



2025-26 Utah State Cup

Rules Updates

NCS Update

- There will no longer be a regional event
- State Cup Winners will advance directly to Nationals
- There will be 2 tiers; Super (1st tier) and Premier (2nd tier)
- All Utah Teams will be in the Super group



Boys 13U-19U
Provo/SLC, UT

Girls 13U-19U
Nashville, TN



2025-26 Rule Changes

Rule 311

- State Cup is now open to all UYSA Registered Teams
- Teams who do not play UYSA League Programming may still participate
- Teams outside of the league must be part of an Organizationl Member
- They will have a \$400 additional fee to register

Rationale: As the landscape of youth soccer continues to change, we see the National Championships Series as an opportunity to add value to our entire membership. Allowing all organizational members of UYSA the opportunity to participate opens up that pathway to more teams.



2025-26 Rule Changes

Rule 318

- Multi-roster players will no longer be eligible to be rostered
- In order to roster at State Cup, multi-rostered players must be removed from the team not participating in the event

Rationale: Due to roster compliance issues involving multi-rostered players over the last couple years, we are removing their ability to be rostered without temporarily suspending their multi-roster. This will guarantee that a player on a roster is participating with the team they are rostered to.



2025-26 Rule Changes

Rules 51, 54, and 552

- All bracket sizes must be an even number except for 3 or 5.
- In cases of an odd number bracket we will try and add a team to make an even number
- If unable to add a team, the bottom 2 seeded teams will have a play-in game to reduce to an even number
- 14, 12, and 10 team bracket formats have been adjusted

Rationale: We received resounding feedback that everyone would like 3 guaranteed games, and all teams to play equal pool play games. In order to do this all brackets must be an even number.



2025-26 Rule Changes

Rules 5331.1 and 5331.2

- New seeding procedures implemented to account for outside league teams
- Top seed is defending State Cup Champion, 2nd seed is Defending Premier 1 Champion.
- Beginning with 3rd seed all ECNL and MLS Next 2 participants (boys) and ECNL and GA participants (girls) will be seeded
- Remaining teams will be seeded based on UYSA Alignment

Rationale: By opening up the event we must account for non-league participants. This protects top teams in the league, while not unbalancing the event with non-league teams placed at the bottom.



2025-26 Rule Changes

Rule 86

- Creates a red card appeal process; Only straight red cards can be appealed
- Teams may only appeal 1 red card per event
- Written intent to appeal must be received within 4 hours of the conclusion of the game (email preferred)
- \$200 bond must be paid with submission of formal request (returned if appeal is successful)
- 3 person panel (State Cup Director, State Youth Referee Administrator, State Cup Committee Member) must unanimously vote to overturn red card
- Result of the game will not be impacted by any ruling.

Rationale: We have had a number of red cards that we have been unable to overturn due to previous rules. This opens an avenue to allow teams to have player suspensions waived.



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Thank You!