

STYSA Spring 2018 Competitions Overview

Purpose: This document will provide a high-level overview of the competitions that STYSA teams should be eligible to participate in for the Spring 2018 Cups as well as the 2018-2019 seasonal year. Some eligibility details are provided; however, please review specific competition rules for detailed requirements. The STYSA Competitions Committee and Executive Committee have been developing transition solutions for clubs that have teams participating in non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer competitions to be able to return to STYSA/US Youth Soccer competitions.

STYSA SPRING 2018 CUPS – State and Presidents Cups Registration deadlines Thursday, March 1st.

STATE CUP FORMAT				
Open Bracket		District Bracket		District Playoff
Open Bracket - Top 2 teams advance to 8 team district event in the #7 and #8 seed positions. See the Open Bracket format chart on page 2	====>	District Bracket - two seeded brackets of 4 teams. Seeds 1-8 are based on order of finish/comp. level. Seeds #7 and #8 may be challenged in Open Bracket Play	====>	A1vB2, B1vA2 - winners advance to State Cup finals
The State Cup Champion will earn the STX #3 seed to the Fall 2018 SRPL West competition. In the event that the State Cup champion has already pre-qualified for SRPL in the STX#1(SRPL#1), STX#2(SRPL#2), or STX#4(SCL#1) slots, then the next highest order finisher in State Cup that is not a pre-qualified SRPL team will be awarded the STX#3 Fall SRPL West slot.				

PRESIDENTS CUP FORMAT: Presidents Cup will now be a fully open competition for Under 11 through Under 19 (the number of teams participating per district will no longer be restricted to 16) while retaining some pre-qualification. New this year for Presidents Cup, the Under 18 age group will be included in the Regional event in Greenville, SC. The pre-qualified/seeded list is posted on the Cup pages of the [STYSA website](#).

DIRECTORS CUP FORMAT: Directors Cup is the lowest cup WDDOA teams are allowed to register for. It is an open entry cup. U11/U12 will be limited to one bracket (No Classic or United brackets).

Notes:

- While not all Cups pre-qualify/seed teams, teams may opt to try and qualify and/or play in higher level cups than the one they were pre-qualified for/seeded into; however, a pre-qualified/seeded team may not play down into a lower level cup. The order of Cup level of play is State Cup > Presidents Cup > Directors Cup.
- Both State Cup and Presidents Cup are open for U11 and U12. Play extends all the way to State event, no advancement to Regional event. U11/U12 teams not seeded into State or Presidents Cups will be eligible to participate in Directors Cup, regardless of Division (Division 1 or Super 2). Only one bracket will be formed.

Spring Cup Requirements for Non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer Registered Teams

- In order to participate in State Cup, Presidents Cup, or Directors Cup, non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer **teams must register with WDDOA** – Fee: \$35 per player, no team fee, no stipend allocated should the team advance to Regionals from State Cup and Presidents Cup District/STYSA play.
- State Cup: teams must register, participate and qualify into the Cup via that Cup's Open Bracket for State Cup.
- Clubs wanting to re-integrate for Spring 2018 need to sign a STYSA **performance guarantee** (\$1500 per team, up to \$5000 maximum per club) that all of their non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer teams participating in a STYSA Spring 2018 Cup agree to participate in the 2018/19 seasonal year league (WDDOA, local Member Association).
- Directors cup is the only cup subject to restrictions regarding non-STYSA/US Youth Soccer teams. Teams determined to have played in a competition of a level of play deemed too high for Directors Cup will be directed towards Presidents Cup.

- The Format of Play for the State Cup Open Bracket will depend on the number of teams challenging in:

State Cup Open Bracket Format

1 team - 1 slot

Challenge 1

Game	Home	Away
#8 Seed	SC #8	Challenge 1

Winner is qualified

2 teams - 2 slots

Challenge 1

Challenge 2

Game	Home	Away
#7 Seed	SC #7	Challenge 2
#8 Seed	SC #8	Challenge 1

Winners are qualified

3 teams - 2 slots

Challenge 1

Challenge 2

Challenge 3

Game	Home	Away
1	Challenge 2	Challenge 3

Winner advances

#7 Seed	SC #7	Game 1 Winner
#8 Seed	SC #8	Challenge 1

Winners are qualified

4 teams - 2 slots

Challenge 1

Challenge 2

Challenge 3

Challenge 4

Game	Home	Away
1	Challenge 1	Challenge 4
2	Challenge 2	Challenge 3

Winners advance

#7 Seed	SC #7	Game 2 Winner
#8 Seed	SC #8	Game 1 Winner

Winners are qualified

5 teams - 2 slot

Challenge 1

Challenge 2

Challenge 3

Challenge 4

Challenge 5

Game	Home	Away
1	Challenge 4	Challenge 5

Winners advance to Game 2

2	Challenge 1	Game 1 Winner
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Winners advance to Game 5

3	Challenge 2	Challenge 3
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Winners advance to Game 4

4	#7 Seed	SC #7	Game 3 Winner
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5	#8 Seed	SC #8	Game 2 Winner
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Winners are qualified

