

2009 NYSW Championships - Final 4 with Score!

The US Youth Soccer National Championships cap a year-long tournament, which features competition for boys and girls teams in age groups Under 12 through Under 19. It begins with teams throughout our state association vying for the US Youth Soccer State Championship titles.



NEW YORK WEST
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

State champions in all age groups are eligible to compete in the US Youth Soccer Region I Championships, which were held in Barboursville, WV, July 2-6, 2009. The Region I champions in the Under 14 through Under 19 age groups advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championships, the Final Four of Youth Soccer. This year the US Youth Soccer National Championships were held July 21-26 at Citizens Bank Field at Progin Park in Rochester, MA. In addition to identifying the country's best club teams, the US Youth Soccer National Championships also honor sporting teams, top goal scorers and goalkeepers with major awards.

The NY West edition of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series, presented by Score America Soccer Company, the official equipment and apparel supplier to NYSWYSA, was held on May 29-31, 2009 in Cortland, NY at SUNY Cortland sports complex, Tompkins Cortland Community College and the Homer High School stadium. The winners from each division in the NY West tournament advanced to the Region I tournament.

2009 NY West State Cup Champions

U12B – BYSA Red Eye II	U12G – Empire United - Syracuse
U13B – Rochester Football Club	U13G – Rochester Football Club
U14B – Empire United - Rochester	U14G – Empire United - Rochester
U15B – Empire United - Rochester Blue	U15G – Empire United - Rochester
U16B – CNY United Football Club	U16G – Empire United - Buffalo
U17B – BC United Fusion	U17G – Empire United - Buffalo
U18B – BC United Fusion	U18G – Surge Soccer Club
U19B – Rochester Football Club	U19G – Empire United - Rochester

Note: U12G Empire United - Rochester represented NY West as a second seed
U12G CNY United Fury represented NY West as a third seed

NY West Teams at 2009 Region 1 National Tournament

Two teams representing NY West at the Region I Tournament in Barboursville, WV performed especially well.

- The U12 Girls 8v8 team from Empire United - Syracuse won the championship match, defeating Virginia 2:1, to become the Region 1 Champions over a field of 12 teams.
- The U18 Girls team from Surge Soccer Club won their group, but lost the Semi-final match to the eventual Region 1 champion Eastern Pennsylvania. There were 12 teams in the division.

Due to bad weather, several Region I tournament matches had to be cancelled. Teams that had two losses, or otherwise had no chance to advance to the semifinals had matches cancelled to allow use of their fields for matches that determined group winners. This was an unfortunate but unavoidable circumstance, since these teams did not have a chance to participate in their final match of the series.

2009 State Cup Financial

The 2009 State Cup expenses were \$44,947 and the event posted a net operating gain of \$10,254. This amount was used to offset the expenses for referees that we sent to support the Region I Tournament, which amounted to \$13,717. Overall this represented a net loss of \$3,463 for the Championship series.

For 2009, the entry fee per team was changed to reflect a lower fee for teams that did not advance to the final four series. As a result of this, a record number of 119 teams entered the 2009 State Cup tournament.

College Recruiters at 2009 State Cup

The 22 colleges listed below had representatives attend the 2009 State Cup at Cortland. Some of them recruited for their Men’s team, and some for the Women.

St. John Fisher College	SUNY Fredonia	Canisius College	Daemen College
Hartwick College	SUNY ESF Syracuse	Nazareth College	Monroe CC
St. Bonaventure	Cazenovia College	St. John Fisher College	SUNY Cortland
SUNY Potsdam	St. Lawrence University	Wells College	Cornell
SUNY Plattsburgh	Syracuse University	University of Rochester	Hobart College
SUNY Binghamton	SUNY Buffalo		

2010 State Cup Schedule

In 2010 the tournament will be played again in Cortland on outstanding fields, including six fields at the SUNY Cortland sports complex, two fields at the Tompkins Cortland Community College and one field at the Homer High School stadium.

In 2010 the two-tier registration fee structure will be retained. All teams will pay a \$475 registration fee to enter the tournament, but those teams that do not qualify for the final four will receive a \$200 reimbursement following their last play-down match.

The State Cup chairman will be Hugh Goodrich and we welcome additional community soccer committee members, to help in soliciting sponsors, managing the process, and supporting the weekend tournament. If anyone would like to join us please email the state office at office@nyswysa.org

March 6	Online entry complete (\$475 tournament entry fee for each team)
March 19	Payment and supporting documentation complete
March 27	2:00pm Blind Draw, at Country Inn and Suites, Cortland

April 4	Home team must contact away team
April 8	Away team must respond to home team contact
April 9	Roster freeze for U12-U18 teams; roster due to NY West
April 11	Play-down dates and times to Cup coordinator
April 14	Cup coordinator confirms dates & times and notifies referee assignor
April 23	U19 roster freeze if more than 4 teams, roster due to NY West
May 14	U19 roster freeze if 4 or fewer teams register, roster due to NY West
April 26	Play-down matches may start
May 1, 2	Black-out dates - ODP Development weekend, not subject to change
May 15	First round play-down matches must be complete
May 23	All play-down matches must be complete
May 28	All final four schedules will be posted on the NY West web site
June 4, 5, 6	State Cup Final Four Tournament

Note: The tournament dates include SAT testing on June 5, so plan accordingly.

The seeding rules for play-down matches were changed in 2009 to improve the final four team selection process and these rules will continue in 2010. Registered teams that participated in the previous year's Final Four series at State Cup will be seeded in the order they finished in the previous year's standings, provided their roster has at least 51% of the same players as the previous year. New entries will be seeded according to random selection during the blind draw.

For the 2010 tournament, the NY West Board of Directors has clarified the rules for red cards, and will enforce these uniformly. In short, red cards earned during State Cup play-down matches and final four matches will be served in State Cup matches, but red cards not earned in State Cup play will not be served in State Cup matches. Specific details regarding these new rules will be posted on the web site.