



FALL 2024



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MOST COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE SENT THRU GOTSPORT.

**DO NOT OPT OUT OF GOTSPORT EMAILS.**

IF YOU PREVIOUSLY OPTED OUT FOR OTHER EVENTS, GO TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND CHANGE THE SETTING TO ALLOW EMAILS FROM GOTSPORT





# LEAGUE REGISTRATION

In order to be eligible for the State Cup, Presidents Cup or Illinois Cup your team and ALL PLAYERS MUST be registered to one of the Illinois Youth Soccer member competitive leagues for the Fall 2024 season.

THE ONLY exception is for Illinois Cup Gold where tournament only or member recreational league teams are allowed to play.



**CENTRAL ILLINOIS YOUTH  
SOCCER LEAGUE (CIYSL)**



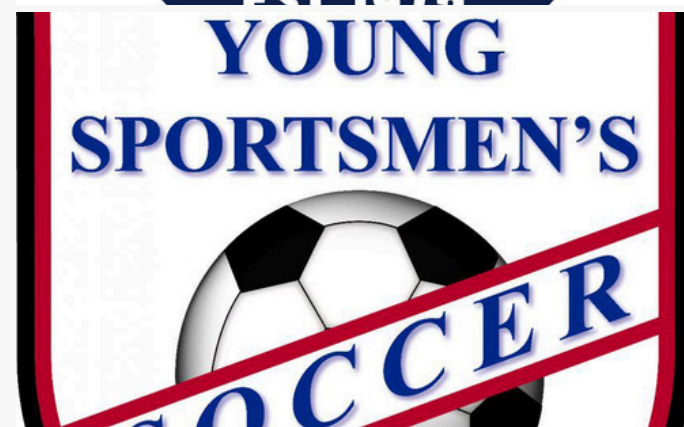
**ILLINOIS WOMEN'S  
SOCCER LEAGUE (IWSL)**



**LDE COMPETITIVE SOCCER**



**ST LOUIS YOUTH SOCCER  
ASSOCIATION - IL (SLYSA)**

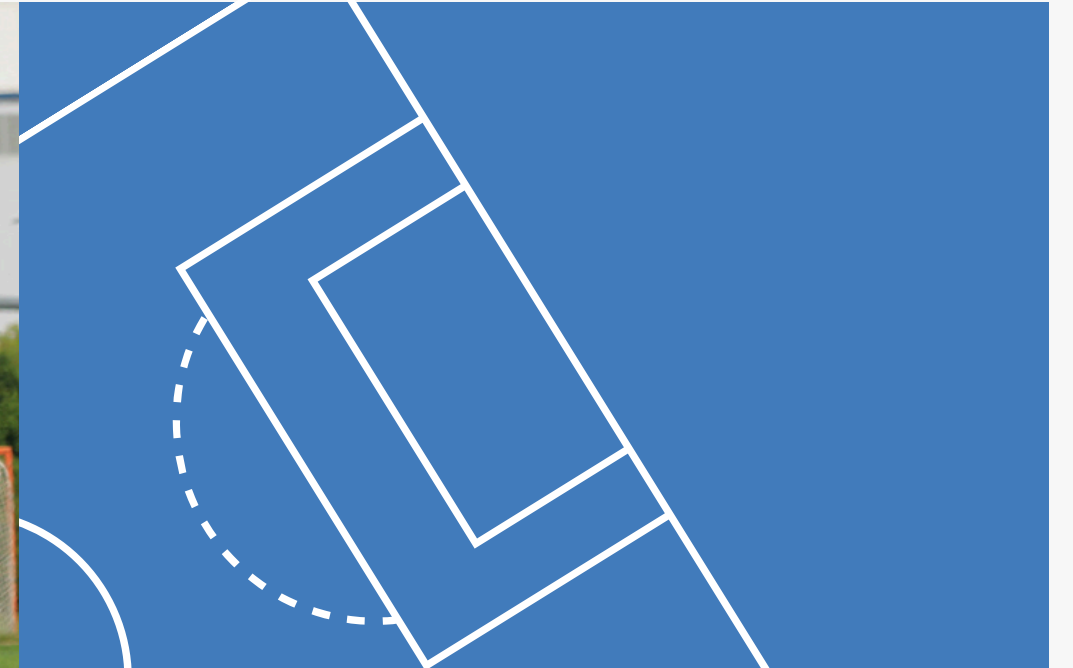


**YOUNG SPORTSMEN'S  
SOCCER LEAGUE (YSSL)**



# SCHEDULES

SCHEDULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS  
ARE POSTED AT THE IYSA  
WEBSITE OR CAN BE FOUND IN  
YOUR GOTSPORT ACCOUNT





