



2026 National Championship Series and President's Cup **Pathways for Idaho teams**

What is changing at the National Level?

USYS has eliminated the Regional level competitions, including Far West Regionals, for the National Championship Series, with State winners advancing directly to the National event July 13-23, 2026:

- Boys- Salt Lake City & Provo, UT
- Girls- Murfreesboro, and Smyrna, TN

More information at <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/national-championship-series/>.

President's Cup has also moved to an 8 sub-regional format, expanding from the longstanding 4 regions. Boise will host the Northwest sub-regional with teams from ID, MT, OR, WA, WY, and AK from June 19-22, 2026. More information at <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/northwest-presidents-cup/>.

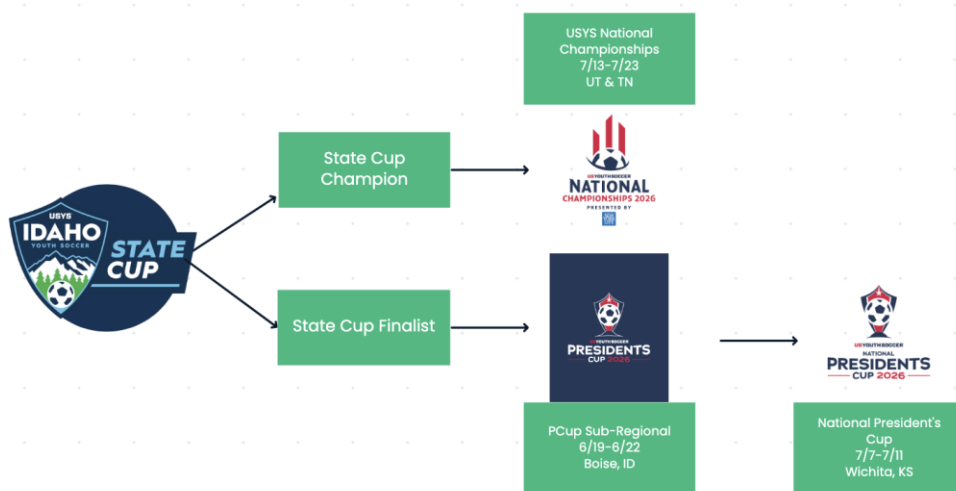
What does this mean for IYSA teams?

All teams wishing to participate in either the National Championships or the President's Cup will need to participate in an IYSA league (minimum of 3 games) **AND** IYSA State Cup. [Registration link for State Cup](#)

The State Cup winner in each age group/ gender will advance to the National Championships. The 2nd placed team in each age group/ gender will advance to President's Cup sub-regional. **Any champion who declines the NCS berth and/ or who plays in a National League (including ECNL) will be ineligible to represent Idaho at the President's Cup sub-regional.**

Should the champion or finalist elect to not participate in either event, or Idaho be granted a wildcard in either event, teams will be invited to participate in order of their finish in 2026 Idaho State Cup.

A visual representation of this can be found below:



What does the new National Championships competition look like?

The banner features the US Youth Soccer National Championships logo at the top center, flanked by two stars. To the right of the logo is the text "PRESENTED BY" above the New York Life logo. Below the logo, the dates "July 13 - 23, 2026" are prominently displayed in a large, stylized font. To the left of the dates, the text "GIRLS LOCATION: MUFREESBORO / SMYRNA, TENNESSEE" is shown. To the right of the dates, the text "BOYS LOCATION: SALT LAKE CITY / PROVO, UTAH" is shown. At the bottom of the banner, two lines of text are displayed: "★ WIN STATE CUP... ADVANCE TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS" and "★ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PATHWAY FOR ALL 54 STATE ASSOCIATIONS".



WIN AND YOU'RE IN

EVERY STATE CUP WINNER ADVANCES TO NATIONALS

54 STATE CUP CHAMPS. 10 NATIONAL LEAGUE REPS. ONE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT.



SUPER GROUP



PREMIER GROUP



STATE CUP CHAMP



NATIONAL LEAGUE REP



GIRLS GROUPS

MURFREESBORO & SMYRNA
TENNESSEE

SUPER GROUP

EASTERN NEW YORK
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
FLORIDA
HAWAII
ILLINOIS
INDIANA
KANSAS
MARYLAND

MICHIGAN
MINNESOTA
MISSISSIPPI
MISSOURI
NEVADA
NEW JERSEY
NORTH CAROLINA
NORTH TEXAS

OHIO
SOUTH DAKOTA
SOUTH TEXAS
TENNESSEE
UTAH
WISCONSIN
10 NL REPS

PREMIER GROUP

ALABAMA
ALASKA
ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
CALIFORNIA NORTH
CALIFORNIA SOUTH
COLORADO
CONNECTICUT

DELAWARE
GEORGIA
IDAHO
IOWA
KENTUCKY
LOUISIANA
MAINE
MASSACHUSETTS

MONTANA
NEBRASKA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW MEXICO
NEW YORK WEST
NORTH DAKOTA
OKLAHOMA
OREGON

PENNSYLVANIA WEST
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More information on this year's USYS National events for NCS and PCup can be found at this [link](#).