

Subject: State Cups Team Update (3/18)

NJYS State Cups Teams & Club Administrators,

This second weekly email aims to provide key updates and information regarding NJ Youth Soccer State Cups. Based on the volume of inquiries to State Cups, we strongly encourage member clubs and teams to become familiar with these communications to best address common questions.

Prior to Game Day

1. [Set Participating Players and Coaches as “Active” on the Game Day Roster \(Both Teams\)](#)
2. [Print the Game Card –Available Starting 72 Hours Prior to the Match \(Both Teams\)](#)
3. [Print a copy of the Official State Roster \(Both Teams\)](#)
4. Confirm the Round and Match Type (e.g. group play or single elimination) with the Referee Assignor and match Referees (Home Team)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the latest a game can be played by for Group Play, Play-in matches, and Single Elimination matches?

Group Play games can be played in any order and within any timeframe, so long as all group play matches are completed by the latest ‘play-by’ date listed. Games may be played on the weekend or during the week. Play-in and single elimination games must be played no later than the ‘play-by’ date listed. To view the play-by dates, please visit the NJYS State Cups webpage.

Can a waiver be provided for a player added and/or transferred to a roster after the posted roster freeze date?

No. To maintain the integrity of the State Cups competition, requests for roster freeze waivers cannot be accommodated. A player that displays a registration date and/or transfer completion date that is after the roster freeze date for the age group in question is not eligible for participation in NJYS State Cups. Additionally, a player transferring from a team that has a frozen roster to a team that has not yet reached roster freeze is not eligible for participation in NJYS State Cups.

What system does the game scheduling and team-to-team communication occur in?

Game scheduling, communication, and correspondences with the opposing team are conducted through Sports Connect. A coach must have access to Sports Connect through the log-in associated with their team assignment (e.g. a family member’s access to the coach’s account will not permit scheduling). Club Administrators may access scheduling for an entire club’s State Cup schedule through the ‘scheduling’ tab in the Sports Connect dashboard. Note: There is no need to copy statecups@njyouthsoccer.com on team-to-team communication through email. All scheduling must occur through Sports Connect.

To view the game scheduling process as a coach, [click here](#).

Why am I receiving an error when attempting to accept a ‘reschedule request’?

Upon creating Field and Venue information within the platform, many club administrators included field names in the ‘field number’ area. The ‘field number’ area expects a numerical value – not a text value; creating an issue when accepting a schedule request. To proactively assist, NJYS corrected venues on 3/17 to ensure incorrect inputs were modified. Any matches that began the reschedule

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request process with an incorrect field input prior to correction, may experience this issue until the field number is updated through a new reschedule request.

Can a “Team Manager” access scheduling and rosters through Sports Connect?

For purposes of risk management and player safety, only persons listed on the NJYS Official State Roster for the team may access scheduling and roster through Sports Connect as there is access to and interaction with player data. A ‘team manager’ role does exist within Sports Connect; however, this requires compliance with NJYS Risk Management policies (i.e. Background Check, SafeSport, concussion training, coaching education).

Support and Assistance

For additional information regarding NJYS State Cups, we encourage you to view the [NJYS State Cups Orientation Webinar](#).

For issues related to account access, technical assistance printing match day rosters, or technical errors in game scheduling, please contact technical support at 855-873-5357, M-F: 11:30AM-8:00 PM EST or Sat: 10:00AM-6:00PM EST.

For additional inquiries not addressed in the webinar, please contact statecups@njyouthsoccer.com.