

2025 PRESIDENTS CUP

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Dear Players, Coaches and Parents,

On behalf of Kentucky Youth Soccer, we are excited to welcome you to the 2025 Presidents Cup!

This event marks the first step in the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Pathway – a national competition designed for teams seeking high-level play and development in a competitive, balanced environment. Presidents Cup Champions will advance to the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup Championships, with the opportunity to continue to the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Championships and compete among the best from across the country.

As you prepare for two great weekends of soccer, we encourage you to review this Team Information Guide. It includes essential details to help your team navigate the event successfully. We strongly recommend sharing this guide with everyone on your team and bringing a copy with you for easy reference on site.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Lexington Sporting Club (LSC), Woodford Soccer Complex (WYSA), Sayre Athletic Complex (SAC), Thompson Berry Soccer Complex (TB), Visit Owensboro and their staff for their support in hosting this year's event and helping us deliver a positive experience for players, coaches, and families alike.

We appreciate your participation and wish all teams the best of luck. Presidents Cup is more than a tournament – it's an opportunity to celebrate camaraderie, community, and competition through the game we all love.

Best of Luck,

Kentucky Youth Soccer Staff



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PRESIDENTS CUP WEBSITE

The [Presidents Cup webpage](#) is the place for the most up to date tournament information.

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

All teams must be familiar with the [Tournament Policies](#) that are in effect. These policies can always be found on the Presidents Cup webpage.

COMMUNICATION

If you wish to add anyone to future communications through GotSport, you or your club admin should be able to log into your GotSport account and add them.

We suggest that you join the [Presidents Cup BAND](#). We will use this communication tool leading up to and during the event for important updates.

BAND

We're excited to announce that BAND is the official communication platform for Kentucky Youth Soccer, and we'll be using BAND extensively throughout our tournaments. Stay connected and informed by registering for the official event BAND. Get instant access to important updates, game schedules, and tournament announcements, ensuring you never miss a beat!

[Join the 2025 Presidents Cup BAND – HERE!](#)

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS/HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

At Lexington Sporting Club, the tournament office will be located at the main pavilion in the center of the facility.

At Woodford Soccer Complex and Thompson Berry, the tournament office is in the main facility building near the concession stand.

GAME SCHEDULE

Brackets, Schedules and Standing can be found on the [Presidents Cup webpage](#).

LOCATION

Lexington Sport Club
250 Doe Run Trl
Lexington, KY 40509

Sayre Athletic Complex
300 Canebrake Dr
Lexington, KY 40509

Woodford YSA
126 Industry Dr
Versailles, KY 40383

TEAM CHECK-IN INFORMATION

All documents will be created through GotSport. This is REQUIRED for every team, and we will NOT require onsite registration. Team rosters and player cards MUST be brought by each team to every game and will be presented to the referee. No players/coaches will be



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permitted to participate in any match if they do not appear on BOTH the roster and have a player card.

Teams will need to complete and/or upload the following documents for each team in GotSport no later than Friday May 9th, 2025, at 5:00pm ET. *Any team that has not completed their documents by the deadline is subject to an administrative fine of \$250.00.*

- State-Approved Team Roster from GotSport (Completed in the GotSport system)
- Coach and Player ID Cards (Completed in the GotSport system)
- Concussion certificates (Uploaded on the Requirements Page) for every coach and team manager listed on the roster per our [concussion policy](#)

If you follow these [online directions](#) (Beginning with Step 4 -Rostering), it will walk you through how to complete this process.

A few notes as you complete online team check-in:

- If you need help locating your official team roster, please contact your club
- KYSA staff will review each document and only contact teams if there are any problems.

HOTELS

If you need hotel rooms for your team, please visit our hotel partner Away Team. *Please direct any hotel accommodation questions to Away Team.*

Preliminary Weekend: [Click Here for Hotel Information](#)

Finals Weekend: [Click here for Hotel Information](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

During the event, we will be active on social media throughout the tournament, from posting pictures to tournament updates, weather delays, etc. If you are not a follower, please consider giving us a follow and tagging us in your tournament related posts and using #KYPresidentsCup on any of the social media platforms.

Facebook: [kyyouthsoccer](#)

Instagram: [@kyyouthsoccer](#)

Twitter: [@kyyouthsoccer](#)

We ask that if you have a tournament related question, please email our staff or come to the tournament headquarters on site, rather than communicating through social media.

TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE

The Official Tournament Merchandise Partner is Simax. They will have a mobile trailer where you can purchase personalized tournament merchandise during both Preliminary and Finals weekends.