# IMPORTANT DATES

**THURS, AUGUST 8 @12pm: Play-In Change Deadline**

**THURS, AUGUST 8 @12pm: Coaching Conflicts Due**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9: Play-In Times Announced**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26: Final Day For Play-In Games**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: Initial Rosters Due**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: HTH & Game Change Info Due**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: Rockford Times Announced**

**OCTOBER 7: Home Team Host Play By Date**

**OCTOBER 11-13: Group Play Games In Rockford**



# IMPORTANT DATES

**SUN., OCTOBER 13: Presidents Cup Quarterfinals**

**OCTOBER 18-20 : State Cup Quarter & Semifinals**

**OCTOBER 18-20 : Presidents Cup Semis & Finals**

**OCTOBER 18-20: Illinois Cup Semis & Finals**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 2: State Cup Finals**

**Mid June 2025: Midwest Presidents Cup**

**Late June 2025: Midwest Regional Championships**

**Mid July 2025: National Presidents Cup**

**Late July 2025: USYS National Championships**



# LEAGUE GAME CHANGES

Participation in any Cup does NOT exempt you from fees charged by leagues for game changes, even if you advance to the elimination rounds

**The YSSL free game change deadline is August 14**

**The IWSL free game change deadline is August 16**

**GIRLS teams (ESPECIALLY ILLINOIS CUP TEAMS)** should move any game scheduled on October 19-20 to a different date should they advance to elimination rounds.

**BOYS teams (ESPECIALLY ILLINOIS CUP TEAMS)** should move any game scheduled on October 19-20 to a different date should they advance to the elimination rounds.

Should your team not advance - you have now created a built-in rain date for the Fall.





# HOME TEAM HOST GAMES

GAMES LIST ON OCTOBER 7 IN GOTSPORT ARE HOME TEAM HOST GAMES

- Game is played at the HOME team's field UNLESS teams agree otherwise.
- Teams agree to the date and time.
- Game must be played NO LATER than October 7.
- Home team host info must be submitted by 3pm on Friday, September 6 or 5 days prior to the match, whichever is first.
- IYSA will still send the referees for HTH games.
- Teams that fail to meet the schedule by deadline will be subject to a \$50 per day fine .







# MOVING GAMES

Teams can mutually agree to move a game schedule in Rockford on October 11-13 to another date and location.

- **BOTH** teams **MUST** be in agreement.
- Team no longer get a \$50 refund for moving games off of Rockford.
- Game changes must be submitted by 3pm on Friday, September 6 or 5 days prior to the match, whichever is first.
- **Games must be played by October 7.**
- IYSA will still send the referees for moved games
- IYSA does NOT pay any field rental fees for moved games
- Elimination rounds are to be played in Rockford UNLESS APPROVED BY IYSA





# MOVING GAMES

Teams contact each other and come to an agreement on moving a Cup game.

**Once an agreement is made, the team HOSTING the match must complete the online Home Team Host / Cup Game Change Form. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DIFFERENT PROCESS THAN PREVIOUS YEARS**

If a match is moved to a location other than Rockford and is cancelled due to weather:

- If prior to kick off - Notify the assignor.
- If the game is stopped during or pre-game, teams should work to finalize a reschedule.
- There is NO defined time that constitutes a completed match. That is at the discretion of the Cup Director.





The IYSA State Assignor, Patrick Legge, sends referees for all Cup matches including games moved to alternative locations.

If you move a match to a different date and have any day of referee issues, please contact Patrick directly at [PatLeggeRefereeAssignor@gmail.com](mailto:PatLeggeRefereeAssignor@gmail.com) or 224-484-0990

# REFEREES

You DO NOT need to confirm any referees with Patrick once the game change form is submitted.

The referees working Cup matches are also being evaluated to be selected to attend 2025 Regional events.





# ROSTERS

All roster must be entered in the official Cup roster in GotSport. There is a walk thru video on how to do so if you have never used GotSport before

Teams are ONLY allowed to use age eligible players currently registered to their club that have a USYS/IYSA member competitive league pass.

