

US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES MASSACHUSETTS STATE CUPS STRUCTURE

SEEDING

Top 4 seeds go straight to Round Robin round

Next 4 seeds go to final round of Challenge matches

Next 16 seeds are bracketed and play down to get to 4 teams

Any teams beyond 24 must play off against lowest of the 24 seeds to get to 1st Challenge round.

If less than 24 teams, byes will be given starting at seed 9

1st seed - STATE CUP CHAMPION FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

2nd seed - STATE CUP FINALIST FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Seeds 3-8 to be determined by the State Cup Committee using prior year's State Cup and league results.* Next slots to be seeded from Division 1 teams not already seeded.

Division 2 teams will be seeded by a blind draw.

All remaining teams who declare for State Cup will be seeded by a separate blind draw.

The State Cup Committee shall be composed of the National Challenge Cup Director, and two people selected by the National Challenge Cup Director. The National Challenge Cup Director reserves the right to modify this procedure in the best interest of the tournament.

*State Cup teams choosing to have their previous year's State Cup results used for the current year's seeding MUST demonstrate continuity of roster from the previous year's Cup roster to the current year's Cup roster.

The tournament structure is:

STATE CUP - TOURNAMENT BRACKETS

SEED

1	STRAIGHT TO ROUND ROBIN
2	STRAIGHT TO ROUND ROBIN
3	STRAIGHT TO ROUND ROBIN
4	STRAIGHT TO ROUND ROBIN
5	TO FINAL STAGE OF CHALLENGE ROUND
6	TO FINAL STAGE OF CHALLENGE ROUND
7	TO FINAL STAGE OF CHALLENGE ROUND
8	TO FINAL STAGE OF CHALLENGE ROUND

GAME 1	9 v 24		
GAME 8	16 v 17	GAME 9	WINNERS GAMES 1 & 8
GAME 2	10 v 23		
GAME 7	15 v 18	GAME 10	WINNERS GAMES 2 & 7
GAME 3	11 v 22		
GAME 6	14 v 19	GAME 11	WINNERS GAMES 3 & 6
GAME 4	12 v 21		
GAME 5	13 v 20	GAME 12	WINNERS GAMES 4 & 5

If more than 24 teams in an age group apply, they will be seed 25 to the end and will play against team 24 and lower in order. If less than 24 teams apply, byes will be given starting at team 9.

GAME 13	5TH SEED v WINNER GAME 12
GAME 14	6TH SEED v WINNER GAME 11
GAME 15	7TH SEED v WINNER GAME 10
GAME 16	8TH SEED v WINNER GAME 9

ROUND ROBIN BRACKET

RED	BLACK
1	2
3	4
WINNER GAME 14	WINNER GAME 13
WINNER GAME 16	WINNER GAME 15