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ABOUT

The United Soccer League announced a league-first event that will see the Super Y League Finals take place in conjunction with the USL Academy League Finals at the Tournament SportsPlex of Tampa Bay.

The Super Y League Finals will kick off on Friday, December 8th beginning with three days of group stage play followed by the Championship matches then taking place on Tuesday, December 12th. There will be 130+ boys and girls teams fighting for the national championship across six age groups ranging from U12 to U19. The country's longest-running national youth league, the Super Y League offers a unique experience for both boys and girls between the ages of 10-18 years old to compete against the top players both within their region and nationally during the finals.

"As one of the longest standing youth-league National Championships, Super Y League Finals remains as the pinnacle for our member clubs and their players, coaches and families." said USL SVP of Youth and Pre-Professional Joel Nash. "While everyone hopes to lift one of the national champion trophies, the overall experience has proven to be why the event is marquee on everyone's calendar. We are delighted to be combining the Finals this year as it will enhance the experience for everyone involved and highlight the growing presence of USL across the American soccer landscape."

USL Academy is a player development program designed to advance all players, coaches, administrators, and other stakeholders towards their maximum potential by emphasizing the promotion of top young talents into Senior Team environments. Through participation in USL Academy League and USL Academy Cup, clubs can offer top youth

ABOUT

prospects a pathway to reach their local senior teams in USL W League, League Two, League One, and Championship. USL Academy strives to build a player pathways, integrated youth networks with senior teams, and create a national footprint to allow for the growth of among all participants

The third edition of the USL Academy League Finals will see the top 16 teams from the USL Academy League regular season, with the ten divisional winners and six wildcard teams based on their divisional records qualifying for the competition. The Playoff Bracket will feature three days of group-play beginning on Thursday, December 7th and culminating with the USL Academy League Championship on Sunday, December 10th between the top two teams.

"As USL Academy continues to grow and evolve, we're incredibly excited to move forward with our evolution of our postseason tournament," said USL Technical Director Liam O'Connell. "By syncing with the Super Y League Finals, we will have an opportunity to create a more holistic and beneficial experience for all players, coaches, scouts, referees and parents involved. Beyond that though, we look forward to rolling out a new single-elimination format to the USL Academy Finals. This structure will replicate the experience these players will face in knockout competition at the Senior Team level, and will help prepare more of our top talents to make the jump to that level in the coming years."

USL PATHWAY

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2022 SEC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
2021 NCAA DII WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
2021 NCAA DII MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
2021 WWE WRESTLEMANIA 37
2021 NFL SUPER BOWL LV
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2016 NCAA MEN'S HOCKEY FROZEN FOUR
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2015 NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR
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2011 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL 2ND & 3RD ROUNDS
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2008 NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR
2008 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL 1ST & 2ND ROUNDS
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USLACADEMY AND SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS

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EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC 7

