

US Youth Soccer National Championships Policy

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US Youth Soccer (UTAH) State Cup

Rule 106. PRECEDENCE OF GAMES

National Championships competitions games shall take precedence over all other youth games.

Rule 201. STATE, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL LEVELS

Each National Championship competition shall be conducted at the following levels:

- (1) The first level of competitions for all boys and girls age groups is at the State Association level.
- (2) The second level of competitions for all boys and girls age groups is at the regional level.
- (3) The third level of competitions for all boys and girls age groups is at the national level.

Rule 221. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The National Championships competitions shall be open to any team whose players are registered with US Youth Soccer through a State Association if the team is in compliance with all of the following requirements:

- (1) The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered youth players (as defined by US Youth Soccer).
- (2) The team must be in good standing with its State Association and must be in compliance with, and has not violated, any of the bylaws and policies of US Youth Soccer.
- (3) The team must be entered in the competition of the State Association in which at least 50 percent of its players are registered.
- (4) The team must compete in at least a 4-team approved league during the current seasonal year in its State Association, US Youth Soccer Regional League or US Youth Soccer National League, or with its State Association's permission in another State Association, except for the U-19 age group for boy's and girl's. The league competition must consist of a minimum of one game against each of 3 different teams participating in the league. Whether participation in any amateur league shall qualify a youth team for Championship competition under this policy shall be determined by each State Association.
- (5) A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league and every level of the National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of 9 players common to the roster of the team at every level of the competitions.

Section 2. (a) (1) A club may issue a club pass to any youth player who is a registered youth player of the club before the team to which such youth player is to be rostered for the State Association level of the National Championships competitions submits its National Championships roster for its first competition at the State Association level.

(2) Only at the State Association level of the National Championships competitions (but not at the regional and national levels of the competitions)—

(A) a team may roster any player not having a club pass of that team's club if a written request, stating the reason why this action has been requested, has been made to and approved by the State Association on a form provided by it; and

(B) at the time a team's National Championships competitions roster for competitions at the State Association level is determined under this rule, the team may not have more than 5 rostered youth who were previously rostered during the current seasonal year with a club other than the club of which the team is a member, the rostering of such youth players with such club shall be made in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member.

(3) A State Association is not required to consider as a rostered player a player on a school team when the State Association administers school programs.

(b) In addition to the application of the club pass provisions of the policy, a team participating in the National Championships competitions may release involuntarily a player from its roster if the player has violated bylaws, policies, or requirements of the Federation, US Youth Soccer, the State Association, or the member of the State Association through whom the player is registered.

(c) A team may have on its team roster only players of the following age groups for the seasonal year in which the team is participating in the National Championships:

(1) For teams competing in the Under 14 and Under 15 age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

(2) For the teams competing in the Under 16, Under 17, Under 18, and Under 19 age groups, each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age of any younger age group, through the Under 14 age group, of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

Section 3. Every team in the National Championships competitions shall have a team roster, a National Championships roster determined under this rule based on the players on the team's roster, and a game roster for every match or competition.

(1) Team Roster

A team roster shall have a minimum of 9 registered players on its roster at all times.

(2) National Championships Roster

A team shall have a National Championships roster based on its team roster at the State Association level of the National Championships competitions, approved by the State Association where the team resides. The team roster may have up to 22 youth players on the roster at all levels of the competitions. .

(3) Game Roster - 6 - The game roster shall be prepared by the team and submitted to the competition authority at a time set by the State Association for State Cup play, by the Region for Regional Cup play, and not later than 60 minutes prior to each scheduled game in National Championships play at the national level. The game roster shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of 7 players. Every player listed on the game roster must be included on the team's National Championships roster to be eligible to participate with the team in the National Championships competitions.

Section 4. A team shall forfeit each game of the team in which—

(1) An unregistered player was with the team at the game in a uniform; or

(2) A player was improperly entered on the team's roster.

(3) The team no longer has a recognized team official as required by Rule 241, sections 1, 2, and 4, on the team bench.

Section 5. It shall be the responsibility of the appropriate official designated by each entering State Association to certify the eligibility of competing teams and to provide the teams with a copy of this policy.

Rule 224. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. A player must be properly registered and rostered in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer and the State Association.

Section 2. A youth player may be on the National Championships roster of only one team at each level of the National Championships competitions during any seasonal year; provided, however, that a youth player who was rostered to a team of a club at a National Championship competition level that does not advance to the next level and who has been issued a club pass of that club in accordance with this policy may be rostered to another team of that club at the next level of the National Championship competitions. Subject to the foregoing, and subject to the provisions of Rule 221, Section 1 (5), at each level of the National Championships competitions, a team may add to its National Championship roster for that level as many registered youth players holding club passes of that club of which a team is a member as the team or its club determines so long as the roster does not exceed 22 players. A team may not change the club of which it is a member at any time after the commencement of the National Championship competitions and in

any event only in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member.

Bottom line

Prior to State Cup: Players from the club maybe added to the roster. Team may add players from outside the club but can only have 5 total transfers during the year from outside the club.

In State Cup: U11 teams - 14 man roster.
U12/13 teams - 18 man roster
U14 thru U19 teams - 22 man roster.

After State Cup: All rosters will be unlocked and players from the club may be added up to 14 days from start of Far West Regionals.

After Regionals: All rosters will unlock and players may be added up to 7 days from Start of Nationals. Teams may add players from the club.

Club Pass and transfers to team entered into State Cup play will be approved and run thru UYSA office.