



# State Cup Draw

Monday, December 16, 2024

6:00 PM

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# Welcome

- Meeting Guidelines:
  - Take the call from a quiet place
  - If using a computer, ensure the required software is loaded
  - Callers will be muted during the presentation phase
  - Questions will be monitored in the CHAT window
  - Identify yourself when you speak
  - Avoid talking over or interrupting other speakers



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Tournament Schedule
- Tournament Location
- Playdown Self Scheduling Guidelines
- Draw process
- Conduct the Draw
- Q & A



# Introductions

- Hosts:
  - Peter Lautensack – State Cup Chair
  - Hugh Goodridge – NYSW President, Past State Cup Chair
  - Devon McFadden – Executive Director
  - Pam Whitcomb – Director of Operations

# Schedule



Activity	2025 Date
Registration Opens	1-Oct
Registration Closes	2-Dec
Preliminary Rosters for Returning Final Four Teams to Demonstrate Roster Continuity	11-Dec
Blind Draw - 6 PM ZOOM Call	16-Dec
Play Down Match-Ups Released	17-Dec
Flexible Self-Scheduling Begins	
Games can be played March 1 - May 17, Home Team provides field for game	
Roster Freeze Deadline	7-Feb
Birth certificates must be uploaded for all players on State Cup roster for approval	
Playdown Game Schedules due by 5:00pm	14-Feb
The schedule for all games must be provided at this time	
Any unscheduled games will be scheduled at a Date/Time/ Location determined by	
Playdown Games to Begin after	1-Mar
ODP Development Weekend	26-27 Apr
Completion Deadline for All Games	17-May
Rain Date if needed for reschedules only	18-May
Mandatory Meeting for State Cup Finalists 7:30pm via Zoom	28-May
State Cup - Cortland, NY (May 31 is an SAT)	30 May - 1 Jun
East Region ODP Tournament	6-8 Jun
East Region Championships - Loudoun, VA	27 Jun - 3 Jul
Team Check-In	27-Jun
Group Play Day 1	28-Jun
Group Play Day 2	29-Jun
Group Play Day 3	30-Jun
Rest Day	1-Jul
Semi-Finals	2-Jul
Finals	3-Jul
National Championships - ESPN Wide World of Sports Orlando, FL	22-27 Jul



# ITC (International Transfer Clearance) 1/2022

- In response to changes from US Soccer with regards to ITC (International Transfer Clearance), the board of NYSWYSA have agreed that the following programs henceforth require players to have **mandatory** ITC clearance:
  - US Youth Soccer National Championship Series which includes NYSWYSA State Cup.
- Clearance is necessary only for those players born outside of the USA, or players who have registered / competed for a soccer organization in a country other than the USA.
- NYSW Registration Process:
  - While a player is awaiting clearance from US Soccer, they should be registered with the club player pool and are able to participate in practices however are NOT able to participate in official games.
  - Players CAN be added to a team roster to ensure their eligibility at the time of clearance however player passes are NOT to be printed and distributed for the player until clearance has been received.



# ITC (International Transfer Clearance) 1/2022

*\*New This Year\* - All players participating in State Cup must have their birth certificate uploaded to be approved on the rosters. Players born outside the US must demonstrate ITC clearance prior to being approved on rosters to participate in the competition.*

- The birth certificate must be legible & uploaded to each player's profile within the documents section.
- This must be done by the roster freeze deadline of 6:00pm on Friday, February 7, 2025.

# \*New This Year\* Forms Uploaded to GotSport



*We are collecting all forms online in GotSport*

- Championship Series Commitment Form - required to be uploaded to GotSport by **January 6, 2025**.
- Code of Conduct Form - Required to be uploaded to GotSport for each team prior to roster freeze of February 7, 2025.
- Medical Form – Final Four Teams Only. Required to be uploaded to GotSport for each player by May 25, 2025.





# Fields

- Playdown Sites:
  - Self Schedule (Process to follow)
- Finals:
  - SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex  
17 Lankler Dr, Cortland, NY 13045



