

NJ YOUTH SOCCER STATE CUP FINALS (11U-14U)

Hosted November 19th and 20th



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AGENDA

- Pre-Event Logistics
- Rules of Competition & Points of Emphasis
- After the Match
- Question and Answer Session

PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS



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VENUE INFORMATION

Location

Marlboro Middle School
355 County Road 520
Marlboro, NJ 07746

Parking

Behind Marlboro Middle School, or
Marlboro Recreation Center (overflow)

Restrooms

Port-o-John(s) available on site
(Middle School is not available to NJYS or
guests)

Concessions

Not Available

Location

Jackson Justice Complex
1 Jackson Drive
Jackson Township, NJ 08527

Parking

Onsite parking available

Restrooms

Two (2) portable units available on site

Concessions

Limited concessions



VENUE INFORMATION

SATURDAY ONLY

Location

Hamilton-Sawmill YMCA
185 Sawmill Road
Hamilton, NJ 08620

Parking

Ample parking.

Restrooms

Restrooms available on site

Concessions

Not Available



PRE-GAME CEREMONY – SEMIS AND FINALS

BOTH TEAMS' PLAYERS WILL CONDUCT AN 'INTERNATIONAL WALKOUT' APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED GAME TIME*.



RULES OF COMPETITION/ POINTS OF EMPHASIS





CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

WHERE TO GO:

- Teams head directly to the field for inspection of passes/rosters by the referee.
- There is no check-in needed with NJYS Staff by the teams.

PROCESS:

- **NJYS will provide an initialed game card to the Referees.**
- Referees will check player equipment and player passes in accordance with the rules of competition.
- **Teams are responsible for the game fees at the semis.**
- **NJYS will be responsible for referee fees for the Finals.**



ROSTERS

- Player roster changes are not permitted after the applicable roster freeze date (e.g., October 17th, 2022).
- Coaches shall be listed on the game day roster. Changes may be made up to Friday at 9am; at which time any change needs to be approved by NJYS on site.
- NJYS will print game cards on Friday morning to distribute to the site(s).
- All persons on the bench must have a member pass. All other individuals will be moved to the 'spectator' sideline.



ADMINISTRATIVE TIPS

Inevitably, the unexpected will happen!

- Bring Extra Jerseys/Socks/Shorts (e.g., blood on uniform).
- Bring both sets of jerseys (both teams).
- Have a 'spare' set of player/coach passes with multiple team contacts.
- Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before game time - then add 30 minutes to that!



GAME RULES

Age Group	Duration	Halftime	Overtime	Ball Size
13U, 14U (11v11)	Two [2]-35-minute halves	5 min	Two [2]-10-minute halves	5
11U, 12U (9v9)	Two [2]-30-minute halves	5 min	Two [2]-5-minute halves	4

- **SUBSTITUTIONS:**
 - **ALL COMPETITIONS:** Substitutions may occur at any stoppage of play, with the permission of the referee. It is recommended that teams bring pinneys to help distinguish players from substitutes.
- **ROSTER SIZE:** Ineligible players may sit in the technical area but should dress in “street” clothes.
- **OVERTIME:** Both overtime periods are played in their entirety. If the match is still tied after OT, Kicks from the Penalty Mark will determine the winner (PKs).
- **SUSPECTED HEAD INJURIES**
 - If a player is suspected of suffering a head injury, they must be substituted for evaluation without the substitutions counting against the team’s total number of allowed substitutions during each half or overtime period – see the rules of competition for NCS temporary substitution procedure.
 - 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 referee must report all suspected head injuries as an apparent serious injury through the appropriate game report.



GAME RULES

Technical Areas

- A maximum of 4 team personnel presenting a USYS pass and listed on the roster/approved by NJYS are permitted in the technical area.
- Substitutes and Substituted Players shall wear a piney/'bib' to distinguish between on-field players.
- Dismissed Team Staff: The individual will need to leave the technical area and may be required to sit at the headquarters until the end of the match or in severe cases, leave the venue.
- In the event of a player dismissal, the player shall remain in the technical area.
- Substitutes conducting warm-ups during the match must do so without a ball, wearing a piney, and out of the way of the other match officials. Substitutes shall not warm-up along the goal-line.

