

FAQ:

1) What are NYSW boundaries?

NYSWYSA includes all New York State counties to the west and on Interstate Rt. 81. This area is broken up into districts, each of which is managed by separate commissioners.

The districts are as follows:

- Binghamton Southern Tier
- Buffalo Syracuse
- Rochester Twin Tier

see <http://nyswysa.org/association-info>

<http://nyswysa.org/association-info/map-of-nysw>

2) I coach a team located within the boundaries of Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, but we play in NYSW leagues and tournaments. Can we compete in the NYSW State Cup Championship?

No. The majority (50% +1) of the players on a team competing in the NYSW State Cup championship must reside within the boundaries of NYSW.

3) Is an indoor league acceptable as a qualifying league?

No it is not acceptable as a qualifying league.

4) Are there a minimum number of age appropriate players required for an age group?

Yes, the majority of players on a team must be the age of the age group in which the team is participating in the State Cup that seasonal year. The majority shall be defined as 50% of the roster plus 1 player. See Rule 7203, Section 1, Item 6 of the US Youth Soccer NYSW National Championship Series Policy/Rules. This document can be found on the NYSW State Cup website. Please review.

5) Are there any restrictions to a younger player playing in an older age group?

Yes, there are restrictions. These restrictions are covered in Rule 7203, Section 2, and Item 4 of the US Youth Soccer NYSW National Championship Series Policy/Rules. This document can be found on the NYSW State Cup website. Please review.

- 6) Does someone have to represent a team for the blind draw?

A team representative's presence won't influence the draw. It does allow them, however, to receive the results first hand, meet Cup committee members along with other team representatives and allow them to ask questions directly. It also provides an opportunity to view the playing venues.

- 7) What happens if SAT test day falls on the Saturday of the Final 4 weekend?

In these cases, NYSW has always worked to schedule the 16 and Under and 17 and Under late in the day on Saturday to provide them the best opportunity to take the test. However, there is no guarantee that this will be possible. We also recommend that players consider taking the test in a location as close to the playing venue as possible (ie Cortland Jr & Sr High School). Each player and their parent must decide what is in the best interest of the player.

- 8) Are there fees in addition to the registration fees that a team will incur?

Both teams will split the field and referee costs for the playdown game. So, a team will incur additional costs if they participate in a play down game. The fee structure will be posted within a week of the Blind Draw.

- 9) Regarding the State Cup playdown match officials' fees, our team manager instructions say that **each team** pays the same amount toward the fees. Can you please tell me how that breaks down for each (Referee, and two AR's) official?

The home team fee covers the Referee while the Away Team fees are divided evenly between the two Assistant Referees.

- 10) How many playdown games do we have to play?

The number of playdown games your team would play depends on the number of teams entered in your division. Please see playdown examples on the website and in the Appendix of the NYSW National Championship Policy/Rules.

- 11) If I start different players at the beginning of the second half than those that ended the first half on the pitch, or if I start different players for overtime than those that ended regulation on the pitch, are those considered substitutions

PLAYERS are defined as anyone taking the field, in this instance, at the beginning of each half or of overtime. THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED SUBSTITUTES for any reason. PLAYERS may be replaced by a substitute but cannot re-enter in that half for the 15 and Under and older divisions.

With the check-in limit at 18, that means that you will only be allowed AT MOST, 7 substitutions per half or overtime.

If you only check-in 16 players, your substitution would be limited to 5 per half or overtime.

- 12) If a game goes to overtime and/or Kicks from the Penalty Mark, it is not clear if players who came out of the game in the second half will be allowed back into the game for overtime? Also, if the game continues to Kicks from the Penalty Mark, which players are eligible to participate?

Once overtime begins, any player who is substituted out of the game may not return to the match or be used in Kicks from the Penalty Mark.

The ENTIRE overtime period is considered one period, even though there is a brief break to switch sides.

Only players on the field at the end of the match may be used in the FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark.

- 13) We want to make sure we have everything we need for our **playdown** game.

