

2023 US YOUTH SOCCER EASTERN PRESIDENTS CUP

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

JUNE 16 - 20TH



TEAM INFORMATION GUIDE



2023 Eastern Presidents Cup Team:

On behalf of US Youth Soccer, congratulations on qualifying for our 2023 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup! This is an incredible accomplishment towards your goal of advancing to the 2023 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup in Wichita, Kansas and competing for a National title.

We have been busy preparing for your arrival with our host, the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association, to help ensure a memorable experience for you in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Additionally, we are excited to celebrate our US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup 15th anniversary this year!

We have included a variety of information in this guide to help prepare you the trip to Valley Forge. In addition, please visit [USYouthSoccer.org](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org) for the latest event information. We will continue to update our website leading up to and throughout the event.

The final game schedules will be available upon completion of all state qualifying events on or around June 9th. The [preliminary game schedules](#) are currently available on our website. Please note that schedule change requests will not be honored, so please plan accordingly.

It is important that your team is registered for the event and your team's roster submitted for approval prior to the deadline provided by your State Association in the [GotSport platform](#).

In lieu of an in-person check-in, we will be hosting a webinar for team representatives on **Friday, June 9 at 7 PM EDT**. The call-in details for this webinar will be sent directly to teams as we get closer to the date. The webinar will be recorded and made available to all teams after the presentation.

Should you have any additional questions, your first point of contact will be your State Rep. We look forward to seeing you in Valley Forge!

Sincerely,

Shaun Fleming
US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup Program Manager

IMPORTANT TEAM INFORMATION

Any information in this document does not replace the need to be familiar with the “US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Competition Rules”, the “Policy on the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup”, and the “US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Competition Protocols”, all of which are available for download at the [US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup website](#).

MEMBERS PASSES AND BENCH PASS CREDENTIALS

Each player and team official listed on a team roster must possess a current seasonal year US Youth Soccer member pass with a recent face on, passport style photograph.

All member passes shall be laminated or machine produced credit card style. Teams without US Youth Soccer member passes shall not be allowed to participate in the Eastern Presidents Cup.

Bench Personnel are **limited a maximum of four (4) individuals** (this includes head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, club coaches, trainers and/or any other team officials) in the technical area during a match. Each individual must possess a valid US Youth Soccer member pass and wear the provided Bench Pass credential, visible at all times, while in the technical area.

US YOUTH SOCCER CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

The US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competition follows the US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocol. Please be advised that after a player receives a completed US Youth Soccer Concussion Form due to displaying signs and symptoms of a concussion, that player may not return to play until a signed clearance form from a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy who specializes in concussion treatment and management has been received. Please refer to the form, available at [USYouthSoccer.org](#), for more details.

The clearance must be on a document issued by the medical doctor's office stating that the player has been cleared to return to play and is clear of symptoms. The document must also be signed by the official.

If a player is cleared during the event, please notify your State Representative (if applicable) and bring the signed clearance to the event headquarters. If a player is cleared post-event, please contact the US Youth Soccer National Office at 972-334-9300.

NOTE: The Athletic Trainers contracted for this event are considered primarily and any team or club Athletic Trainers are secondary.

UNIFORMS

Each team must have two (2) uniform sets (one light color and one dark color) and 2 different color sock sets at **each match** during the competition.

- The home team (listed first in the schedule) is required to wear their light color jersey.
- The away team (listed second in the schedule) is required to wear their dark color jersey.
- Matching shorts are not required. The same color shorts can be utilized for both uniforms.
- Opposing teams are required to wear contrasting color socks.

If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a sock color conflict, the **home team** must change. If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a jersey color conflict, the **team causing the conflict** must change. The referee's decision is final. Any failure to comply may result in the team forfeiting the match.

Uniforms numbers must be a minimum of six (6) inches in size. Each field player must have a number permanently affixed to the back of their jersey which must be clearly visible. **Duplicate and/or taped numbers are not permitted.** Goalkeepers must wear colors that distinguish them from other players and referees. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional; however, are recommended.



