

NEVADA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
SECTION 13
NEVADA CHAMPIONSHIPS
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13:01:00 General:

13:01:01 The Nevada Championship is the state-level of the National Championship Series. The Nevada Championship also serves as the State Cup for Nevada. The USYS National Championships Policy, with the following additions, governs the USYS Nevada Championships.

13:01:02 The USYS National Championships Policy applies only to age groups U12 and above. NYSA will apply USYS National Championships Policy to all age groups in the USYS Nevada Championships. The Nevada Championship Series may allow younger age groups to participate.

13:01:03 Awards and Trophies:

13:01:03:01 The champion team in each age/gender group of the USYS Nevada Championships shall be presented with a trophy at the awards ceremony for its retention. The name of the champion team will be engraved on the permanent USYS Nevada Championships wall plaques in the NYSA office.

13:01:03:02 Players and coaches on the champion and finalist teams will be presented with champion and finalist medals, respectively.

13:01:04 Administration

13:01:04:01 The entire administration of the competition is vested in the USYS Nevada Championships Committee, which will be chaired by the NYSA president or designee and will consist of the NYSA First Vice-president, Northern Vice President, and members as appointed by the NYSA President. The committee will be established and posted by August 1st of each year.

13:01:04:02 The USYS Nevada Championships Committee will decide any matters not provided for in this policy and its decisions are final.

13:01:04:03 The USYS Nevada Championships Committee is to set the following for the competition, and to publish such on the NYSA web site:

- A. The date for team registration to begin.
- B. The date for team registration to close.
- C. The date for team rosters to be frozen.
- D. The entry fee.

13:01:05 Registration Procedure:

13:01:05:01 In accordance with the USYS National Championship Series rules, teams that enter the USYS Nevada Championships do so on the understanding that, should they win the Championships in the U12 to U19 age groups, they are expected to attend the Far West Regional finals of the National Championship Series. Teams in the U12 to U19 age groups enter the USYS Nevada Championships do so on

the understanding that, should they win the Nevada and Region IV championships, they are expected to attend the National Championship Series finals. These expectations are independent of the location of the regional and national championships and of the cost of attendance. Teams who do not wish to attend the regional/national championships, or will be unable to finance attendance are advised not to enter the USYS Nevada Championships.

- 13:01:05:02 In accordance with the USYS National Championship Series rules, teams that enter the USYS Nevada Championships do so on the understanding that, should they place as the Runner-Up in the U13 to U17 age groups, they are expected to attend the Region IV Presidents Cup. Teams in the U14 to U17 age groups enter the USYS Nevada Championships with the understanding that, should they win the Region IV Presidents Cup, they are expected to attend the National Presidents Cup finals. These expectations are independent of the location of the regional and national championships and of the cost of attendance. Teams who do not wish to attend the regional/national championships, or will be unable to finance attendance are advised not to enter the USYS Nevada Championships.
- 13:01:05:03 Teams are to register for the USYS Nevada Championships on-line via the NYSA web site. Teams must complete the on-line registration form and make payment by the published date.
- 13:01:05:04 The team Head Coach is to complete any transfer paperwork and provide, if needed, original birth certificate copies to the State Registrar by the roster freeze date. Original birth certificates are only required if requested by the state registrar. In extenuating circumstances, a Head Coach may obtain a dispensation from the USYS Nevada Championships Committee for late submission of an original birth certificate.
- 13:01:05:05 On the roster freeze date, the State Registrar is to print each team's roster from the on-line registration system, deleting any players for whom an original birth certificate has not been provided without dispensation. These are the teams' final USYS Nevada Championship rosters.
- 13:01:05:06 The roster freeze deadline applies to registered team coaches and officials in addition to players. After the roster freeze deadline, coaches or team official changes to the roster may only be made in extenuating circumstances. Whether a case is considered extenuating will be decided by the USYS Nevada Championships Committee.
- 13:01:05:07 The USYS Nevada Championship winners and runner ups are responsible to pay any fines imposed for failure to attend regional events. Failure to do so would place team and club into bad standing which would prohibit them from participating in future championship play.

13:01:06 Budget:

13:01:06:01 The USYS Nevada Championships is to be financially self-sufficient.

13:01:06:02 The USYS Nevada Championships is responsible for generating funds to pay the expenses of Nevada referees representing NYSA at the Far West Regional finals and Region IV Presidents Cup.

13:01:07 Out-sourcing:

The USYS Nevada Championships Committee, at its discretion, may use Championship funds to out-source logistics support for the event. The Committee is, as a minimum, to retain control of and responsibility for supervision of all supporting contractors, the competition directorship, the budget, team seeding, game scheduling, and all referee issues.

13:02:00 ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPETITION:

13:02:01 The USYS Nevada Championships will be contested for boys and girls in the age groups U12 to U19. An 8V8 U12 and 11V11 division U12 will be included in Nevada's championship series if the committee approves the format.

13:02:02 Teams, Players and Coaches:

13:02:02:01 A team is only eligible for the USYS Nevada Championships if it has had no more than five (5) transfers on to the team during the seasonal year.

