

# 2026 SDYSA State Championship Series

We at SDYSA are excited to bring you the  
2026 SDYSA State Cup & State Presidents Cup  
Competitions!

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## Event Dates

- May 1-3, 2026

## Event Location

- Sioux Falls, SD @ The Sanford Crossing

## Roster Submission/Details

- SDYSA will need the following tasks to be completed by **Friday, April 17th**. This date will be considered the SDYSA State Presidents Cup and State Cup Roster Freeze Date.
- Every team, regardless of a team being challenged or not, must comply with the roster submission rules and deadline.
- Two Rosters
  - **Roster 1:** A "Current Certified State Roster" of no more than 22 players. This will be considered your State President's Cup or State Cup Official Roster. This must be submitted to SDYSA Technical Director, Dale Weiler, via email. [td@southdakotasoccer.com](mailto:td@southdakotasoccer.com)
  - **Roster 2:** A "Certified Roster from a USSF sanctioned competition" the team participated in during the 2025/2026 soccer year must be submitted. \*A minimum of 9 players on the "Current Certified State Roster" must also be on the submitted USSF sanctioned competition roster.
  - This must be submitted to SDYSA Technical Director, Dale Weiler, via email.

## Eligibility Details

- All players on the Current Certified State Roster must be currently registered with SDYSA.
- All players must be registered as competitive with SDYSA and not recreational. If a player is registered recreational, an invoice will be sent out from SDYSA with the difference owed by each club. This must be paid in full prior to the roster freeze date.
- No guest players are eligible to play in the Presidents Cup or State Cup Competitions,

players must be registered to their SDYSA club.

### **Game Day Protocol/Check-in Procedure**

- Any teams that have more than eighteen (18) players on their frozen team roster must designate on the roster on game day (which the referees will have at the fields), which players will not be dressing.
- Players not dressing are allowed to be on the bench but must be wearing street clothes.
- Player cards must be present at the field.
- Referees will check the official roster and the player cards prior to the start of each match.
- Players who do not dress in a game (not a part of the 18) are eligible to dress in other Presidents Cup games during the state competition.
- Each player participating must have a unique player number on their jersey, use of tape or other temporary numbers is not allowed.
- There is no formal check-in for the event. Roster approval will be conducted by SDYSA upon receipt of both rosters.
- Bench/coach personnel must be on the official frozen roster and cannot exceed more than four people. Only those bench/coach personnel on the official roster will be allowed to sit on the team bench during competition.

### **Team Fines\***

Withdraw up to 14 days after submission of commitment forms to SDYSA: USYS Event Registration Fee + USYS Assessed Referee Charges + \$250 fine per team from SDYSA

Withdraw between 15 days after submission of commitment forms to SDYSA and 31 days prior to the first day of USYS Regional/National Competition: USYS Event Registration Fee + USYS Assessed Referee Charges + \$500 fine per team from SDYSA

Withdraw between 30 and 15 days prior to the first day of USYS Midwest Regional Competition: USYS Event Registration Fee + USYS Assessed Referee Charges + \$1000 fine per team from USYS + \$500 fine per team from SDYSA

Withdraw 14 days or less prior to the first day of competition: USYS Event Registration Fee + USYS Assessed Referee Charges + \$2500 fine per team from USYS + \$1000 fine per team from SDYSA

\*\*All USYS and SDYSA fees are subject to change, please inquire SDYSA staff with most up to date fee information

\*\*Special circumstances for withdrawal will be considered on a case by case basis by SDYSA Staff and Board of Directors.

## SDYSA Presidents Cup and SDYSA NCS State Cup Event Fees

- Challenged teams (a division with 2 or more teams) - \$800/team
- Unchallenged teams (a division with only 1 team) - \$200 - This fee is to support the administrative cost to support these teams attending the regional competition.
- Each club will be invoiced by SDYSA based on the number of teams participating in the competition.
  - Teams will be invoiced **prior** to the SDYSA Presidents Cup and NCS State Cup Events.
  - If your club has multiple teams committed to either State Cup or State Presidents Cup and you would like one total invoice for all teams please let us know as soon as possible and we can do that.
  - If we DO NOT hear from your club, teams will be invoiced individually.

## USYS Regional/National Event Fees

- As a reminder all team fees to attend USYS Presidents Cup National Qualifier and USYS National Championship events are solely to cover the registration fee for the event. Beginning this year (2026-2027) USYS sets this event fee to pass down to the teams and includes registration to the event, as well as all referee costs associated with the event.
- SDYSA does not impose any additional charges to attend USYS Regional or National events.
- **2026 National Qualifier Event in Des Moines, IA. (formerly Regional Presidents Cup)**
  - **The 2026 Presidents Cup National Qualifier Event Team Fee is \$1500.**
- **2026 USYS National Championships Girls Event in Murfreesboro, TN and Boys Event in Provo, UT.**
  - **The 2026 USYS National Championship Event Team Fee is \$2600**

## Scoring/Bracketing/Scheduling

- **Bracket of Two:** The two clubs drawn as a pair play each other twice, home-and-home. The winner is decided by adding together the **scores** from the two games -- the **aggregate score**. If the **aggregate score** is tied, then the winner is the team that **scored** more goals on its opponent's field (usually referred to as "the away goals rule").
  - **Championship Game 1 will be played on May 2nd**
  - **Championship Game 2 will be played on May 3rd**
- **Brackets of Three:** 'Play-in' games will be played among divisions with three teams. Winners will face off against the 1 seed on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 in a two-game aggregate scoring competition.
  - **Play-In Games will be played on Friday, May 1st. The determination of seeds will be based on past performance in state and/or regional USYS Cup competitions. Or a blind draw will take place if a performance based method cannot occur, due to no teams having participated in the prior years cup competitions.**
  - **Championship Game 1 will be played on Saturday, May 2nd**
  - **Championship Game 2 will be played on Sunday, May 3rd**

**For aggregate scoring**, which will occur for the two above scenarios. If the aggregate is tied after game number two on Sunday. Penalty kicks from the mark will determine the champion.

- **Brackets of Four:** The four teams within the bracket will play each team once. The two teams finishing group play with the most points secured, will play in a championships game on Sunday.
  - **Each team will play 3 total group play games.**
  - **The specific number of games on specific days during the event weekend are TBD. Rest duration and travel will be a consideration.**
  
- **Brackets of 5+:** Structure will be discussed and developed if necessary.

SDYSA and event staff reserves the right to make changes as needed to sustain the integrity of the event.

The webpage dedicated to the event:

<https://www.southdakotasoccer.com/events/state-championship-series/>

**For questions, please direct them to SDYSA Technical Director - Dale Weiler**  
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