

# Arizona State Cup

2026





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- Please silence your phones to prevent background noise
- Introductions
- Questions? (please put in the chat)
- FairWhistle – New this year!



# Things to Know:

- Wear **coach pass on lanyard** in technical area (available at HQ tents)
- ASA and Team Coaches and Managers - use **Stack Team App** - Used for updates + reporting field issues
- **Tents:** Not provided – bring your own
- **Benches:**
  - Reach 11: Provided (12U/9v9 bring your own)
  - All other locations: Bring your own
- **Veo camera** must be on team side and secured
- Medical Tents – will be located throughout each complex. Taping will cost \$3.00 unless you bring your own tape.



## Additional information:

- Alcohol is **not permitted** at the fields or along the sidelines.
- Dogs and other pets are **not permitted** at **Reach 11 or Kino Sports Complex**.
- Noise-making devices (e.g., drums, horns, cowbells, trumpets, etc.) are **strictly prohibited**.
- Trash – please remind your teams and spectators to pick up all trash at the completion of your match.
- **Spectators are required to refrain from yelling at referees or making comments toward opposing team players and coaches.**
- Merchandise will be available at Reach 11 (and online).
- **Reminder - Check road closures** before each weekend.



## Rosters:

- **Teams in 13U-19U may have up to 22 players rostered. All players may dress for a match and participate. New USYS rule.**
- **12U Rosters – 16 players**
- **Must follow substitution rules.**



# Substitution:

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- For the 12U, 13U, and 14U age groups, unlimited substitutions permitted over three (3) moments per **half** plus halftime.
- For the 15U, 16U, 17U, and 19U age groups, unlimited substitutions over four (4) moments per **match** plus halftime.

- **Special Situations**

- Suspected head injury = free sub
- Only tournament Health Care Provider can clear return to play
- No HCP = player cannot return



## Match Lengths:

- U17–U19: 45 min halves
- U15–U16: 40 min halves
- U13–U14: 35 min halves
- U12: 30 min halves
- Halftime: 10 minutes



## Additional Guidelines:

- No jewelry
- Taped numbers (must be permanent; exceptions via HQ)
  - Numbers may be taped onto a jersey, but only if the tape stays securely in place. If the tape comes off, the player is not allowed to return to the match wearing that jersey.
- Home team = light, Away = dark (away changes if conflict)



## Spectators:

- All spectators must sit across the field from the team they are supporting.
- Coaches and other team admin in the technical area are responsible for spectator behavior at all times.
- 9v9 Fields will have teams placed in the middle of the 11v11 with the 9v9 fields going across the 11v11 fields.

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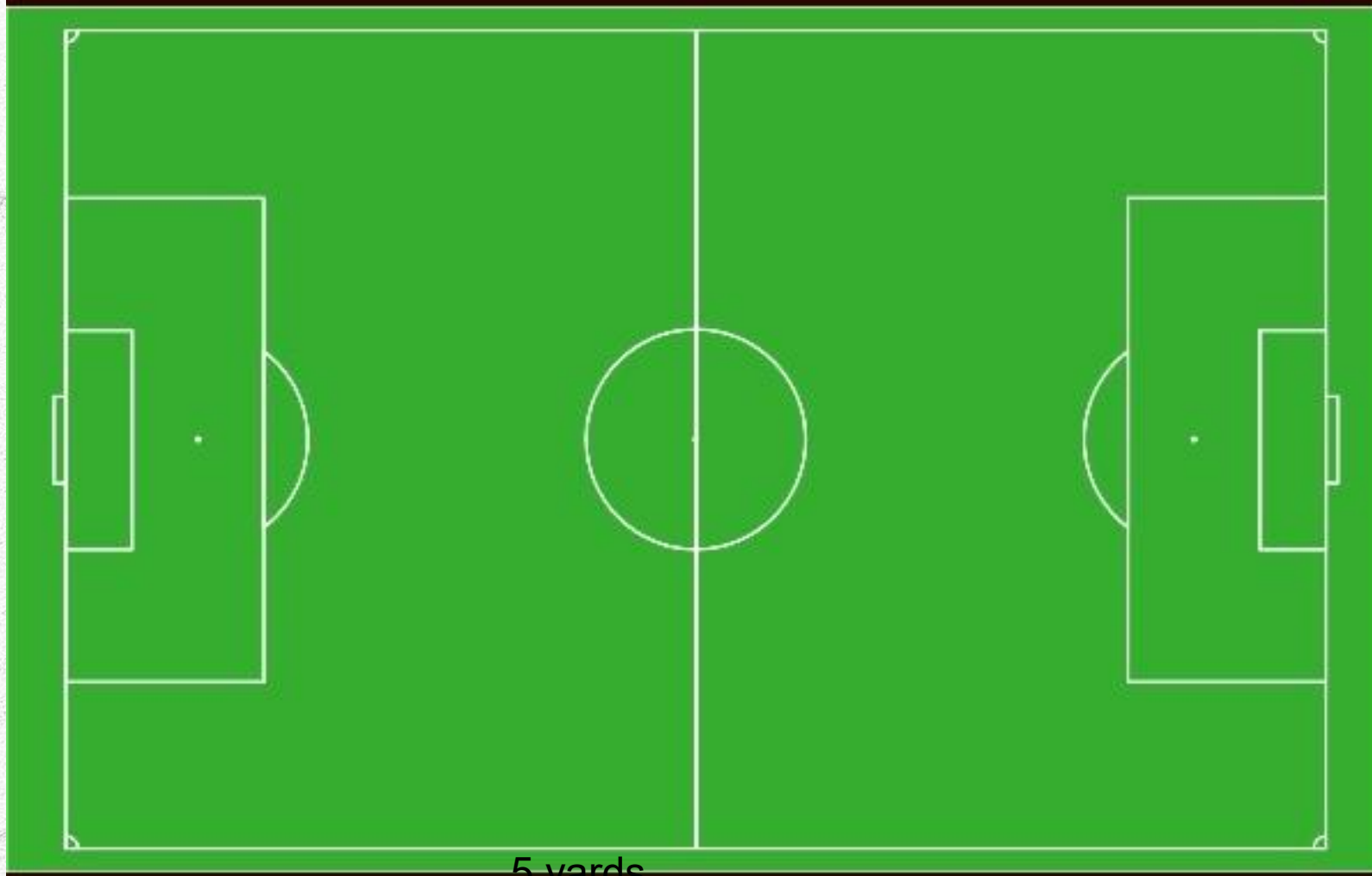
Home Team  
Technical Area

