

NYSW State Cup Bracket Format

- **3 Teams** – All 3 teams advance to the Final Four and participate in Round Robin format. (2 games)
- **4 Teams** – All 4 teams advance to the Final Four. Semi-Finals/ Finals
- **5 Teams** – One bracket of 5 teams. All teams play each other once during group play. The top 4 teams advance to the Final Four.
- **6 Teams** – 2 Brackets of 3 teams each. The teams play within their bracket during group play and the top two teams from each bracket advance to the Final Four.
 - **Bracket A (3 Teams)** – Seed 1 & 4, Draw 5
 - **Bracket B (3 Teams)** – Seed 2 & 3, Draw 6
- **7 Teams** – 2 Brackets of 2 teams and 1 Bracket of 3 teams. The teams within the 2-team brackets will play each other and have 1 cross over game. The teams within the 3-team bracket will play only each other. The top team from each bracket and the best 2nd place team advance to the Final Four.
 - **Bracket A (2 Teams)** – Seed 1, Draw 5
 - Crossover will have Seed 1 vs Draw 6
 - **Bracket B (2 Teams)** – Seed 2, Draw 6
 - Crossover will have Seed 2 vs Draw 5
 - **Bracket C (3 Teams)** – Seed 3 & 4, Draw 7
- **8 Teams** – 2 brackets of 4 teams. All teams within the bracket play each other once during group play. The top 2 teams from each bracket advance to the Final Four.
 - **Bracket A (4 Teams)** – Seed 1, Seed 4, Draw 5, Draw 6
 - **Bracket B (4 Teams)** – Seed 2, Seed 3, Draw 7, Draw 8
- **9 Teams** – 3 brackets of 3 teams. All teams within the bracket play each other once during group play. The top team from each bracket and the best 2nd place team advance to the Final Four.
 - **Bracket A (3 Teams)** – Seed 1, Draw 5, Draw 6
 - **Bracket B (3 Teams)** – Seed 2, Draw 7, Draw 8
 - **Bracket C (3 Teams)** – Seed 3, Seed 4, Draw 9

- 10 Teams – 2 brackets of 5 teams. All teams within the bracket play each other once during group play. The top 2 teams from each bracket advance to the Final Four.
 - Bracket A (5 Teams) – Seed 1, Seed 4, Draw 5, Draw 6, Draw 7
 - Bracket B (5 Teams) – Seed 2, Seed 3, Draw 8, Draw 9, Draw 10

- 11 Teams – 2 brackets of 3 teams and 1 bracket of 5 teams. The 2 brackets of 3 teams will play each other and play cross-over games. The teams within the 5-team bracket will play only each other. The top team from each bracket and the best 2nd place team advance to the Final Four.
 - Bracket A (3 Teams) – Seed 1, Draw 5, Draw 6
 - Crossover is Seed 1 vs Draw 7, Draw 8 vs Seed 1, Draw 5 vs Draw 8
 - Bracket B (3 Teams) – Seed 2, Draw 7, Draw 8
 - Crossover is Seed 2 vs Draw 5, Draw 6 vs Seed 2, Draw 7 vs Draw 6
 - Bracket C (5 Teams) – Seed 3, Seed 4, Draw 9, Draw 10, Draw 11

- 12 Teams – 3 brackets of 4 teams. All teams within the bracket play each other once during group play. The top team from each bracket and the best second place team advances to the Final Four.
 - Bracket A (4 Teams) – Seed 1, Draw 5, Draw 6, Draw 7
 - Bracket B (4 Teams) – Seed 2, Draw 8, Draw 9, Draw 10
 - Bracket C (4 Teams) – Seed 3, Seed 4, Draw 11, Draw 12

- 13 Teams – 2 brackets of 4 teams and 1 bracket of 5 teams. The #1 seed will receive a BYE, marked as a 4-0 win. The #1 seed will play 2 games and the other teams will play 3 games. All teams within the 4 team brackets play each other once during group play. The top team from each bracket and the best 2nd place team advance to the Final Four.
 - Bracket A (5 Teams) – Seed 1, Draw 5, Draw 6, Draw 7, Draw 8
 - Seed 1 BYE, Seed 1 vs Draw 7, Draw 5 vs Seed 1, Draw 8 vs Draw 7, Draw 8 vs Draw 5, Draw 5 vs Draw 6, Draw 6 vs Draw 8, Draw 7 vs Draw 6
 - Bracket B (4 Teams) – Seed 2, Draw 9, Draw 10, Draw 11
 - Bracket C (4 Teams) – Seed 3, Seed 4, Draw 12, Draw 13

