

# 2016 US Youth Soccer Massachusetts State Cup Seeding Structure



## **Boys and Girls U12 (8v8), U13 and U14**

A maximum of 16 teams will be seeded directly into the Round Robin. The Round Robin will consist of 4 Brackets as follows:

Red Bracket 1, 8, 9 and 16  
Black Bracket 2, 7, 10 and 15  
Blue Bracket 3, 6, 11 and 14  
Green Bracket 4, 5, 12 and 13

The top team in each bracket will advance to the semi-final. The semi-final will be played as follows:

Red Bracket Winner v Green Bracket Winner  
Black Bracket Winner v Blue Bracket Winner

## **Boys and Girls U15 through U19**

A maximum of 12 teams will be seeded directly into the Round Robin. The Round Robin will consist of 3 Brackets as follows:

Red Bracket 1, 6, 7 and 12  
Black Bracket 2, 5, 8 and 11  
Blue Bracket 3, 4, 9 and 10

The top team in each bracket plus 1 wildcard team (from all brackets) will advance to the semi-finals.

Red Bracket Winner v Wildcard Team  
Black Bracket Winner v Blue Bracket Winner

All teams applying to participate in the State Cup will be seeded by a 3-person Seeding Committee and the Massachusetts State Cup Director. The prior year's regional winners and State Cup champions, finalists and semi-finalists will receive automatic bids to the top seeds. Consideration may be given to the prior year's State Cup 5<sup>th</sup> place teams. Prior year's Open Cup winner will receive an automatic bid to the current year's State Cup Round Robin. The prior year's "primary qualifying league" results will be reviewed for placement of remaining teams. A team's secondary league results may also be considered.

Note: Teams must meet all roster requirements for prior year's results to be considered.