USLACADEMY FINALS

10 AM - 6 PM I ROUND OF SIXTEEN

FRIDAY, DEC 8

USLACADEMY FINALS

10 AM - 2 PM | QUARTERFINALS 2 PM - 6 PM | CONSOLATION MATCHES

SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS

8 AM - 6 PM | GROUP PLAY

SATURDAY, DEC 9

USLACADEMY FINALS

10 AM - 12 PM | SEMIFINALS 12 PM - 6 PM | CONSOLATION MATCHES

SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS

8 AM - 6 PM I GROUP PLAY

SUNDAY, DEC 10

USLACADEMY FINALS

12:15 PM | CHAMPIONSHIP 10 AM - 6 PM | CONSOLATION MATCHES

SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS

8 AM - 6 PM I GROUP PLAY

MONDAY, DEC 11

SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS

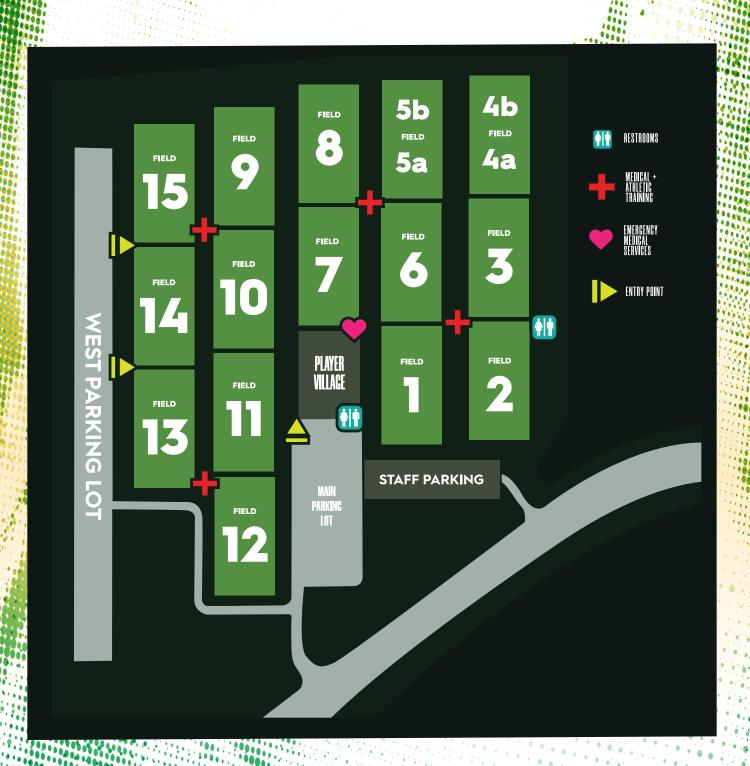
8 AM - 12 PM | SEMIFINALS

TUESDAY, DEC 12

SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS

8 AM - 1 PM I CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

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 (i.e. Sexual Innuendo, Viewing or Engaging to Unsolicited Sexual Behavior)

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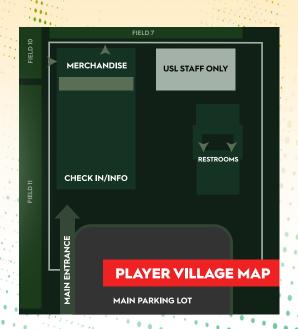








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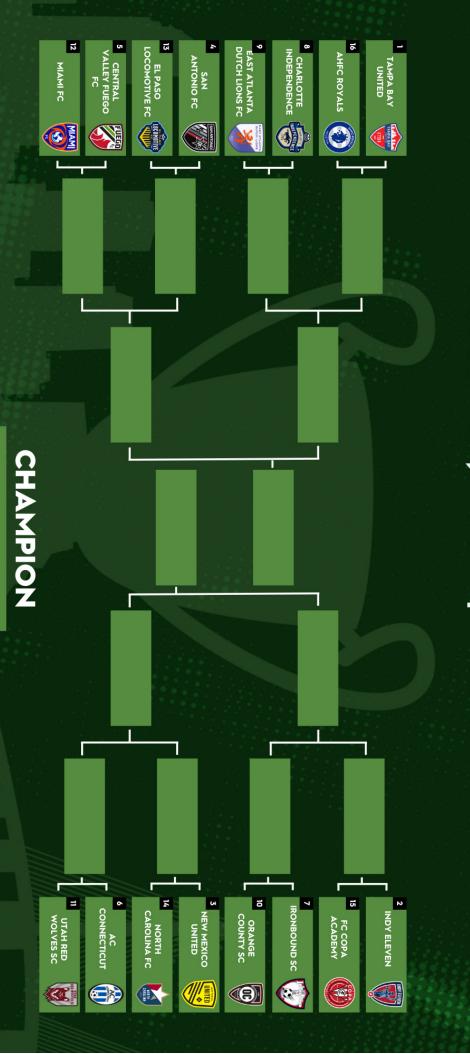
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- CLEVELAND FORCE SC
- W VIRGINIA DEV ACADEMY 2

GROUP B

- LONG ISLAND ROUGH
- IRONBOUND SC GALACTICOS
- CHICAGO CITY SC
- ARLINGTON SA ELITE

GROUP C

- W VIRGINIA DEV ACADEMY 1
- **E** LOUDOUN SC
- CEDAR STARS HV
- LIVERPOOL FC CENTRAL 1

GROUP D

- LIVERPOOL FC CENTRAL 2
- BETHESDA SC 1
- CHICAGOLAND UNITED SC
- HUDSON VALLEY HAMMERS

U13 BOYS

GROUP A

- CHICAGO INFERNO BLOOMINGDALE
- ARLINGTON SC ELITE
- m Indiana elite fo
- KEARNYTHISTLE UNITED

GROUP B

- R CHICAGO INFERNO
- scor-meulensteen
- W VIRGINIA DEV ACADEMY 1
- ironbound sc dragons