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SIDELINES

Team Benches: Benches will be provided for teams at the LSC facility. They may be available at both WYSA and SAC facilities. You may bring your own, if you choose, to either the WYSA or SAC facilities.

Tents: Teams/Spectators may not bring tents to the LSC facility. Tents may be taken to both the WYSA and SAC facilities. Please, however, you ensure to have the tents stakes down or you bring something to weigh your tents down. *Note: Some team sidelines do not have enough space to accommodate a tent.*

Kentucky Youth Soccer and our site partners reserve the right to request that any tent be taken down at any time, for any reason, including but not limited to safety or space concerns.

AWARDS

Awards will only be given to the Champion and Finalist placing teams in each age group. After the Championship game concludes, please send one team representative to the tournament headquarters to pick up the trophy and medals for distribution.

Team photo backdrops will be available near the pavilion by Field 5. KY Youth Soccer Staff will be on-site to capture photos of the championship teams for KYSA marketing purposes – we appreciate your cooperation in allowing our staff to get the photos they need and quickly stepping out of the way so you can enjoy your celebrations!

ADAPTING TO THE WEATHER

Prepare your team for playing in warm temperatures and/or humidity. The tournament is held when high temperatures and conditions can be present, so we suggest that players begin to hydrate their bodies a minimum of 1 week proper to the event to help prevent heat related illnesses.

PLAYER/COACH PASSES

Each player and team official listed on the official team roster must carry a current US Youth Soccer member pass, commonly referred to a “player card”. Team passes must be laminated, in alphabetical order by last name, players first following by team managers and coaches.

MATCH DAY PROCEDURES

Referees will review rosters and collect player/coach ID cards from both team prior to the match. Any coach or player that does not appear on both the roster and the ID cards MAY NOT participate in any way during the tournament match. A maximum of 18 players may be listed on the roster form and in uniform for each match. A maximum of 4 team personnel is allowed on the sidelines at any time.



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Kentucky Youth Soccer will provide Select soccer balls for each game. We ask that each team bring a game ready ball in case the provided game ball disappears, goes into a creek, lake, etc.

All players in the bench area during the game **MUST** wear pinnies, a jacket, or something different than the players on the field. This pertains to those players on the bench and to players warming up prior to entering the match.

If a player is sent off by a referee, that player may remain on the team bench. Should that player's behavior become a disturbance, a credentialed team official must escort that player away from the field. If a team official is dismissed by a referee, they must leave the vicinity of the field before the match restarts.

After each game, please ensure that your bench area is clean and your team vacates the bench area as quickly as possible, so the next team playing can get settled in.

MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS

Medical Release forms for players are not required, however, it is strongly recommended to have completed and signed [Kentucky Youth Soccer Medical Release](#) forms for each player available and accessible if needed throughout the tournament.

UNIFORMS

Each team **MUST** have two (2) uniform sets (one light color and one dark color) at each game during the event.

- The HOME team is required to wear their light color jersey
- The AWAY team is required to wear their dark color jersey

If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict, the team causing the conflict must change. The referee's decision is final. Uniform numbers must be a minimum of six (6) inches in size. Each field player must have a number affixed to the back of their jersey which must be clearly visible. Duplicate numbers are not permitted. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional but recommended.

From the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules – Rule 304, Section 2: A team member is not prohibited by US Youth Soccer from having a mark or name, or both, on any part of the team member's uniform being worn at the game, if the mark or name is related to an item or service that is appropriate for youth. Any inappropriate mark or name on a team member's uniform must be removed, replaced, or covered before the team member may continue to participate.

An example of an inappropriate mark or name would be, but is not limited to, any alcoholic beverage. If there is any question about a logo, marking, or sponsor, it is strongly suggested that you inquire well before the start of the event.



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GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Kentucky Youth Soccer expects exemplary behavior from everyone participating in the event, including parents and spectators. Above all, we expect and demand the proper respect for an opponent on the field. This also includes sportsmanlike conduct on the field, respect for the referees and opposing coaches, tournament staff and volunteers.

TEAM & PLAYER BEHAVIOR

Players and team officials are expected to adhere to the following standards of conduct. Violation of these standards can jeopardize continued participation in Kentucky Youth Soccer tournaments. Teams are expected to be present on the field at the designated time for all matches. Players shall conduct themselves in a mature manner when in public areas both at and away from the playing fields. No alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or other intoxicants shall be in the possession of players.

