

# 2023 MYSA Black & Blue Summer State Championships Information and Rules

**Dates:** July 13 - 16, 2023

**Tournament Locations:**

**St. Ben's Athletic Fields**  
524 College Ave S  
St. Joseph, MN 56374

**Tech High School**  
4200 33rd St S  
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

**Tournament Website:** [Summer State Championships](#)

**Headquarters:** MYSA will have tournament headquarters in the St. Ben's Athletic Fields building, located next to the stadium. There is no need to check-in at headquarters as check-in will be completed on the field, but we will be available at HQ for questions and concerns.

**Schedules and Standings** are available here: [Schedule and Standings](#). Remember that schedules are subject to change for weather, facility or referee related issues, or other reasons as determined by MYSA. Teams are responsible to monitor the schedules on US Soccer Connect for changes, and should also be on alert for email announcements related to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

**Hotels:** here are some hotels the St. Cloud area that will be offering block rates if you book over the phone and mention that you will be in town for the MYSA Summer State Championships.

**Best Western Plus Kelly Inn**

[Hotel Website](#)

100 4th Ave S, St Cloud, MN 56301  
(320) 253-0606

# FORMAT and RULES

Each age group's format is dependent on the number of teams who registered for the event. Teams were seeded based on summer league results, while also prioritizing variety of opponents and working in non-league teams. Seeding is final as seen on the current schedule.

Information about your specific format can be found in the "flight notice" section at the top of the screen on the schedule webpage if there is anything special to note.

## **The following rules will be used to determine the advancement out of preliminary games:**

- A. Pool play games ending in ties will remain in ties.
- B. Championship and other single elimination games cannot end in a tie. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams will play two 5-minute periods. If the game is tied at the end of both overtime periods, the game will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, following the USSF rules.
- C. To determine which teams in pool play advance to a championship and other single elimination rounds, the following procedures shall be used in sequence:
  - 1. Highest number of points.
    - i. Win = 6 points
    - ii. Tie = 3 points
    - iii. 1 point for each goal (maximum three per game)
    - iv. 1 point for shutout (0-0 tie equals 4 points)
    - v. 10 points maximum per game
  - 2. Winner of head to head competition (not valid if more than two teams are tied).
  - 3. Winner of most games.
  - 4. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of three goal differential per game.
  - 5. Fewest goals allowed.
  - 6. Most goals scored in all games, with a maximum of three goals per game.
  - 7. Kicks from the penalty mark. (Penalty kicks will be taken approximately 45 minutes prior to championship game on a predetermined field).
- D. A forfeit in play will result in a 3-0 score in favor of the opposing team.

## **The following rules will be enforced regarding Team Rosters:**

- A. No player may be rostered on more than one team participating in Championships
- B. Rosters are frozen before a team's first game.

- C. Teams are allowed up to five club pass players (consistent with MYSA League rules), but no player may be rostered on more than one Championships team.
- D. No team shall cut an available registered player from its team to allow for another player to play on that team during Championships

**The following rules will be enforced regarding Facilities and Game Protocols:**

- A. Team warm-up can and should begin off the field in order to keep games as scheduled.
- B. Teams must arrive at their field of play no later than 15 minutes prior to game time.
- C. All teams must **set their official game roster in one of the following ways:**
  - a. Set your roster in US Soccer Connect and be able to provide their Digital Player Passes for every player and coach to the referees before each game.
  - b. Set your roster on a printed game card and be able to provide printed and laminated player passes for every player and coach to the referees before each game.
- D. The team listed first on the bracket will be the home team.
- E. **All teams must have two sets of (different) uniforms at all games. Home team will change if necessary.**
- F. On single fields, teams will take the East or North sideline of the field - All spectators will sit on the West or South sideline of the field. Where two fields are side by side, teams will be seated between the two fields. All spectators will be seated on the touchline opposite the team.
- G. Each team is expected to clean their area before leaving. If a field is not clean, offending teams will be assessed a \$50.00 cleanup fee.
- H. All red cards received from participating teams will be entered into the digital game reporting system.
- I. No protest will be allowed or entertained. All referee decisions regarding play on the field will be considered final. Only disputes of rules enforcement of the game may be disputed.
- J. There will be a three person rules committee to adjudicate all disputes during the tournament.

# WEATHER, HEAT and AQI

Managers and Coaches are expected to review this information with the parents from their team. It is important for the safety of everyone involved that these guidelines are followed.

**Severe Weather Policy:** Severe weather is a possibility. The event organizers will be monitoring weather conditions throughout the day. If severe weather develops, field marshals will notify referees to suspend play and when to continue. All fields at that location will stop and resume at the same time as directed by tournament headquarters. The event committee will make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason.

If a game is suspended because of weather and 50% of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half has been played, the game will be considered complete unless there is a tie in a Championship game. A decision will be made about tied games and when they will be completed by tournament officials the same day or night. If a game is not completed because of weather, it will start over from the beginning.

Decisions to clear the fields will be made at headquarters by MYSA staff and will always be based on the safety of our players, coaches, referees and spectators. If the decision is made to clear the fields, it will be expected that all participants will follow these steps:

1. Spectators, players and coaches will seek shelter immediately **inside** their vehicles. Do not seek shelter under a gazebo as they are unsafe.
2. Do not leave the premises until directed to do so by event volunteers and/or staff.
3. The "All Clear" indicator will be when the referees return to their fields and position themselves in the middle of the field. This will indicate that it is safe to resume play.

**Heat Policy:** The following precautions must be followed when there is a possibility of dangerous high heat index:

Heat Index	Guidelines
Up to 89°	Normal Play
90° - 99°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 5 minutes.
100° - 105°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 10 minutes.
105°	Suspend play.

**Air Quality:** the following precautions must be followed for determining activity level when there is a possibility that the air quality is unsafe.

Check local air quality levels at <https://www.airnow.gov>

Air Quality Index	Outdoor Activity Guidance
Green	Great day to be active outside!
Yellow	Good day to be active outside! Those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution could have symptoms.*
Orange	It's OK to be active outside. For longer activities such as athletic practice, take more breaks and do less intense activities. Watch for symptoms and take action as needed.
Red	For all outdoor activities, take more breaks and do less intense activities. Consider moving longer or more intense activities indoors or rescheduling them to another day or time.
Purple	Move all activities indoors or reschedule them to another day.

# AWARDS

All 1st and 2nd place teams will receive awards.

2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will have medals distributed at the game field, to the team coach or manager.

Champions are required to assemble at a staging area near headquarters for award presentations and photographs. Please gather your coaches and players as quickly as possible after completing the championship match and report, and direct them to the staging area for the presentation.

# APPAREL

Simax Sports will be on site at both St. Bens and Tech High School selling tournament apparel. All apparel is customizable with plenty of options to choose from.

They have also put together an online store if you would like to purchase in advance or if you can't make it to the tent: [Summer State Apparel](#)