GROUP C

- (i) IRONBOUND SC FORCE
- UIVERPOOL FC CENTRAL
- CLEVELAND FORCE SC
- NORTHERN VIRGINIA UNITED ACADEMY

GROUP D

- GREAT FALLS RESTON
- EAST MEADOW SC
- CHIACGO CITY SC
- SPIRE FC

U14 BOYS

GROUP A

- W VIRGINIA DEV ACADEMY
- MORRIS ELITE SC
- EAST MEADOW SC
- © CLEVELAND FORCE SC

GROUP B

- OAK BROOK SC
- CHRISTOS FC 1
- **TOTAL** UNION COUNTY FC
- BETHESDA SC

GROUP C

- KEARNYTHISTLE UNITED
- NOVA MAJESTICS
- BARCELONA UNITED SC
- LIJSL ACADEMY

U15 BOYS

GROUP A

- NORTH TEXAS UNITED FC
- UVERPOOL FC AA 1
- KEARNYTHISTLE UNITED
- ASPEN HILL SC

GROUP B

- W VIRGINIA DEV ACADEMY
- OAK BROOK SC
- LIVERPOOL FC CENTRAL
- COMMACK SOCCER

GROUP C

- © CLEVELAND FORCE SC
- MUNION COUNTY SC
- NORTHERN VIRIGINIA
- UNITED ACADEMY
- FORCE FCLC 1

SUPER Y GROUPS

U16/17 BOYS

GROUP

- 🕼 ironbound sc alliance
- CEDAR STARS HV
- CHICAGO INFERNO BLOOMINGDALE
- NORTHERN VIRGINIA
 UNITED ACADEMY 1

GROUP B

- OAK BROOK SC
- 🕉 REAL ELITE FC
- IRONBOUND SC UNITED

GROUP C

- ARLINGTON SA ELITE
- UNION COUNTY FC
- IRONBOUND SC RAIDERS

- WEST SIDE ALLIANCE SC 07 FDL
- **HUDSON VALLEY HAMMERS**
- NOVA MAJESTICS MCLEAN
- LIVERPOOL FC AA

U18/19 BOYS

GROUP A

- istria sc

- ***** TAMPA BAY UNITED SC

- WEST SIDE ALLIANCE SC 06
- CHRISTOS FC 1
- IRONBOUND SC ELITE
- 😈 union sc

U12 GIRLS

GROUP A

- - LOUDOUN SC
 - LIVERPOOL FC CENTRAL 1
- COMMACK SOCCER

GROUP

- CLEVELAND FORCE SC
- VIRGINIA DEV ACADEMY 1
- MIDWEST UNITED FC WHITE

GROUP

- KERNOW STORM FC
- BETHESDA SC 1
- LIJSL ACADEMY 1
- FORCE FCLC

GROUP

- DIX HILLS SC
- MIDWEST UNITED FC ROYAL
- INTERNATIONALS SO
- NOVA MAJESTICS MCLEAN

U13 GIRLS

- LOUDOUN SC
 - IRONBOUND SC
- CLEVELAND FORCE SC
 - TAMPA BAY UNITED SC

GROUP

- SCOR-MEULENSTEEN 1
- VIRGINIA DEV ACADEMY
- PAISLEY ATHLETIC FO

GROUP C

- LIJSL ACADEMY 1
- FAIRFAX BRAVE 1
- INDIANA ELITE FC

ARLINGTON SA PREMIER

GROUP D

- INTERNATIONALS SC
- NOVA MAJESTICS MCLEAN
- FORCE FCLC
- HUDSON VALLEY HAMMERS

SUPER Y GROUPS

U14 GIRLS





U15 GIRLS





U16/17 GIRLS







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USL ACADEMY FINALS COMPETITION STRUCTURE & TIE BREAKERS

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

- Format will be a 16-team single elimination bracket with teams being seeded from 1 to 16.
- The 10 division winners will be seeded 1-10 based on a PPG system.
- The 6 Wild Card teams will be seeded 11-16 based on a PPG system (Tiebreakers as laid out in the Operations Manual will be applied if tied).

