

# STYSA Spring 2020 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 2020 Cups as well as the 2020-2021 seasonal year. Some eligibility details are provided; however, please review specific competition rules for detailed requirements.

The details and dates for the competitions are posted on the Cup pages of the [STYSA website](#).

## **STYSA SPRING 2020 CUPS – Cups Registration deadlines Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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
<b>The State Cup Champion will earn the STX #3 seed to the Fall 2020 Frontier competition.</b> In the event that the State Cup champion has already pre-qualified for Frontier in the STX#1(Frontier#1), STX#2(FrontierL#2), or STX#4(SCL#1) slots, then the next State Cup Finals designated team as determined by the STYSA Competitions Committee will be awarded the STX#3 Fall Frontier slot.				

**PRESIDENTS CUP FORMAT:** Presidents Cup is an open entry competition. Just like last year, the Under 18 age group will be included in the Regional event in Dallas, TX.

**DIRECTORS CUP FORMAT:** Directors Cup is a restricted entry competition. It is the lowest cup WDDOA Challenger / Alpha teams are allowed to register for. In order to provide the best play environment possible, the number of teams within a single age group and gender will be restricted to 32 teams (For example: U13Boys).

### Notes:

- The order of Cup level of play is State Cup > Presidents Cup > Directors Cup.
- U14 through U19: Up to 8 teams will be seeded into State Cup from National League, Frontier Conference, and SCL. Prime teams will not automatically be seeded into State Cup.
- STYSA will publish a Recommendations / Guidelines for Cup Registration document based on final standings finish for both DDL and WDDOA Leagues.
- WDDOA teams may opt to try and qualify and/or play in higher level cups than the one they were recommended for; however, a pre-qualified/seeded team may not play down into a lower level cup.
- Both State Cup and Presidents Cup are open for U11 and U12. Play extends all the way to the State event, no advancement to Regional event.

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

Any non-STYSA registered team that wishes to participate in a Spring Cup must contact the STYSA office.

- 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
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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 2020 COMPETITIONS

### Fall 2020 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 2019/2020 Competition final standings (Frontier Relegation / SCL Final Standings / Prime League Promotion), as well as the Competitions Manual posted on the [SCL page](#) of the [STYSA website](#).

If teams decline their pre-qualified spots, the system outlined in the STYSA Competitions Manual 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 Frontier competition as the STX #4 seed.

### Fall 2020 Frontier Conference

Frontier 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 Frontier 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 2018 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 State Cup Finals designated team as determined by the STYSA Competitions Committee.

Based on feedback from the STYSA Competitions Committee as well as the STYSA Technical Development Committee, the following Frontier Qualification criteria will be in place for the Fall 2020 Frontier Competition.

<b>Fall 2020 Frontier Conference</b>		
	<b>U14 (Spring 2020 U13)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Frontier #1</b>	STX Frontier #1 (TBD Spring 2020 U13 Frontier Conf.)	Based on order of finish in Spring 2020 Frontier.
<b>Frontier #2</b>	STX Frontier #2 (TBD Spring 2020 U13 Frontier Conf.)	
<b>Frontier #3</b>	State Cup #1 (TBD Spring 2020 State Cup Comp.)	The STX Frontier #3 and Frontier #4 seeds will be awarded to the State Cup Champion and State Cup Finalist respectively, or the next State Cup Finals designated teams as determined by the STYSA Competitions Committee.
<b>Frontier #4</b>	State Cup #2 (TBD Spring 2020 State Cup Comp.)	
	<b>U15-U19 (Spring 2020 U14-U18)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Frontier #1</b>	STX Frontier #1	Based on order of finish in National League/ Frontier. Participation in Frontier for National League teams is a requirement to retain Frontier seeding for the following fall.
<b>Frontier #2</b>	STX Frontier #2	
<b>Frontier #3</b>	State Cup #1	The STX Frontier #3 seed will be awarded to the State Cup Champion or the next State Cup Finals designated team as determined by the STYSA Competitions Committee.
<b>Frontier #4</b>	SCL #1	Winner of the cross-district SCL Premier event.
Any un-filled pre-qualified slots will be filled as determined by the STYSA Competitions Committee.		