UNIFORM LOGOS, MARKINGS & SPONSORS

At every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game or associated activity of the competitions may only have on the outerwear of the player or team official a name, logo, or other identifying mark of a youth soccer organization that is US Youth Soccer, a State Association or other member of US Youth Soccer, a member of a State Association, or an organization that is a member of an organization that is a member of a State Association. **A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to remain at the game site for the game or associated activity.**

If a team chooses to not remove a name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization, it must be completely covered by a **sewn on** patch. American flag patches are perfectly suited for this purpose. **Covering non-conforming patches or logos with tape will not be accepted.**

Per the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules Rule 304, Section 2: "A team member is not prohibited by US Youth Soccer from having a mark or name, or both, on any part of the team member's uniform being worn at a game if the mark or name is related to an item or service that is appropriate for youth." "Any inappropriate mark or name on a team member's uniform must be removed, replaced, or covered before the team member may continue to participate in the game."

Examples of inappropriate marks or names would be tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, etc. If there is any question about a logo, marking or sponsor, it is **strongly** suggested that you inquire well in advance of the start of the event in order to avoid an issue at the field.

Please note that these policies will be strictly enforced for participants at all levels of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions.

UNIFORM PATCHES

As teams advance through the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions, they may be presented with State Champion uniform patches. The State Champion patches are optional and not required to be worn for the Regional Presidents Cup competition. Before a team affixes any of these patches to their uniforms, be aware that teams that advance to the National Presidents Cup competition **must wear the National Presidents Cup patch** they will be provided, as outlined below. Although teams may utilize any other patches they were presented if they choose, it is suggested that teams leave sufficient space for the National Presidents Cup patch.

Important: **All team member uniforms must have each patch permanently affixed in the same location.**

Patches may be placed:

- On the right or left sleeve of the jersey, approximately 1" above the bottom edge of the sleeve with the patch facing outwards. For long sleeve jerseys, (for example a Goalkeeper jersey) place the patch in approximately the same spot as if it were a short sleeve jersey.
- On the right or left leg of the shorts, approximately 1" above the bottom edge of the hem with the patch facing forward.

These options are provided in order to avoid conflict with sponsor logos, player numbers, etc. However, as outlined above, **all uniforms must have each patch permanently affixed in the same location.**



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EVENT HOST

The Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association is honored to host the 2023 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Hosting this event at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and the Proving Grounds is a tremendous privilege for them. While in the area, please be sure to take advantage of the many wonderful restaurants and attractions. Above all, please enjoy your visit, and we wish your team the best of luck during your matches.

EVENT DATES

Thursday, June 15	Practice day if desired; times must be reserved in advance
Friday, June 16	Group Play Day 1
Saturday, June 17	Group Play Day 2
Sunday, June 18	Group Play Day 3
Monday, June 19	Semifinals
Tuesday, June 20	Finals

EVENT LOCATION

Group play for the 2023 Eastern Presidents Cup will be hosted at two (2) locations. Semifinal and Final matches will all be contested at The Proving Grounds fields.

[Plymouth Whitemarsh High School](#)

201 E Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

[The Proving Grounds](#)

725 Conshohocken Rd
Conshohocken, PA 19428

There are 5 grass fields and 2 turf field at the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and 8 turf fields at the Proving Grounds. Concessions are available at both complexes.

PRACTICE FIELDS

Practice fields will be available on Tuesday, June 13 at The Proving Grounds venue. Teams should contact The Proving Grounds directly to reserve practice times and determine costs. The phone number for the Proving Grounds is 610-828-9423.

TRAVEL

All travel to the competition is at your expense. Should teams choose to fly, the closest airport is the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL).

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

This is a stay-to-play event. Your State Association will contact qualifying teams and provide information on how to arrange for hotel accommodations. Please do not contact hotels directly or outside the process. Each team is required to book a minimum of 24 room-nights, through the approved housing coordinator. Please remember that all teams are required to stay at their assigned property.

SEVERE WEATHER

The Eastern Presidents Cup committee and staff will be constantly monitoring conditions and will follow any local requirements as well as all US Youth Soccer weather protocols. Additionally, the event will have its own SMS notification system. Watch for more details on how to sign-up.

TEAM REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

Team registration/check-in will be online, and there will not be an "in person" opportunity to do so. Any required documents must be uploaded into the GotSport system in advance of team arrival. Your State Association and State Representative will be able to assist and guide you through this process.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Athletic Trainers will be available for preventative taping services; however, all medical injuries will have priority. Players must provide their own tape.