# Playdown Self Scheduling Guidelines

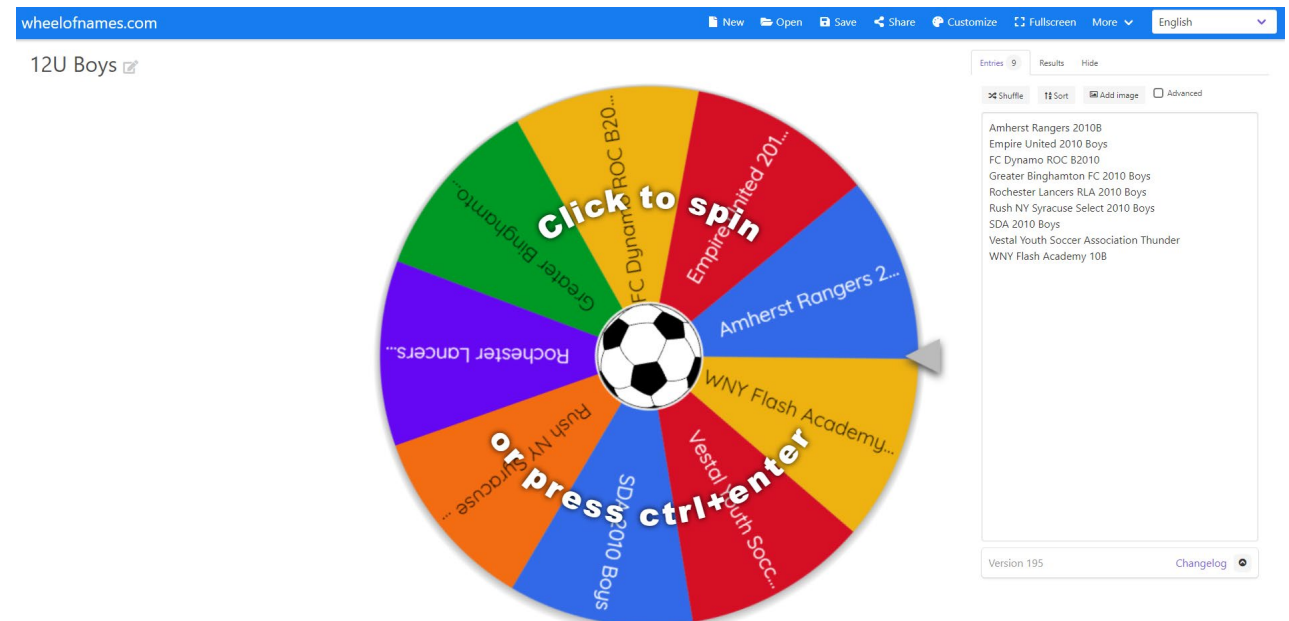
## Process:

- Playdown Game matchups will be determined following the random draw.
- Teams are responsible for working together to determine an agreed upon date/time to complete the matches.
- Home team is responsible for securing and paying for a field at the agreed date & time.
- Home team is responsible for providing the date/time/location to NYSW via GotSport **no later than 5:00 PM EST on 14 Feb 2025.**
  - If a game is submitted to GotSport on a date/time not agreed upon by both teams, the home team will be charged a fine of \$50.
- If two teams from the same club are in the same bracket, their game against each other cannot be their last playdown game.
- The Home team must furnish a game ball.
- If a date/time is not agreed upon by the specified deadline, **NYSW will schedule the game at a date, time and location to be determined** and the teams will split the cost of the field rental.
- NYSW will schedule and confirm the referee assignments for the match.
- Both teams will split the cost of the referees for the playdown match.
- If a playdown game is cancelled or postponed due to weather, it is up to the teams to agree on a reschedule date & time to be completed prior to the posted deadlines.
- If a playdown game needs to be rescheduled, not due to weather, both teams must agree to reschedule.
- If a game is cancelled/ rescheduled within 5 days of the original scheduled date, the team requesting the change will be responsible for any referee fees incurred due to late cancellation.
- Games must be played from 1 Mar 2025 – 17 May 2025.



# Draw Process

- Teams are listed in each division by gender
- Seeds have been assigned per Rule 7202
- All non-seeded teams are placed on a wheel for random draw to assign the draw positions.
- If there is an error in the draw for a division we will restart the draw for that division