We need to bring:

1. Player passes?
Yes. The pass must contain a picture of the player and be sealed.
2. Coaches passes?
Yes. The pass must be signed by the coach as their name appears on the front of the pass and it must be sealed.
3. State Cup roster – printed on any paper – don't need to sign anything right?
Yes, two copies of the official state cup roster printed on any paper.
4. Do we need to bring & show medical releases?
Medical Releases are not required for playdown matches. They are however required for the Final 4 tournament.
5. Money for referee?
Each team must bring the appropriate fees. Fee structure can be found in the email sent from statecupchair@nyswysa.org and on the NYSWYSA website.

6. Money for field rental?
No. The field fees will either be deducted from your refund in the event you do not win your only/final playdown match or they will be billed to your club should you win and advance to the Final 4. The fees must be paid before Final 4 registration. Fee structure can be found on the NYSWYSA website.

14) How and to whom do I report the playdown match results?

Both teams will use the **PhoneItIn** webpage (<http://nyswysa.org/PhoneItIn/>) or call 866 334 6294 to communicate the results for the match. Instructions for using this application are posted on the State Cup website. **A PIN # is assigned each year and you will need the game number and team names to complete the report. The PIN# for 2019 will be 1808**

Include PIN #, game number, team names and scores

15) Where can I find results of the playdown matches?

Results are posted on the State Cup page of the NYSWYSA website.

16) How many games will my team play each day at the Final 4 tournament?

Teams in the 12 and Under through 13 and Under divisions inclusive will play two (2) games on Saturday and one (1) game on Sunday.

Teams in the 14 and Under through 19 and Under divisions inclusive will play one (1) game each day of the competition.

These guidelines are subject to change based on number of fields available throughout the competition

17) How do I obtain the NYSW Official witness signature on the Commitment Form?

The Commitment Form **along** with the Code of Conduct will be required **if** your team advances to the Final 4 weekend. These documents will be provided by the Cup Committee at the Final 4 registration table and will need to be signed at the time of registration. You may elect to print the documents from the website and fill them out in advance and bring them with you.

18) How do I obtain a Blue Roster

Blue rosters have been replaced by a National Championship Series (NCS) roster. The Cup Committee will have the NCS roster available for each team at registration for the Final 4 tournament.

19) Do all players have to be present for registration?

All players must register in person. However, you do not need all players present to begin the registration process. Teams that have 50% or more of their players present during the designated registration times can begin the process.

20) Several players will arrive after the designated registration times for the Final 4. What arrangements should we make for them to register and play?

The Registration official will check all the documentation (player pass, Medical Release, proof of residency) for all players listed on the team. For those players not present at the designated registration time, the Registration official will hold their passes at the registration table. When the players arrive at any subsequent time during the competition, they will need to proceed to the registration table and sign the roster. The Registration official will then release the pass to the player. From there, they can proceed to the pitch and play.

21) What arrangements will be made for players that cannot make the Final 4 weekend but would be available should the team advance to the Eastern Region Championship?

If they are not available for the entire weekend and you advance to the Eastern Region Final, they will need to sign the roster upon arrival at that event.

22) With the 19 and Under players already at college, do we need them to fill out the 'Individual Player Registration Instructions (15 and Under and Older ONLY)' when completing the Eastern Region Online registration form for those teams?

The only information that is necessary for the 19 and Under is

First Name	Last Name	Jersey #	Email address
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23) Does the team need to be in uniform for registration

No the team does not have to be in uniform for registration.

24) If the manager is present at registration do the coaches need to be there?

No, the coaches do not have to be present **if** the person registering the team has the coach's passes at the time of registration and is listed as an official on the team roster.

25) Some parents submitted a photocopy of the school report for proof of residence. Is that acceptable?

Yes, it is acceptable.

26) Some school reports say the student's name, such as John Smith, at the top; then at the bottom after the grades it has the parent's names and address, such as Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Smith, 2 Main St, Penfield, NY. Is that acceptable?

