

TEAM INFORMATION GUIDE

**2023 US YOUTH SOCCER
SOUTHERN PRESIDENTS CUP**

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

JUNE 14 - 18TH





2023 Southern Presidents Cup Team:

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

We have been busy preparing for your arrival with our host, the Carolina Elite Soccer Academy, to ensure a memorable experience for you in Greenville, South Carolina. Additionally, we are excited to celebrate the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup 15th anniversary this year!

There is an abundance of information in this guide to help you prepare your trip to Greenville. Additionally, please visit USYouthSoccer.org periodically for the latest event information. We will update the website leading up to and throughout the event.

The final game schedules will be available upon completion of all state qualifying events (on or about June 4th.) The [preliminary game schedules](#) are posted on the website. Please note that schedule change requests will not be honored, so please make travel arrangements 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 team check-in, we will host a webinar for State Reps, Team Managers and Coaches on Saturday, **June 10 at 10AM CDT/11AM EDT**. The call-in details for this webinar will be sent directly to State Reps, TMs and Coaches about a week prior to the webinar. The webinar will be recorded and made available to all teams after the presentation for reference.

Should you have any questions or concerns, your first point of contact is always your State Rep whose name and email are listed on our website.

We look forward to seeing you in Greenville!

Sincerely,

Paula Cangemi

US Youth Soccer Southern Presidents Cup Program Manager



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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 from 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 Southern Presidents Cup.

Bench Personnel are **limited to a maximum of four (4) individuals** (this includes head coaches, assistant coaches, team 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 around her/his neck, 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 once 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 has been received from a medical doctor or doctor of osteopath who specializes in concussion treatment and management. Please refer to the form, available at [USYouthSoccer.org](#), for more details.

The clearance document must be issued by the medical doctor's office stating that the player has been cleared to return to play and is clear of symptoms. The US Youth Soccer concussion form must also be signed by the medical doctor.

If a player is cleared during the event, please notify your State Representative (if applicable) and bring the signed clearance to Event Headquarters at the MESA soccer complex. 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 primary, 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, though highly 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 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 affix 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 sport 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 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 Carolina Elite Soccer Academy is honored to host the 2023 US Youth Soccer Southern Presidents Cup in Greenville, South Carolina. Hosting this event at the MESA Soccer Complex is a tremendous privilege for them and requires numerous volunteers. Please be sure to thank these people who are giving their time and talent to make your experience fabulous and memorable. While in the area, please be sure to take advantage of the many wonderful restaurants and attractions. Above all, enjoy your visit, and we wish your team the best of luck.

EVENT DATES

Tuesday, June 13	Practice Day if desired. See PRACTICE FIELDS section below for details
Wednesday, June 14	Group Play
Thursday, June 15	Group Play
Friday, June 16	Group Play
Saturday, June 17	Semifinals
Sunday, June 18	Finals

EVENT LOCATION

Matches for the 2023 Southern Presidents Cup will be hosted at:

[MeSA Soccer Complex](#)

**1020 Anderson Ridge Road
Greer, South Carolina 29651**

There are 19 fields (5 of which are turf) at the MESA Soccer Complex. Concessions will be available. Free Public Wi-Fi is available throughout the complex.

PRACTICE FIELDS

Practice fields will be available on Tuesday, June 13 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM in 60-minute time slots. A link to sign-up for practice fields will be posted on or about May 15 on the event website at USYouthSoccer.org

TRAVEL

All travel to the competition is at your expense. Should you choose to fly, the closest airports are the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) and the Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) in North Carolina.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

This is a stay-to-play event. Your State Association selects all team hotel accommodation per the event housing requirements. 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 the property their State Association assigned to them. All properties include free parking and free breakfast unless otherwise noted by your State Rep.

SEVERE WEATHER

The Southern Presidents Cup committee and staff will constantly monitor weather 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 by 12 noon EDT, Monday June 12th, 2023. Your State Association and State Rep 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 emergencies and injuries will take priority. **Players must provide their own tape.**



HOSPITAL & URGENT CARE FACILITIES

If medical clearance is needed for a concussion or other situation, the following information is provided for your convenience.

- **Bon Secours St. Francis Eastside ER** 125 Commonwealth Dr. Greenville, SC 29615
- **Bon Secours St. Francis Emergency Center at Simpsonville** 3970 Grandview Dr. Simpsonville, SC 29680
- **Bon Secours St. Francis Downtown ER** 1 St. Francis Dr. Greenville, SC 29601
- **Bon Secours AFC Urgent Care-Pelham Rd** 2709 Pelham Rd. Unit B Greenville, SC 296
- **Bon Secours AFC Urgent Care-Woodruff Rd** 1467 Woodruff Rd. Unit C Greenville, SC 29607
- **Bon Secours AFC Urgent Care-Simpsonville** 3930 Grandview Dr. Unit B Simpsonville, SC 29680
- **Bon Secours AFC Urgent Care-Haywood Rd** 649A Haywood Rd. Greenville, SC 29607

OFFICIAL EVENT MERCHANDISE

We are proud to have [Team IP](#) as the official apparel provider of the 2023 Southern 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 Southern Region Presidents Cup, the referees have also earned their place, based on recommendations and accomplishments from within their home state. At this competition, referees compete to earn the honor of officiating at 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 consultations. 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 at 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 not be provided at team benches during the 2023 competition. Hydration Stations will be set up at each Medical Tent. Players and teams are required to clean up the bench area after their match.



LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

[Visit Greenville](#) is excited to welcome you to the 2023 US Youth Soccer Southern Presidents Cup in Greenville, South Carolina. Exciting and thrilling competition awaits. When you are off the field, unwind in your downtime. From one-of-a-kind shops, boutiques and art galleries to museums, tours and outdoor activities, Greenville is a welcoming retreat for visitors of every age and explorers of every type. Get the inside scoop on the best places to see and things to explore by checking out the website [Visit Greenville](#).

PARKING

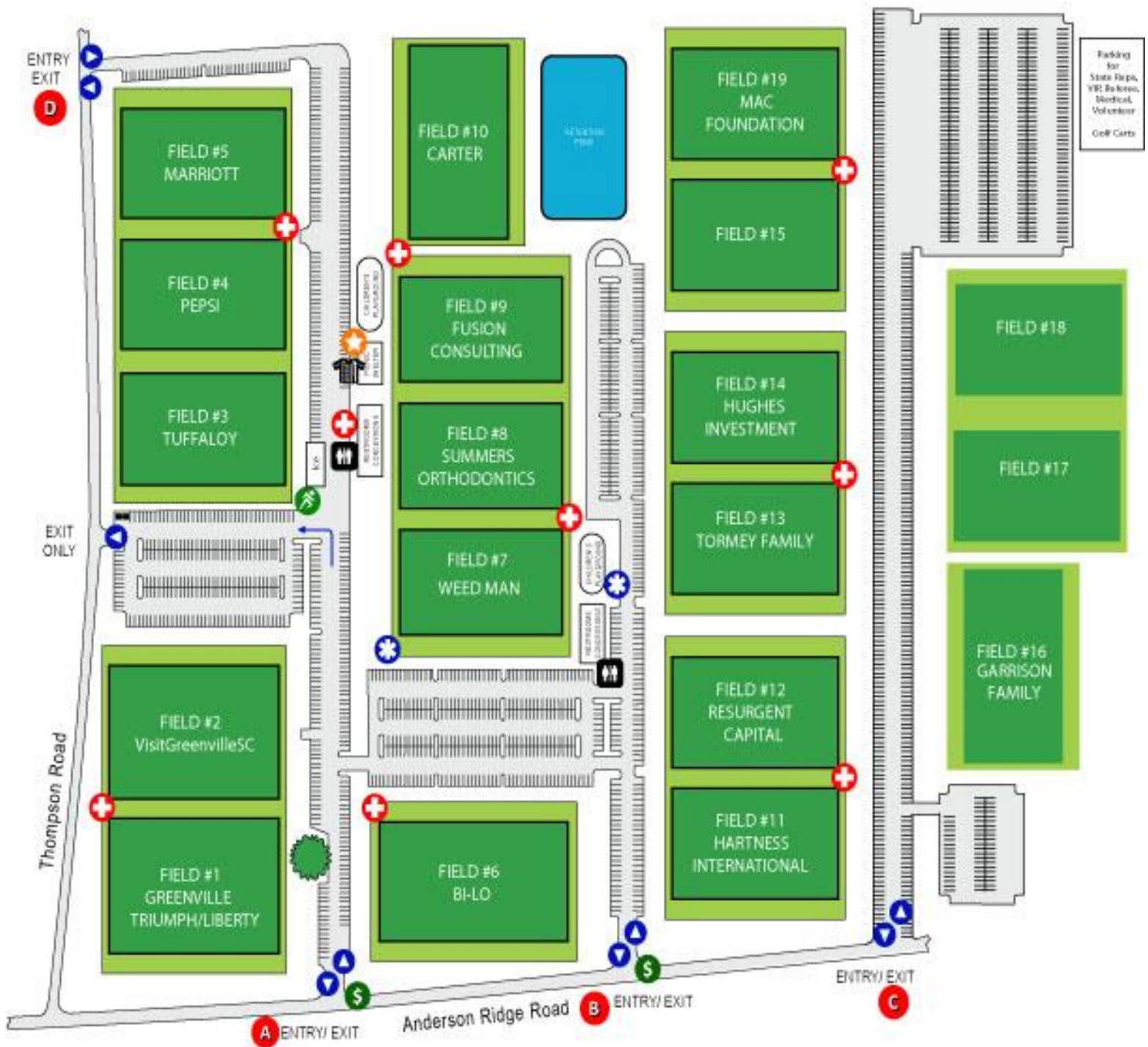
There is a fee to park at the MeSA Soccer Complex. No overnight parking is allowed. A link to pre-order parking passes will be posted on our website as well as emailed to State Reps in late April. They will forward to all Team Managers. It is ***strongly suggested*** that teams pre-order parking passes to save money and avoid traffic backups entering the MESA Complex on match days. The deadline to pre-order is 7pm EDT on Friday Jun 2nd

- Event Pass valid for all five (5) days: \$25 per automobile and \$50 per bus.
- Daily parking: \$15 per automobile and \$30 per bus.



MeSA Soccer Complex

1020 Anderson Ridge Road • Greer, SC 29651



Entrance for Field Parking

- A Fields 1, 2, 3, 6
- C Fields 11 - 19
- B Fields 6, 7, 8, 9
- D Fields 4, 5, 10

- Field Marshalls
- EMS
- Player Taping

- Medical
- Restrooms
- Referees

- Purchase Parking Pass



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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 Presidents Cup Regionals 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.

Booking Link: shorturl.at/uCEP5



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