# Draw Example

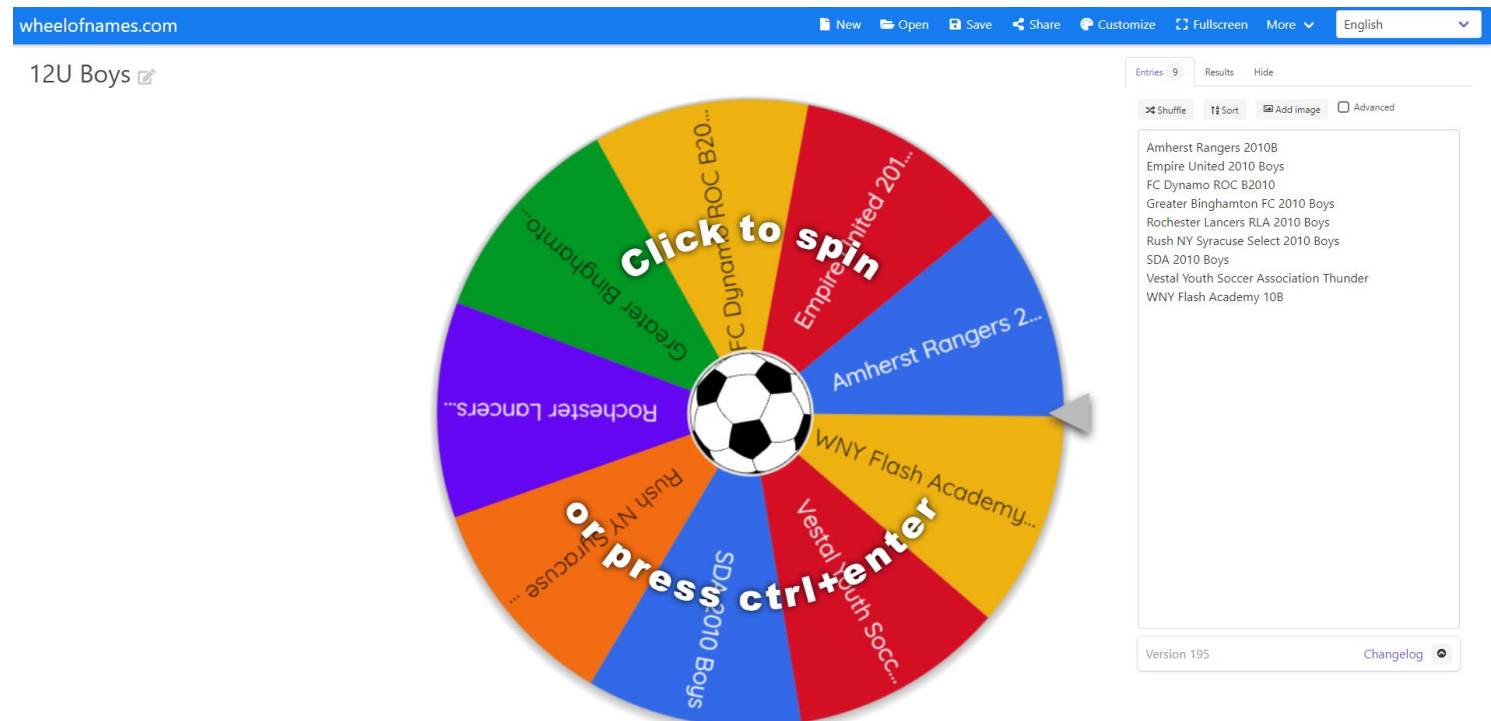
14U Boys		12 Teams				
Bracket A						<a href="https://wheelofnames.com/rvg-b6a">https://wheelofnames.com/rvg-b6a</a>
S1	Upstate Elite 2011		Draw #	Team	a	TEAM TABLE
D5	#N/A		S1	Upstate Elite 2011		Buffalo Stallions Boys 2011
D6	#N/A		S2	WNY Flash 11B Red Binghamton		DSC 2011 U14 Boys (BLIZZARD)
D7	#N/A		S3	Rochester Rush 2011 Boys		FC Buffalo U14 Boys Academy (2011)
Bracket B			D4	#N/A		FC Dynamo ROC B2011
S2	WNY Flash 11B Red Binghamton		D5	#N/A		INVICTUS FC 2011 BOYS
D8	#N/A		D6	#N/A		Kenmore Elite 2011 Boys
D9	#N/A		D7	#N/A	3	Rochester Rush 2011 Boys
D10	#N/A		D8	#N/A		Soaring Capital Explosion Thruway 2011B
Bracket C			D9	#N/A		Spencerport B2011 Gold
S3	Rochester Rush 2011 Boys		D10	#N/A		SDA 2011B
D4	#N/A		D11	#N/A	1	Upstate Elite 2011
D11	#N/A		D12	#N/A	2	WNY Flash 11B Red Binghamton
D12	#N/A					

- 12 Teams – 3 brackets of 4 teams. All teams within the bracket play each other once during group play. The top team from each bracket and the best second place team advances to the Final Four.
  - Bracket A (4 Teams) – Seed 1, Draw 5, Draw 6, Draw 7
  - Bracket B (4 Teams) – Seed 2, Draw 8, Draw 9, Draw 10
  - Bracket C (4 Teams) – Seed 3, Seed 4, Draw 11, Draw 12



# Blind Draw

- List all non-seeded teams in Alphabetical order to be placed on the wheel
- The wheel will be spun for each draw beginning with highest draw to lowest (ex. 2 – 9)
- Spin
- Record results



# Questions