HOSPITAL & URGENT CARE FACILITIES

If clearance is needed for a concussion or other medical situation, the addresses below are provided for your convenience.

- **Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)** 550 S. Goddard Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA 19406
- **Suburban Community Hospital** 2701 DeKalb Pike, Norristown, PA 19401
- **Einstein Medical Center** 559 West Germantown Pike, East Norriton, PA 19403
- **Chestnut Hill Hospital** 8835 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19118

OFFICIAL EVENT MERCHANDISE

We are proud to have [Team IP](#) as the official apparel provider of the 2023 Eastern Regional Presidents Cup. Be sure to pick up your t-shirts, hoodies and other apparel.

REFEREES

Just as teams earned the right to compete at the Eastern Region Presidents Cup, the referees have also earned their place, based on recommendations and accomplishments from within their state. At this competition, referees compete to earn the honor of attending the National Presidents Cup based on their performance. The referees are supported by senior referees and mentors who contribute to their development by guiding them in post-match reflections. Please refrain from criticizing the officials throughout the competition.

SPECTATORS

Parents and/or spectators who can reasonably be considered to be affiliated with a team are considered a part of that team, and the actions of those individuals are the responsibility of the credentialed team officials appearing on the roster.

No spectators are permitted anywhere behind the goal line during a match. The spectator area is located on the opposite side of the field from the technical/bench area. Spectators must remain in the half of the field directly across from their team's bench, subject to the following exception.

It is expected that respect for the game and players will prevail if a limited number of spectators wish to ***quietly*** observe the match in the far end of the opposing spectator section (for example, the Goalkeeper's parents). In the event of disruptive behavior by these spectators, a referee or tournament official may require them to return to their designated area and restrict any further sideline movement of spectators.

Technical instruction from any part of the spectator area, provocative or unsportsmanlike behavior by any spectator may result in 1) their removal from the complex or 2) clearing the sideline and removing all spectators from the match, either from one or both teams. Any spectators asked to leave by law enforcement, security, referee or any other event official must immediately depart the field area and remain out of sight and sound of the match until the teams have departed the field of play and are no longer the responsibility of the referee. Any individuals removed may not return to the field at the end of the match.

Whistles, air horns, megaphones, artificial noisemakers and/or similar devices are prohibited at all National Presidents Cup competitions. Air horns are for use solely by tournament officials to signal when fields must be cleared due to inclement or dangerous weather conditions.

HYDRATION

Water will be provided at team benches during the 2023 competition. Players and teams must supply their own containers; cups will not be available.



LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

The Valley Forge Tourism and Convention Board is excited to welcome you to the 2023 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Exciting and thrilling competition awaits. When you are off the field, unwind in your downtime. A world of adventures rich in American history awaits you. The region is home to not only must-see historical sites but also tons of family attractions, a vibrant arts scene, and shopping malls. Get the inside scoop on the best places to see and things to explore in [Valley Forge](#).