- 14 Teams – 2 brackets of 3 teams and 2 brackets of 4 teams. All teams within the bracket play each other once during group play. The brackets of 3 will each have one crossover game. The top team from each bracket advances to the Final Four.
 - Bracket A (3 Teams) – Seed 1, Draw 5, Draw 6
 - Bracket B (3 Teams) – Seed 2, Draw 7, Draw 8
 - Crossover from A & B - Seed 1 vs Draw 8, Draw 5 vs Draw 7, Seed 2 vs Draw 6
 - Bracket C (4 Teams) – Seed 3, Draw 9, Draw 10, Draw 11
 - Bracket D (4 Teams) – Seed 4, Draw 12, Draw 13, Draw 14

- 15 Teams – 3 brackets of 5 teams. All teams within the bracket play each other once during group play. The top team from each bracket and the best 2nd place team advances to the Final Four.
 - Bracket A (5 Teams) – Seed 1, Draw 5, Draw 6, Draw 7, Draw 8
 - Bracket B (5 Teams) – Seed 2, Draw 9, Draw 10, Draw 11, Draw 12
 - Bracket C (5 Teams) – Seed 3, Seed 4, Draw 13, Draw 14, Draw 15

- 16 Teams – 4 brackets of 4 teams. All teams within the bracket play each other once during group play. The top team from each bracket advances to the Final Four.
 - Bracket A (4 Teams) – Seed 1, Draw 5, Draw 6, Draw 7
 - Bracket B (4 Teams) – Seed 2, Draw 8, Draw 9, Draw 10
 - Bracket C (4 Teams) – Seed 3, Draw 11, Draw 12, Draw 13
 - Bracket D (4 Teams) – Seed 4, Draw 14, Draw 15, Draw 16

If there are any brackets larger than 16 teams, we will determine the format and announce it prior to the Blind Draw.

Final Four Process – Teams will play matchups in the Semi-Finals and then the winners of both games will advance to the Finals. Following are how the Semi-Final matches will be determined:

- **Groups of 2 Brackets (6, 8 or 10 Teams)**
 - Winner of Bracket A plays Runner-Up of Bracket B
 - Winner of Bracket B plays Runner-Up of Bracket A
- **Groups of 3 Brackets (7, 9, 11, 12, 13 or 15 Teams)**
 - Winner of Bracket A plays 2nd Place Overall
 - Winner of Bracket B plays Winner of Bracket C
- **Groups of 4 Brackets (14 or 16 Teams)**
 - Winner of Bracket A plays Winner of Bracket D
 - Winner of Bracket B plays Winner of Bracket C

Tie Breakers

Used to determine advancement to Final Four when tied following the group play down games.

- (1) Head-to-Head
- (2) Goal Difference (maximum goal difference will be four (4) per game)
- (3) Least Goals Allowed
- (4) FIFA **“Kicks from the Penalty Mark”**
 - a) immediately following the round robin games at a time and place determined by the State Cup Committee. The home team for the kicks will be whichever team was the home team when the two opponents played head-to-head. Any player/person sent off or suspended during the head-to-head match cannot take part in the kicks.

Three-way ties within an age group:

A three-way tie will be decided using the same tie breakers as items 2, 3 and 4 above. If only one team can be eliminated before applying item 4, then start over at 1 comparing only the remaining two teams. If FIFA **“Kicks from the Penalty Mark”** have to be taken, there will be a draw by the State Cup 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 FIFA **“Kicks from the Penalty Mark”**. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in FIFA **“Kicks from the Penalty Mark”** to determine the winner of the age group. The bye team will be the home team.

If an occasion should arise that is not addressed in this document, then the State Cup Committee shall have absolute power to decide on the result.