

State Cup Playdown Games 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 2026.**
 - 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.
- **All games are pre-scheduled for May 19th. You will need to go to this date on the calendar to find your unscheduled games. Home teams will go into GotSport and move the games to the agreed upon date/time/location. Instructions on the process can be found [here](#).**
- 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 2026.

Timeline/ Dates:

- December 18th at 6:00pm – Blind Draw conducted via Zoom.
- December 20th – Playdown match pairings will be posted, and teams can begin to schedule games.
- February 14th at 5:00pm – All games must be scheduled by this date.
 - ***Any unscheduled games will be scheduled at a date/time/location determined by NYSW.***
- March 1st – May 17th – Games can be played during these dates.
- May 18th – Rain Date if needed (advance approval by NYSW Staff to schedule on this day)
- May 18th end of day – All playdown games must be completed.