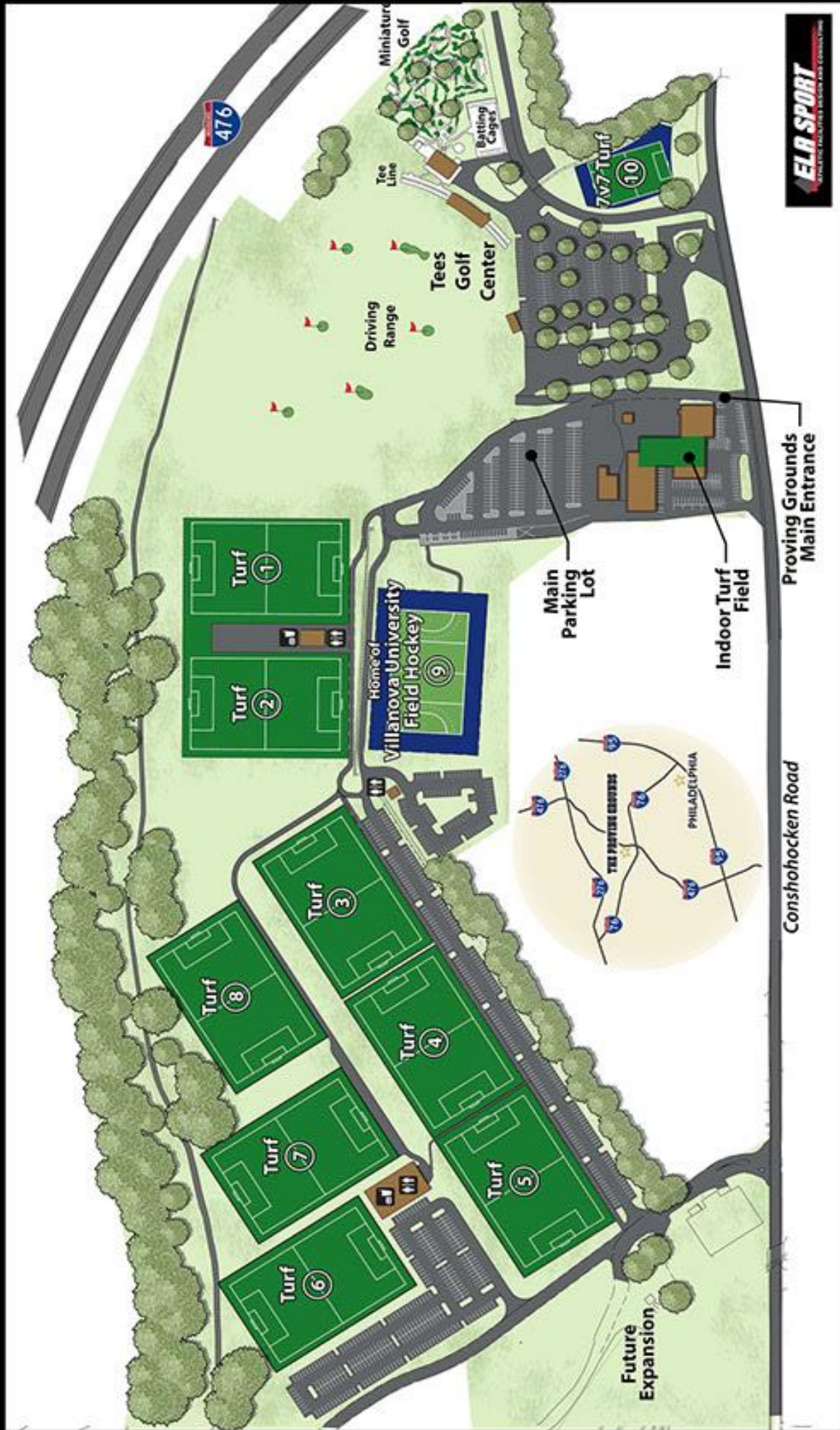
PARKING

No parking fee will be charged at the playing venues.



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610-828-9423

TheProvingGroundsPA.com



Information Call: 610.834.1670

Facilities Management Center
4118 Franklin Way
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

FLOURTOWN ROAD



SITE MAP KEY:

- SPORTS COMPLEX ACCESS POINTS (GERMANTOWN PIKE / FLOURTOWN ROAD)
 - SPORTS FIELD (8)
 - SPORTS STADIUM (1)
 - BASEBALL / SOFTBALL DIAMOND
 - TENNIS COURTS (8)
 - PARKING LOTS
 - EXISTING BUILDINGS
 - COMFORT STATIONS
- SPORTS STADIUM SEATING: 2,000 +**
- SITE PARKING TOTAL: 807**
- PLYMOUTH WHITEMARSH HIGH SCHOOL = 474
COLONIAL E.S. = 187
VICTORY FIELDS SITE = 146

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3 GAME PACKAGE
\$450 / team

We film your games and ALL games are delivered electronically within 72 hours of the event conclusion.

Please click the link and enter your team information, and we will contact you promptly.

For any teams interested in booking a team video package for the Eastern Presidents Cup please click on the link below. An Upper90HQ representative will call to confirm your booking and set up payment arrangements. Your team can purchase a 3-game video package for \$450 each team. Each team will get access to their games videos post event and will have unlimited downloads and access for all games.

When your team advances, we will provide game video for only \$100/game. Please contact us today to ensure we capture your games this Summer. Please click the link below and we will contact you promptly. See you on the pitch and Elevate Your Game with Upper90HQ.

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