13:02:02:03 A team participating in the NYSA's Championships series must have at least one registered D licensed coach (state or national) on their roster who is actively engaged with the team. DOC's may be listed on all rosters, but may not be used to fulfil this requirement. DOC's may act as the D licensed coach only if they are the primary coach for that team. Exceptions will be heard by the state cup committee and any exceptions would only be granted for one years' participation

13:02:04 **Team and Player Breaches of Rules:** (See Rules) 13:02:05 **Protests and Appeals:** (See Rules)

13:02:06 **Passes and Rosters:** (See Rules)

13:03:00 **Playing Rules:** (See Rules)

13:04:00 Game Officials:

13:04:01:01 It is the responsibility of the USYS Nevada Championship Committee to select an assignor. It is the responsibility of the assignor to use USSF referees and to report any abuse or no shows to the committee.

13:05:00 Format:

13:05:01:01 The USYS Nevada Championships will consist of a preliminary round and a final weekend. The format of both rounds will be decided prior to Jan 1 of each year. The Committee will post the format. The format is the decision of the

Nevada State Championship Committee.

13:05:02 All final round completion will be held in Las Vegas. A playoff weekend, if determined necessary by the state cup committee, will be held in Reno during the least two weeks prior to the final round of competition.

13:05:03 Every effort will be taken to ensure that teams will be scheduled to play no more than one (1) game per day, and to play on no more than two consecutive days, unless weather conditions or field problems cause game cancellations.

13:05:04 Preliminary games will not be re-scheduled around league play.

13:05:05 The USYS Nevada Championships Committee has the right to change the distribution of age/gender groups in extenuating circumstances.

13:06 Final Round Bracketing:

13:06:01 **Four (4)-team bracket (four (4) southern):** Semi-finals: #S1 v #S4; #S2 v #S3.

Unless otherwise disclosed at the seeding meeting for the age group, the winners of the semi-finals will advance to the final, with the winner of the first semi-final being the home team. The losing semi-finalists will advance to the third/fourth place game, with the winner of the second semi-final being the home team. Should teams be tied at the end of regulation time, overtime will be played, followed by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA rules, if required.

13:06:02 **Four (4)-team bracket (three (3) southern, one (1) northern):** Semi-finals: #S1 v #S3; #N1 v #S2. The winners of the semi-finals will advance to the final, with the winner of the first semi-final being the home team. The losing semifinalists will advance to the third/fourth place game, with the winner of the second semi-final being the home team. Should teams be tied at the end of regulation time, overtime will be played, followed by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA rules, if required.

13:06:03 **Four (4)-team bracket (two (2) teams from each district):** Semi-finals: #S1 v #N2; #N1 v #S2. The winners of the semi-finals will advance to the final, with the winner of the second semi-final being the home team. The losing semi-finalists will advance to the third/fourth place game, with the winner of the first semi-final being the home team. Should teams be tied at the end of regulation time, overtime will be played, followed by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA rules, if required.

13:06:04 **Three (3)-team bracket:** Each team will play the other teams once on the Friday/Saturday. Should two or more teams tie on points in the bracket, the tie breaking policy will apply. The top two teams play the final on the Sunday. Should the teams in the final be tied at the end of regulation time, overtime will be played, followed by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA rules, if required. The third team will be awarded third place.

13:06:05 **Two (2)-team bracket:** Teams will play two games, home and away, with the winner determined by aggregate score (see above).

13:06:06 **One (1)-team bracket:** Team awarded championship.

**13:07 00 Support For Teams Playing in NCS or Presidents
Cup National Championships**

- 13:07:01 The NYSA may choose to budget an amount of money that is intended to fund support to teams representing Nevada in national competitions. The eligible national competitions shall be limited to the National Championship Series finals and the President's Cup national championships. No other national competitions are eligible for funding support under this policy.
- 13:07:02 The amount included in the budget for this line item must be specifically shown when the budget is adopted at each year's AGM. This amount shall represent the maximum combined amount that is available to be distributed to all qualifying teams. The maximum amount to be distributed to any single qualifying team shall not exceed \$1,000 in any year.
- 13:07:03 Each recipient team shall be required to provide NYSA with an accounting of how the funds were used to offset the travel costs for the team and its members.
- 13:07:02 Support granted by NYSA for any team must be exclusively used to offset the costs of travel, lodging, ground transportation or meals for all members of the team. These funds are not to be used to supplement the general funding of the club, or for the personal benefit of any club administrator, coach or other team official. NYSA, at its discretion, may elect to pre-pay lodging or other team travel-related expenses to ensure that the benefit of the funds are applied to the benefit of the team. Improper use of any NYSA support funds will place the offending club, administrator and/or coach or team official in a position of being ineligible to receive any further support funds for the ensuing five years following any misuse of funds. The offending club will also be required to refund the support funds to NYSA, in their entirety, if any misuse occurs. Individuals who are responsible for the misuse of these funds may also be subject to individual disciplinary charges, including suspension.

13:08 Protests and Appeals: (See Rules)

13:09 Passes and Rosters: (See Rules)

13:10 Playing Rules: (See Rules)