6 teams - 2 slot

Challenge 1

Challenge 2

Challenge 3

Challenge 4

Challenge 5

Challenge 6

Game	Home	Away
1	Challenge 5	Challenge 6
2	Challenge 3	Challenge 4

Winners advance

3	Challenge 1	Game 1 Winner
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4	Challenge 2	Game 2 Winner
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Winners advance

5	#7 Seed	SC #7	Game 4 Winner
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6	#8 Seed	SC #8	Game 3 Winner
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Winners are qualified

STYSA FALL 2018 COMPETITIONS

Fall 2018 State Classic League

The STYSA Competition Committee has determined that the optimum number of teams per age group / district is 6. Teams will be pre-qualified based on 2017/2018 Competition final standings (SRPL Relegation / SCL Final Standings / Prime League Promotion), as well as the [SCL Relegation Scenarios](#) and the [Promotion and Relegation](#) documents posted on the [SCL page](#) of the [STYSA website](#).

If teams decline their pre-qualified spots, the system outlined in the promotion relegation document listed above will be implemented. If open spots cannot be filled, the STYSA Competitions Committee may opt to accept Requests for Consideration.

The top division of play in each district will be considered SCL East and SCL West. The top two teams from each bracket will compete in a cross-district SCL Premier event in December with the high-points winner from the four-team/three game round-robin event earning promotion to the following fall SRPL West competition as the STX #4 seed.

Fall 2018 SRPL Premier League West

Region III has moved back to the previous format model for SRPL competitions. PLW will consist of 4 teams each from NTX, OK, and STX. Format of play will be a single weekend of travel into each of the other two state associations for cross-state play as well as two weekends of hosting the other two state associations for cross-state play. In-state STX play will be determined at a later date and designed to minimize travel for all participating teams. The top two STX finishers will retain their SRPL-W status as the STX#1 and STX#2 seeds for the following fall. The STX #4 seed will be the top team from the Fall 2017 Cross District SCL Premier event.

The STX#3 seed will be awarded to the State Cup Champion or, in case the State Cup Champion is already pre-qualified as STX#1, STX#2, or STX#4, the next highest order finisher in State Cup that is not a pre-qualified SRPL-W team.

Based on feedback from the STYSA Competitions Committee as well as the STYSA Technical Development Committee, the following SRPL-W Qualification criteria will be in place for the Fall 2018 SRPL-W Competition.

Fall 2018 SRPL Premier League West		
	U14 (Spring 2018 U13)	Comments
PLW#1	STX PLW #1 (TBD Spring 2018 U13 PLW Comp.)	Based on order of finish in Spring 2018 PLW.
PLW#2	STX PLW #2 (TBD Spring 2018 U13 PLW Comp.)	
PLW#3	State Cup #1 (TBD Spring 2018 State Cup Comp.)	The STX PLW#3 and PLW#4 seeds will be awarded to the State Cup Champion and State Cup Finalist respectively, or the next highest order finisher in State Cup that is not a pre-qualified PLW team.
PLW#4	State Cup #2 (TBD Spring 2018 State Cup Comp.)	
	U15-U19 (Spring 2018 U14-U18)	Comments
PLW#1	STX PLW #1	Based on order of finish in National League/PLW. Participation in PLW for National League teams is a requirement to retain PLW seeding for the following fall.
PLW#2	STX PLW #2	
PLW#3	State Cup #1	The STX PLW#3 seed will be awarded to the State Cup Champion or the next highest order finisher in State Cup that is not a pre-qualified PLW team.
PLW#4	SCL #1	Winner of the cross-district SCL Premier event.
Any un-filled pre-qualified slots will be filled by the next highest order of finish team from the same competition. (e.g. If PLW#2 declines their slot, PLW#3 would be offered the slot or if SCL #1 declined their slot, SCL#2 would be offered the slot).		