A player or team personnel found using, providing, or in the possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or in violation of any Kentucky Youth Soccer or US Youth Soccer rule, may result in disciplinary action up to and including disqualification from the event. A player or team personnel who displayed violations of local ordinances (including, but not limited to, theft or willful destruction of property) may result in disciplinary action up to and including disqualification from the event.

A player, team personnel or spectator who physically or verbally attacks another player, team personnel, spectator, referee or other event official may result in disciplinary action up to and including the disqualification from the event. Players and team personnel are expected to cooperate with and be courteous to all tournament personnel and dignitaries. This includes referees, field marshals, and other event volunteers.

A maximum of four (4) team personnel will be allowed on the team bench during games. Team officials are expected to cooperate with game officials and to follow all established protocols and/or procedures. Degrading remarks directed towards players, opponents or game officials in any language may result in disciplinary action. Team personnel would be a head or assistant coach along with team managers.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

The parents and/or spectators affiliated with a team are considered part of the team, and the actions of these individuals are the responsibility of the credentialed team personnel that appear on the roster.

The spectator area is located on the opposite side of the field from the technical/bench area. No spectators are permitted anywhere behind the goal line during a match. The spectator area is behind the line clearly marked 3 yards (9 feet) beyond the touchline and extends from a point 3 yards (9 feet) from the center line down to the corner flag. Spectators must remain in this area, in the half of the field directly across from their team's bench.



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Technical instruction from any part of the spectator area, or provocative or unsportsmanlike behavior by any spectator may result in their removal from the complex. Any spectator asked to leave by a referee or tournament official must immediately depart the field area and remain out of sight and sound of the match until the teams have departed from the field of play and are no longer the responsibility of the referee. Any individual removed may not return to the field at the end of the game.

Whistles, air horns, megaphones and any music devices are prohibited at all Kentucky Youth Soccer competitions. Air horns are used solely by tournament officials to signal when fields must be cleared due to inclement or dangerous weather conditions.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If severe weather is imminent, tournament personnel and/or facility management will sound an alert. At that time, all players, coaches, and spectators must immediately leave the field of play and seek shelter in their vehicles. Please note that soccer pavilions and concession areas are not considered safe shelters during severe weather and should not be used. Remain in your vehicle until an “all clear” signal is given by tournament staff.

Please note: if there is thunder or lightning in the area, we must wait a minimum of 30 minutes after each thunder or lightning occurrence. We will blow the air horn three (3) consecutive times once the weather is all clear and send an update on the official event BAND.

CONCESSION STANDS

Concession stands may be available at select tournament locations and will offer a variety of food and beverage options. Please note that concessions are operated by the host facilities, and Kentucky Youth Soccer is not responsible for any issues related to their operation.

INCORRECT SCORES

Score will ONLY be updated online via GotSport. We do make mistakes though and if a score looks incorrect online, please have ONE person per team (preferably the team manager or coach) email stevenmurry@kysoccer.net and KYSA staff will check on the information received by the referees and update as needed.

SPORTS MEDICINE INFORMATION

Soccer is an endurance sport consisting of moderate activity levels interspersed with brief high intensity bursts. This type of activity leads to a high rate of heat production within the body. Heat related illnesses occur when the body generates more heat than is released. Generally, this happens when the body temperature rises too high. The heat related illness can take on one of three forms: heat cramps (mildest and most common), heat exhaustion (serious, could lead to more severe problems) or heat stroke (very serious, could result in death).



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- **Heat cramps** are muscle cramps that occur during or immediately following heavy exertion in hot or humid weather. These cramps can occur in one or several different muscles, with the leg muscles being the most common site. Heat cramps are warnings that more severe heat related problems are possible but can be avoided if appropriate actions are taken,
- **Heat exhaustion** is an indication that the body's cooling system is not working properly. This will produce varied symptoms, but most often a person will feel nauseated, disoriented, and/or weak. The skin is usually cold to the touch and clammy. When either of these conditions occur, one should move to a cool, shaded area, drink plenty of water, and rest. Avoid any activity for 24 hours and seek medical attention if symptoms continue.
- **Heat stroke** occurs when there is a complete shutdown of the body's cooling system and requires immediately medical attention. The victim will often go into shock or even lose consciousness. Additionally, the skin will generally be hot and dry. If the person's body temperature is not lowered immediately, heat stroke may cause death. Cool the person's body rapidly and call for emergency medical assistance.

Ensure all players are hydrating their bodies a minimum of 1 week prior to the tournament (longer is better) and that they eat a nourishing meal before each game.

Kentucky Youth Soccer will have certified athletic trainers on-site during the duration of all tournament events.



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