OVERTIME/PENALTY KICKS

- · Overtime will be used in all knock-out matches.
- · Overtime will consist of two (2), ten (10) minute overtime periods
 - * No Golden Goal or Sudden Death
- Penalty kicks (best of 5) will determine the winner if the match remains tied at completion of overtime. If tied after 5 penalties from each team, then there will be sudden death penalty kicks.
- Only players who finished the overtime period can take the penalty kicks

SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS COMPETITION STRUCTURE & TIE BREAKERS

OVERTIME/PENALTY KICKS

- · Overtime will be used in the semi-final and championship matches only.
- · Overtime will consist of two (2), ten (10) minute overtime periods.
 - * No Golden Goal or Sudden Death
- Penalty kicks (best of 5) will determine the winner if the match remains tied at the completion of overtime. If tied after 5 penalties from each team, then there will be sudden death penalty kicks.
- · Only the players who finished the overtime period can take the penalty kick.

SCORING

· Win is 3 points, Tie is 1 point, Loss is 0 points

TIEBREAKERS

- If two or more teams tie with the same amount of points, the following tiebreakers will be used:
 - 1. Head-to-Head
 - 2. Total Wins
 - 3. Goal Differential
 - 4. Goals Scored
 - 5. FIFA Fair Play
 - 6. Kicks from the mark

** The tiebreakers listed above will be used to determine which team will advance to the knockout rounds. If the seeding for the knockout stages cannot be determined with the applicable tiebreakers listed above, then a Lottery will be conducted by SYL staff to determine the seeding for the Semi-Finals.

SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS COMPETITION STRUCTURE & TIE BREAKERS

SEEDING

Two-Group Division
 (U18/19 Boys, U14 Girls, U15 Girls)

The first and second placed teams in each group will advance to the knockout stages. For each division, the winner of Group A will play the runner-up from Group B, and the winner of Group B will play the runner-up from Group A.

• Three-Group Division (U14 Boys, U15 Boys)

The first placed team from each group will automatically advance to the knockout rounds. The runner-up with the most points from group play will also advance (see tiebreakers below if teams are tied on points). The three group winners will receive the top three seeds in knockout play, with the best runner-up automatically receiving the #4 seed (even if they finish with more points than one of the group winners). Additional tiebreakers will be applied as necessary in seeding.

• Four-Group Division (U12 Boys, U13 Boys, U16/17 Boys, U12 Girls, U13 Girls)

The first placed team from each group will advance to the knockout rounds. Teams will be seeded #1 to #4 based on total points obtained in group play. Additional tiebreakers will be applied as necessary.

SUPER Y LEAGUE FINALS COMPETITION STRUCTURE & TIE BREAKERS

SEEDING

 Two-Group Three-Team Division (U16/17 Girls)

Each team will play two (2) group matches and one (1) cross group match (Group A v Group B). The cross-play match will be selected to ensure teams are playing a different opponent that they did not play during the regular season. The top four (4) teams out of the 6 total teams will advance based on PPG. If PPG are equal, the tiebreaker rules will be used to determine the top 4 teams. Teams advancing to the knockout stage will be ranked 1-4 based on PPG. If PPG are equal, the tiebreaker rules will be used to determine seeding for knockout stage matches. Tiebreakers will be the same that are listed in the 2023 Super Y Finals Competition Manual. In the case that the teams involved in a tiebreaker do not all play each other in the group stage, the head-to-head tiebreaker will be skipped, and the first tiebreaker will be total wins.



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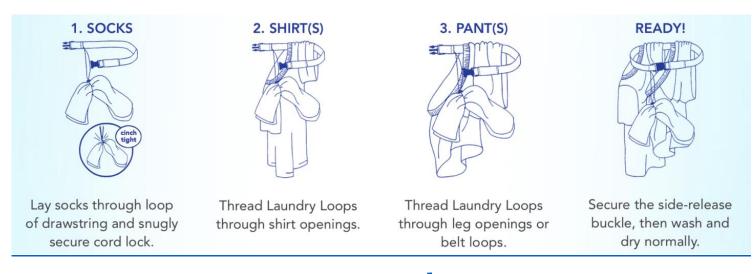
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Kacey White, Academy Director, West Florida Flames

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Jimmy Carson, Academy Coach, Indiana Fire Academy





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