**NO GUEST PLAYERS FROM OUTSIDE THE CLUB.**

Up to 22 players can be a on a Cup roster

18 players can dress on match day



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# ROSTERS

## A PLAYER CAN ONLY BE ROSTERED TO ONE STATE CUP or PRESIDENTS CUP TEAM

- Does NOT matter if a player plays up in age. If a 15U player is rostered to the 16U team in State Cup they CAN NOT also be rostered to the 15U team in State or Presidents Cup.
- A player on an Illinois Cup roster CAN also be a on a State Cup or Presidents Cup roster.
  - A player CAN NOT be on two Illinois Cup rosters

Any player on a 15U or older Girls team roster in the Fall for State Cup or Presidents Cup IS THEN INELIGIBLE TO BE ON A STATE CUP OR PRESIDENTS CUP ROSTER IN THE SPRING



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## ELIGIBILITY

If a player is listed as a PRIMARY rostered player for any of the following US Youth Soccer competitions they are ineligible for Presidents Cup

- Midwest Conference Premier I
- Elite 64 (National)
- National League P.R.O.

Players that are listed as Club pass and used sparingly in these competitions would be eligible but may be required to show proof of the player designation prior to their first Presidents Cup match.



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# SILVER ELIGIBILITY

The Illinois Cup SILVER Division is exclusive to teams and players that compete in

- IWSL C Division or Lower
- YSSL 3rd Division or Lower

All player on an Illinois Cup SILVER Division roster may ONLY be a league roster for one of these divisions.



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# WHAT TO BRING ON GAME DAY

For EVERY game teams need to bring the following

- IYSA member competitive league issued player pass for all players competing
  - MOBILE VERSIONS OK - Prez Cup & IL Cup
  - Printed OK
- IYSA member competitive league issued coaches pass for ALL adults on the sidelines during a game.
- Match card printed off GotSport
- Pinnies for players on bench to wear





The WINNING team or the HOME TEAM IF A DRAW, collects BOTH match cards from the referee at the conclusion of the match and does one of the following to report the score:



# REPORTING SCORES

## FOR GAMES IN ROCKFORD

Bring match cards to IYSA staff on site

**IF THERE IS A RED CARD THE REFEREE  
WILL KEEP THE MATCH CARDS TO SEND  
IN THE RED CARD REPORT**

If there are no red cards and referee keeps the match cards please email [chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org](mailto:chrisj@illinoisyouthsoccer.org)

## FOR GAMES NOT ROCKFORD

- Scan or take a photo of BOTH match cards and email them to [iysascoring@gmail.com](mailto:iysascoring@gmail.com)
- Results should be submitted no later than 24-hours after the conclusion of the match



# RULES

Complete playing rules will be posted on the website by 8/12.

Few rules of note:

- Match lengths may be different than league play
- NO HARD CASTS
- **Red Cards** = fines & suspensions for players (\$50), coaches (\$300) & spectators (\$300)
  - It is the responsibility of the coach to control their spectator section.
  - Outstanding fines are the responsibility of the club to get paid
  - Red Carded players & coaches MUST sit at least the next match
  - Games where red card coach or player participates will result in forfeits & fines
  - Team may keep the player or coach passes





### GROUP PLAY SCORING

Win: 3 points  
Tie: 1 points  
Loss: 0 points

### GROUP PLAY TIEBREAKERS

If group play ends in a tie, the following criteria will determine tie-breakers.

- 1st: Head-to-head
- 2nd: Most Wins
- 3rd: Goal Differential (5 goal max per game)
- 4th: Goals Allowed
- 5th: **Least Red Card Received**
- 6th: Penalty Kicks



# SCORING & TIEBREAKERS

**IF A THREE-WAY TIE - Tiebreakers RESET to #1 once a team advances or is eliminated**



# MARKETING MATERIALS

IYSA will have pre-made social media graphics for all teams in a Cup that you can download from our website and use throughout the competition. These will be available by August 22 (earlier for play-in games).

Also available here are the Cups & IYSA logo to create your own or to add to your website.

Also, teams on-site in Rockford will get any photos taken by IYSA staff of your team(s) to share with players, parents and on social media.





## REGIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

State Cup & Presidents Cup Champions earn a spot in US Youth Soccer Regional events in June of 2025 with the hopes of then securing a spot in either the National Presidents Cup or the US Youth Soccer National Championships in July.

In addition to State champions teams can also earn a spot at these events via Wild Card slots or Midwest Conference (NCS/State Cup only).

At the time of registration for the Illinois event, teams are committing to compete in the entirety of either the National Championship Series or National Presidents Cup and are expected to attend the Regional and National events should they advance. Teams that do not could be fined or not accepted into Cup and other IYSA/USYS competitions the following year



# QUESTIONS

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