



**Alaska Youth Soccer**  
**2021 US Youth Soccer Alaska State Cup**  
**Championship Teams**  
**Congratulations on Winning State Cup**

Championship Teams (12-U - 19-U) will represent Alaska at the US Youth Soccer National Championship; Far West Regional or Presidents Cup. Teams will need to have the team manager, or another team parent take on the assigned duties below. This can be a very time consuming process that will last from now up until the date you travel. The individual will need to meet all **deadlines** on time; this is imperative as these deadlines are set, so AYSA can ensure that they can meet the US Youth Soccer deadlines which are strict. After you have met the September and October deadlines, little will happen until the February deadline. Information will then start coming out regularly to teams starting in March. As AYSA receives the information, we will then forward the USYS updates to the teams. You are always welcomed to contact AYSA if you have questions but understand we may not have the answers regarding some travel items, scheduling etc. until the US Youth Soccer releases it.

**Team Timeline**

**Managers will submit the Championship Team Commitment to Travel and Participate Form prior to the September 15, 2021 deadline with a \$500 Commitment Deposit. Once the *Commitment to Travel and Participate Form* is submitted you will register your team online.**

**September 15**

The team manager will submit the Commitment to Travel and Participate form and register the team with the AYSA online registration confirming their Team Commitment, create the team profile, and start the online team roster (the team must maintain at least 9 players from the original State Cup Roster).

Team registration and team commitment must be done prior to September 15, 2021 deadline. A \$500 Commitment Deposit will be made at this time.

**Head Coach:** If your coach will be coaching two teams; an Assistant Coach should be listed on the roster. US Youth Soccer National Championship event will not consider or accept request for game schedule conflicts.

The manager will keep AYSA updated with cell/email contacts for team coach(s) and manager. This is IMPORTANT as all information, deadlines and travel requirements are emailed to teams up until travel in June.

(12-U through 15-U Teams are required to attend either Far West Regional or Presidents Cup, 16-U through 18-U Teams not required to attend National Championship Tournament, 18-U through 19-U Teams can only attend Far West Regional).

**October 15**

Team Deposit will be required to secure team commitment, the deposit amount of \$1,200 must be received prior to October 15, 2021 deadline. The Team Entry fee cannot be applied to this deposit. Total team deposit \$1,700.

Team Entry Fee for National Championship will be paid from the Team Deposit. (Refer to July section regarding deposit)

The team *will not* need to fill out the Annual Team Travel Permit to attend the National Championship event.

Pay the deposit by mailing a check payable to AYSA (200 W. 34th Ave # 21 Anchorage, AK 99503)

Once the Team Commitment and Team Deposit is made: NO Refund will be processed (no exceptions).

**January**

The US Youth Soccer National Championship team draw will be held at the US Youth Soccer Convention.

**February**

US Youth Soccer National Championships will set up information for teams regarding the Official Housing Provider that must be used. The Stay to Play Policy must be followed; teams that do not will be fined \$2000.00 by US Youth Soccer. When you receive your information on the Official Housing Provider, you will need to block out the required amount of rooms your team will need. ***Do not wait, they fill up quickly.***

When lodging is secured; email AYSA with name of the hotel, address and how many rooms blocked for the team.

**March 15**

The team online roster should be updated at this time; ensure that the participating players have been checked (legal name only; no nicknames), birth dates for each player have been verified, jersey numbers entered for each player and email/phone number for each player.

This must be updated online prior to **March 15, 2022** deadline. The team online roster will be locked at this time; all updates after this date must be done on the **Team Excel Sheet** with prior approval.

### **Roster Guidelines;**

- At least 9 players from the original State Cup Roster must stay on the team to participate and be registered.
- Players cannot play in both Far West Regional and Presidents Cup.
- All players must be properly registered in accordance with US Youth Soccer, players must be currently living in Alaska, and registered for play as a current member of Alaska Youth Soccer Association.
- No out of state players may be rostered to teams. (split custody in between different states situations must be discussed with the AYSA state office prior to rostering).
- Guest players are not allowed on USYS FWR/PC rosters. All players must be properly registered to the club and team prior to the March 15, 2022 roster deadline.
- A player rostered on a State Cup Championship team may transfer to another team after Sept 1 and will remain eligible to play at the Regional event.
- Club players will be eligible to be rostered through the intra club pass program.
- No **guest players** can be added to the official roster. If you are attending Presidents Cup, the team may choose to add a player for the event by submitting the *Temporary Transfer Release* prior to the deadline (*No Out of State Players Allowed*). Far West Regional attendees may use the Club Pass Program only.

Teams will receive after the March 15, 2022 deadline a **Team Excel Sheet** that will need to be completed with pertinent information that will be required to register the team online for the Regional Event. The information below will be required.

### **Additional Required Individual Player Information.**

- Player ID # (# on Seasonal Player Card or Club can provide)
- Alternate Player Jersey Numbers (if applicable)
- Player Position (Keeper, Defender, Midfield, Forward)
- Player Graduation Class Year (2024 etc.)
- Player GPA, ACT, SAT (if applicable)
- College Status (Uncommitted, Committed, Verbal)

The team will also need to have a 2021/2022 Current **Medical Release** for each player, and a copy of the player's **Birth Certificate** that will be required to have on hand for the tournament.

### **April 15**

The Final Team Roster will be due; please ensure that you have submitted your **Team Excel Sheet** prior to the April 15, 2022 deadline. The Team Roster will then be entered by AYSA into the USYS Regional System.

### **State Champions Patches;**

When you receive your team patches please follow these guidelines for placement.

- US Youth Soccer requires the State Cup Champion Patch to be worn on the (HOME) uniform of players participating in the US Youth Soccer National Championship series (FWR/PC).
- The patch must be placed on the RIGHT SLEEVE of the (HOME) jersey.

### **May**

Adult Member Passes must be in the current seasonal year to attend the tournament. Ensure that each adult listed on the roster is current with the AYSA background check, the AYSA Code of Conduct, and completing the Safe Sport Certification. Coach/ Manager/Club DOC must have a pass to be on the sidelines; only 4 bench passes per team will be provided by the USYS; only 4 individuals with passes may be on the bench at any time.

The Team Roster will be locked in the USYS System and an Approved Roster will be sent to the manager for a signature. The roster must be returned to AYSA immediately for the Official AYSA Stamp. The Roster will then be brought to the event by the Alaska State Representative who will do Team Credentials for all Alaska participating teams. Players Cards, Birth Certificates, Medical Releases are needed for team credentials.

### **June**

The USYS Far West Regional, and Presidents Cup **Tournament Schedule** will be released.

The team manager/representative will meet the Alaska State Representative after the Regional Team Credentials. During this designated time the team will receive the stamped/approved roster, team bench passes, and team bag.

### **July**

The remaining balance of the Team Deposit will be returned to the team. The check will be sent directly to the Club prior to July 31, 2022. The deposit will be minus the Team Entry Fee for the Western Region Championships, and a \$100 AYSA State Administrative Fee. **(2021 Entry Fee FWR \$1,600 per team, PC \$1,400 per team- The Entry Fee amount for 2022 will be released by February)**