Yes, it is acceptable.

27) Some school reports (electronic or paper copy) do not include a school address. Is that acceptable

No it is not acceptable. Other options to consider for proof of residence include:

1. Have the parent obtain a letter from the school indicating that the student attends the school. The letter should include the address of the school either as a letter head or in the body of the letter.
2. Print a copy of the players Student portal if it shows their address
3. School or Doctors' physical form showing their address and including the letterhead/address of the school or doctor's office.
4. School ID if it shows player's address

28) Is a copy of a driver's license or permit acceptable for proof of residency?

Yes, as long as the copy shows the address clearly

29) A player who is home schooled, does not have a report card from a school. What can he/she show at the time of registration to fulfill the proof of residence requirement?

1. A certified school district must approve the curriculum and eventually issue a diploma for children that are home schooled. A letter from this school district, on their letterhead, that attests to the player's current address will meet the requirement.

OR

2. Provide a notarized letter indicating the player's current address.
- 30) Is the Medical Release our club's form or is there a NYSW form that must be used?
- The Medical Release can be either your club or NYSW's form.
- 31) Does the Medical Release have to be notarized?
- It is suggested but not mandatory that the Medical Release form be notarized.
- 32) If a player has a cast, will they be permitted to play?
- Players are permitted to play with casts PROVIDED the cast is not dangerous to the player himself/herself or any other player on the field. This determination is made by the individual referee on the game.
- 33) My child was diagnosed with a possible concussion from the medical professionals at the field. What are the next steps for him/her to return to play?
- Your player needs to be seen by a Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy or a doctor that specializes in concussion treatment and management. Parent must present a signed release from one of the above before your player can return to the field of play. Release needs to be on the letter head of the doctor or medical organization at which the player was examined.
- 34) Does the goalie jersey need a number?
- Yes, each player must have a number on the player. Double zero '00' is not an acceptable number.
- 35) What is the difference between a Wildcard team and an Alternate team assigned to the Eastern Region Championships?
- Wildcard teams are positions that are created to balance the number of teams in each division. Wildcard requirements are determined after all State Associations submit their Team Entry form for the Championship. Wildcard teams are assigned to a bracket to avoid having two teams from the same state association
- Alternate teams are teams that are selected to replace a team that has dropped out of the competition after the State Associations have submitted their team entry forms. They will be assigned to the bracket from which the team dropped out. So you may have two teams from the same state in the same bracket.
- 36) If a player receives a red card can he remain on the bench?
- Yes, the player will be permitted to remain on the bench under the supervision of a Risk Management approved team official. The player must remove their uniform

jersey. If the player continues to be disruptive or a distraction to anyone in the bench area, they will be escorted from the area to the Tournament Headquarters.

- 37) If a player receives a red card in their USYS National League Conference (NLC) or another qualifying league, will they have to sit out their first game of the State Cup?

The National Championship Series (NCS) is a national tournament consisting of three levels of competition. These are State Cup, Regional Championships and finally the National Championships. To participate in the Series, every team, except for those in the 19 and Under divisions, must participate in a qualifying league.

The USYS NLC is one such qualifying league. Although teams from the NLC may qualify for direct entry to the Eastern Regional Championships of the NCS, the league itself is not one of the levels of the NCS. Thus, games played in the NCS and the NLC are not in the same competition.

Therefore, a red card issued in a game played in NLC or another qualifying league does not carryover and impact a player in the State Cup level of the NCS competition. Note however that if the red card was issued in the Division 1 Finals of the NLC and the player's team did advance to the Eastern Regional Championship, the player would have to sit out at least the first game played at the Eastern Regional Championship.

- 38) What does the team manager need to bring to the Eastern Region Championship registration?

The team manager will be required to bring the passes for both the players and the team officials. You must have your medical releases with you for the games however you will not have to present them at registration.

Players and coaches do not need to be present.

A team official must watch the Team Official webinar posted on the Eastern Regional Championships website