Away Team  
Technical Area

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Home Team  
will take the  
North or East  
Sideline  
dependent  
upon field  
layout and  
direction



Away Team  
will take the  
South or West  
Sideline  
dependent  
upon field  
layout and  
direction

5 yards

**Home Team Spectators**

**Away Team Spectators**



# Check-In Procedures

- Each team must check in with the Referees **at least 30 minutes prior to kick off.**
  - Game ready (jerseys, socks, cleats on)
- ASA will provide match cards to the referees.
- Bring physical player passes (laminated).
- Every coach/admin who will be in the technical area must be on the roster. If they are not, they can be written in during the team's check-in (must be approved by ASA staff).
  - Must be done prior to start of match



# Red Card/Suspensions

- Players dismissed/sent off from a match may be required to leave the team bench area.
- Players serving a suspension must check in with the team and inform the tournament staff that they will be serving a suspension in the upcoming game.
  - May sit in technical area, cannot be in uniform.
  - Do not have to be present to serve suspension. If not in attendance, coach/TM would notify referee at check-in.
- Anyone involved in a fight will be immediately suspended.



# Protests/Appeals

- Notification must be orally lodged by a team official listed on the team roster involved in the game with the Referee and with the tournament director within 30 minutes of the end of the match
- Protest must be filed online in Gotsport by a team official listed on team roster within 3 hours of the conclusion of the match. This includes fees, paid- fees are nonrefundable
- An appeal of the Protest and Appeals Committee decisions must be submitted online on GotSport Forms – 2026 State Cup Appeal Submission within 3 hours of written notification of the decision.

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## Knock- Out Rounds

**NEW 2026 – US Youth Soccer has eliminated the overtime periods for the knockout rounds. Matches tied at the end of regulation during the knock-out rounds will go straight to kicks from the mark!**



# Hate Speech Policy – State Cup

- **Applies to any player, coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, or staff member who receives a red card for hate speech or who is overheard and reported by an official for using language deemed hate speech, whether direct or indirect, by that official, during events that are part of the National Championships cycles, will be immediately removed from participation in that cycle at the local, regional, and national levels.**



12U Champions – Advance to Western Presidents Cup  
June 18-20: Salt Lake City, UT

**The 12U Champions for State Cup will advance to the Far West Regional Championships to be played alongside the Western Presidents Cup in Salt Lake City, UT.**



Direct to USYS Nationals – 13U through 19U Champions

*16U-19U: July 13-20 – Tier 1 Super*

*13U-15U: July 16-23 – Tier 2 Premier*

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JULY 13-23 | SALT LAKE CITY, UT (BOYS)

LAS VEGAS

STRENGTH

TEAM

A promotional poster for the US Youth Soccer National Championships 2026 for boys. It features a male soccer player in a grey and red jersey running with a determined expression. The background is white with blue and red brushstroke accents. Text includes "PROVE IT ON THE NATIONAL STAGE", "US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 PRESENTED BY", "JULY 13-23 | SALT LAKE CITY, UT (BOYS)", and "LAS VEGAS". Vertical text on the right says "STRENGTH" and "TEAM".

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TEAMWORK

TALENT

A promotional poster for the US Youth Soccer National Championships 2026 for girls. It features a female soccer player in a white jersey running. The background is dark blue with white and red brushstroke accents. Text includes "THE NATION'S BEST COMPETE HERE", "US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 PRESENTED BY", "JULY 13-23 | MURFREESBORO, TN (GIRLS)", and "TEAMWORK". Vertical text on the right says "TALENT" and "TEAMWORK".