2025 - 26 US Youth Soccer National Championships Series Review

The US Youth Soccer National Championships caps a year-long tournament, which features competition for boys' and girls' teams in age groups 12 and under through 18/19 and under. It begins with teams throughout NYSW playing for the US Youth Soccer Championship titles via the NYSWYSA State Cup Tournament.

The 2026 competition returned to the round robin final saw **103** teams play in the group play phase of the competition, down **19** teams from 2025.

For 2026 we returned to the round robin final format. Each age group with 4 finalists played a 3-game round robin final to determine the State Cup Champion. Age groups with only 3 registrants played a 2-game round robin Final.

A total of **170** games were played in the group play phase and **46** games were played on the State Cup Finals weekend.

The Final Four weekend started on Friday May 29th with the Boys U12, U15, U16 and U17 brackets playing followed by the GU 15, U16 and U17 age groups. The evening finished with BU19 and GU19 games.

Saturday all age groups played games. The final round of games were played Sunday.

2026 NY West State Cup Champions

Age Group	Champion
Girls U12	Clarence Inferno 2014G Black
Girls U13	Clarence Inferno 2013G Black
Girls U14	NY Rush Select 12G DPL
Girls U15	Pittsford Mustangs Girls 2011 Blue
Girls U16	SDA 2010 Girls
Girls U17	Buffalo Stallions Girls 2009
Girls U19	NY Rush Select 08G DPL
Boys U12	INVICTUS FC 2014 BOYS
Boys U13	NY Rush Select 13B MLS Next AD
Boys U14	Upstate Elite 2012
Boys U15	Upstate Elite 2011
Boys U16	Fox Soccer Academy Binghamton 2010B
Boys U17	Buffalo Pro Soccer USL Academy U17B
Boys U17	NY Rush Binghamton 2009B
Boys U19	RNY FC 07/08B

State Cup Officials

2026 was the second year of a 3-year contract negotiated with the officials. This helps stabilize the cost of our State Cup tournament. NYSW had one official travel to the Boys National Finals.

NY West Teams at 2026 National Championships

For the 2026 National Championships, USYS changed the format – foregoing a regional competition and instead sending State Champions directly to the National Championship Finals.

Seven teams represented New York State West in the National Tournament. to participate in the National Tournament. The boys' finals were held in Utah; the girls' finals were held in Tennessee. The youngest age group eligible for National Championships is Under 13.

2027 State Cup Schedule

Registration is currently open for the 2027 State Cup Competition. Teams can register for boys and girls U13 through U18/19 age groups. There is no U12 or age groups offered this year. (See below for information about the U12's).

Tournament registration closes on December 12, 2026.

The State Cup Championship Final Four Weekend is scheduled for June 4th - June 6th at SUNY Cortland. The National Championship Finals will be held in Utah between the dates of July 15th - July 25th for *both* Boys and Girls.

2027 Presidents Cup

For 2027, NYSW will be hosting the Presidents Cup competition for boys and girls U11 and U12 teams. The format is 9v9 and all games will be played on age-appropriate fields. The competition will be held the same weekend and at the same location as the State Cup Finals.

The U11 and U12 Presidents Cup games will be held at the McGraw Soccer Fields, located approximately 10 minutes from the SUNY Cortland Athletic Complex. This allows for one central location for families to travel to for their children to participate in New York State West's two statewide championship competitions.

The Presidents Cup champions may advance to the Regional Qualifying Tournament being held from June 18th - June 22nd in a location to be determined within the East Region.

Regional champions may to advance to the Presidents Cup National Championships being held in Wichita, Kansas July 8th - July 12th.

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