Team Rep Report and send to the US Youth Soccer National Office on or before the August 9th deadline date.

TEAM REPRESENTATIVE TICKETS/CREDENTIALS FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Each Team Representative will have one (1) credential outside of the four (4) that are given to each team.



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