

2022 Minnesota State Cup & Presidents Cup Announcement

January 8, 2022

Registration is now open for the 2022 Minnesota State Cup and Presidents Cup! We are gearing up for Presidents Cup to start 3 months from tomorrow, and we want your club and teams to be prepared as we head into registration and scheduling season. Please read the information below for important dates, registration procedures, and other details regarding the 2022 MYSA Cups. Teams registered to MN League One will be sent a version of this email tomorrow letting them know that registration is open.

Highlighted Changes for 2022:

Group play for each event will span an entire week to maximize facility space and referees availability. Teams should expect to have at least one game scheduled between Monday and Thursday and the remainder of their games scheduled between Friday and Sunday. Teams should not have any league games scheduled for that week and should not reschedule any games to these dates either to maximize referee availability.

For the first time in Minnesota State Cup & Presidents Cup, non-MYSA teams will be eligible to register for the events. MYSA will now consider Twin Cities Soccer Leagues and the Southern Minnesota Soccer League to be approved leagues under Section 2 of the Minnesota State Cup and Presidents Cup rules manuals.

Seeding for both tournaments will be handled differently than the past couple of years where all registered teams were given a seed for the events. To acknowledge the accomplishments of prior Cup and League winners, as well as accommodate non-MYSA teams, MYSA will seed teams based on the criteria outlined in Section 6 of each of the State and Presidents Cup rules manuals, and unseeded teams will be bracketed by a random draw. This will take place on Friday March 25th via Zoom.

We will be changing our uniform requirements to match what is required at the regional level of each competition. The home team will be required to wear their light color jersey and socks, and the away team will be required to wear their dark color jersey and socks. Teams must bring two uniform sets to every match of the competition.

This year, the following age groups will be available in both State Cup and Presidents Cup: 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U & 19U.

Finally, we will be reinstituting a team information meeting to go over important rules and procedures prior to the start of group play. This meeting will be held on Friday April 1st via Zoom, and at least one team administrator from each team must attend. At that time, teams will have their schedules and will have a month to finalize their rosters.

Registration Fees:

The fee for both events is \$1,250.00 per team. Additional fees will be required of non-MYSA teams as explained below. MYSA has increased the registration fees to compensate for the following:

- Referees: We've received feedback from clubs and teams that top level referees are especially important for these events. To ensure our best referees are enticed to referee these events, we will be raising the referee pay per game.

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- Location: We are excited host this year's events at the National Sports Center. Again, based on feedback from teams and clubs, we are hosting games for both events at one location in the metro area.
- Athletic Trainers: This year we will have athletic trainers more readily available to all fields throughout the entire event.
- End of Presidents Cup discount: Presidents Cup was offered at a discounted rate to drive interest and participation in the first couple of years. We will continue to offer the same level of attention and service to Presidents Cup as we do to State Cup to make sure teams are getting value.

State & Presidents Cup Calendar:

February 8 | Registration Opens

March 21 | Registration Closes

March 25 | Bracketing and Seeding Meeting (Zoom invite to be posted to website and sent to teams)

March 31 | Schedules Released to Teams

April 1 | Team Information Meeting (Zoom invite to be posted to website and sent to teams)

May 2 | Roster Freeze date for Presidents Cup AND State Cup

May 9-15 | Presidents Cup Group Play

May 16-22 | MN State Cup Group Play

May 26-29 | MN State Cup and Presidents Cup Semi-finals & Finals

June 16-20 | USYS Midwest Presidents Cup (St. Louis, MO)

June 23-30 | USYS Midwest Regional Championships (Westfield, IN)

July 7-10 | USYS National Presidents Cup (Greensboro, NC)

July 19-24 | USYS National Championships (Orlando, FL)

Registration process: MYSA league teams:

We highly encourage Premier I teams to register for State Cup and Premier II & First Division teams to register for Presidents Cup. This general guideline is used in other state competitions to ensure the integrity and competitiveness of each event remains intact.

Coaches and managers assigned to the team in US Soccer Connect will have access to register the team for the tournament.

1. Log into US Soccer Connect.
2. Go to your "Teams" tab.
3. Under "View", click on "Apply to Tournament".
4. Select the tournament from the drop-down menu and click "Register".
5. Follow the prompts to complete the registration process including team roster details, electronic agreements (ELA's) and payment. The registration fee must be paid in full to complete the registration.

Registration process: non-MYSA teams:

1. Club Registrars should register the team as Tournament Only in US Soccer Connect.
2. A copy of your official league roster must be provided to MYSA.
3. Team admins must complete MYSA's [Player Safety Requirements](#).
4. Once the team is activated by a Club Registrar, the team admins can register the team via their US Soccer Connect account using steps 1-5 above.

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5. Cost for non-MYSA teams:

- Tournament Registration fee: \$1,250.00 (due during registration process)
- MYSA Tournament Only team fee: \$350.00 (invoiced to club)
- MYSA Player Fee: \$9.00/player (invoiced to club)
- MYSA Coach & Manager Fee: \$19.00/adult (invoiced to club)

Any registration questions can be directed to AshleySicheneder@mnyouthsoccer.org.

Please review the [Electronic Legal Agreements](#) that will be signed during the registration process. Please also review the [Minnesota State Cup Rules Manual](#) and the [Presidents Cup Rules Manual](#) prior to registering.

For further information about the events, please visit the [Minnesota State Cup](#) and [Presidents Cup](#) webpages.

Thank you,
Minnesota Youth Soccer Association