Uniforms

- Duplicate numbers are not permitted.
- In the event of an emergency, a taped number is permissible.
- A numbered jersey for the goalkeeper is recommended.
- Each team must have two uniforms sets (one light color and one dark color) at each State Cup game.
- In the event of color conflicts as determined by the game officials, the home team will adjust its uniform to that of the visiting team.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

- Coaches are responsible for their own conduct and that of their players and spectators. Misconduct by parents and/or spectators will be referred to the NJYS Appeals and Discipline Committee for disciplinary action.
- Misconduct Toward Game Officials (e.g. Referee Abuse and Assault) is not tolerated and will be referred to the NJYS Appeals and Discipline Committee for sanctions.
- All parents and spectators will remain on the spectator sideline during the match and until such time as the coaches have released the players after the match and referees have vacated the field of play. Failure to remain off the field of play until such time will result in a send-off for the coach and possible forfeit of the match.
- Coaching is only permitted from inside the technical area. Coaches are not permitted to coach from the spectators' side of the field and may not use electronic communication during the match.
- Teams are responsible for ensuring team benches are cleaned after the game and left in good condition for the next team

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

To help prevent physical assault and verbal abuse within our State Cups events, New Jersey Youth Soccer has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY.

This policy applies to **all coaches, players, referees, parents, spectators and other supporters.**

Abusive and obscene language, violent play/conduct, fighting and other behavior (including, but not limited to sarcasm, taunting, etc.) deemed detrimental to the game between the above-mentioned groups will not be tolerated.

To read more about the Zero Tolerance Policy visit the [NJYS website](#).

PROHIBITED ITEMS AND BEHAVIORS

Devices and instruments that disrupt the peace of the venue and may cause harm to attendees are prohibited. This includes:

- Noisemakers (e.g., horns) are prohibited at the venue.
- Pyrotechnics, burst and/or illumination devices (e.g., fireworks, sparklers, bottle rockets) are prohibited.
- Alcohol possession and consumption is prohibited at the venues.

MATCH VIDEO RECORDINGS

Efforts will be made to video & audio record via the NJYS Partnership with Veo and shared with member clubs.



- NJYS will contact coaches regarding distribution details after the finals.
- **WARNING:** *The audio is very sensitive! Players/Coaches/Game Officials should be mindful of the devices. The device will most likely be placed between the team benches near the fourth official.*
- *Teams that choose to bring their own devices must limit disruption of the game officials and anchor tripods appropriately.*

PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING NOTICE

By entering the NJ Youth Soccer Venues for State Cups, players, spectators, coaches and referees' consent to the possibility of their voice and likeness being recorded and photographed and agree to any subsequent use of such recording consistent with NJ Youth Soccer's [Privacy Policy](#).

*For questions, please contact
statecups@njyouthsoccer.com.*

AFTER THE MATCH



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POST-GAME CEREMONY

- Following the conclusion of the finals game, both the runner up and championship teams will receive awards from NJYS.
- All players and coaches are asked to join NJYS representatives in the designated area adjacent to the game field. Spectators are expected to observe proper public health measures while observing the presentation.
- Teams will be asked to hand out their own awards to minimize contact.
- Teams will be invited to take photos with the NJYS backdrop.
- NJYS will have photography and video at some games and awards presentations.



CHAMPION INFORMATION

CHAMPIONSHIP GEAR: Teams wanting to commemorate this achievement by ordering their official tournament merchandise will receive a flyer at the tournament. Ewing Sports will generously add “Champions” to the back of the gear at no additional cost should your team win the finals.

NJYS ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER: Champions in the 11U-14U age groups will receive an invitation to be honored at the NJYS 2023 Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, February 3rd, 2023 at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.





USYS REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

By participating in the New Jersey Youth Soccer State Cup, teams have an obligation to represent NJ Youth Soccer in the applicable US Youth Soccer Regional and/or National events should they qualify. Each team that reaches the semifinals (12U-14U) and quarterfinals (15U-19U) may be called upon to represent NJ Youth Soccer in the event the team directly qualifies, a wildcard becomes available, or applicable team(s) withdraw.

Commitment to Travel forms shall be submitted no later than November 19th.

Teams participating in the National Championship Series may qualify for the following events:

- 2023 US Youth Soccer Eastern Regional Championships | Loudoun County, Virginia June 23, 2023 – June 29, 2023
- 2023 US Youth Soccer National Championships | Orlando, Florida July 17, 2023 – July 23, 2023

Teams participating in the Presidents Cup may qualify for the following events:

- 2023 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup | Valley Forge, Pennsylvania June 16, 2023 – June 20, 2023
- 2023 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup | Wichita, Kansas July 7, 2023 – July 12, 2023



QUESTIONS?



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