



KANSAS STATE YOUTH SOCCER

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State Tournament Double Blind Draw Procedures

Positioning of Teams

The immediately preceding year State Tournament Champion, Finalist and Semi-Finalists (if applicable) will be considered an "**Top Position Teams**" and will be slotted in positions 1 – 4 in each age group. (*Section XXII Part a.*) The number of Top Position Teams will be based on the entries in the current state tournament as well as the immediately preceding year state tournament.

| Previous Years Team Entries | Top Position Teams Awarded |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Three to Five (3 – 5) | #1 & #2 Positions Awarded |
| Ten & Above (10 +) | #1 – #4 Positions Awarded |

Should the immediately preceding year state tournament event be cancelled, or no teams applied within an age group, then for the current state tournament event a Double Blind Draw will be used to determine all group positions following all other state tournament events rules & procedures.

Top Position Team Criteria:

- i. At the time of First Roster Freeze Date at least 51% or greater of the teams rostered players must have been on the immediately preceding year state tournament roster.
- ii. The team is affiliated with the same member club as they were the immediately preceding year state tournament event.
- iii. The semi-finalists will be ranked (3rd & 4th Position) based off group play performances and semifinal performance and will follow tiebreaker procedures if necessary.

Teams Participating in the US Youth Soccer National League Playoffs or Midwest Conference in Premier I or Premier II as a Kansas representative **SHALL NOT** be entered into a Qualifying Game (Play In Game) should one be necessary. (*Section XXIII. Part C.*)

Teams that are playing in an age group above their natural age group **SHALL** be the first teams entered into a Qualifying Game, should one be necessary. (*Section XXIII Part D.*)

Who is in the Qualifying Games?

For age groups where there are an odd number of entries of 5 teams and above, qualifying games will be hosted by KSUSA to determine the team who will advance to group play. Teams that lose the Qualifying Game will be refunded a prorated portion of their entry fee.

Qualifying games will be scheduled at a set date and time by KSUSA for participating teams. If teams agree on an earlier or different date & time, all costs will be covered by the teams. If teams from different areas of the state are drawn to play each other in a Qualifying game, teams may work to find a location that is mutually agreed upon for both team's travel plans.

A double-blind draw will determine who will be placed in the Qualifying Game following all state tournament rules and procedures as listed under the Group Seed Allocations section.



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Grouping Allocations

The groupings will be populated given the following:

1. Top Position Teams will be determined and placed appropriately in each division first (ie. Champion, Finalist and Semi Finalists). This will be determined before the draw for the age division.
2. **Grouping 1:** The teams representing Kansas participating in US Youth Soccer National League Playoffs or Midwest Conference Premier I or Premier II **SHALL NOT** be entered into Qualifying Game (if bracket allows for it). If drawn a position that is a Qualifying Game position, then that team's position will be redrawn until this requirement is met. If no teams meet the Grouping 1 requirement, then proceed to the next grouping.
3. **Grouping 2:** The team(s) that are playing in an age group above their natural age group **SHALL** be the first teams entered into a Qualifying Game, should one be necessary. If there are 3 or more teams in a given age group playing up, a separate double-blind draw amongst these teams only will take place to determine the lowest positions and the qualifying game.
4. **Grouping 3:** All remain teams that don't meet the Top Position Teams, Grouping 1 or Grouping 2 requirements within an age division, will then proceed to the double blind draw to determine the teams group position.
 - a. Double Blind Draw Procedure
 - i. All remain teams will be placed in Grouping 3 to be drawn at random.
 - ii. Once all teams and positions have been placed and meeting the rule requirements then the draw is over for that age division.

Order of Draw:

- Will start with the youngest age division that needs to have a draw in each tournament and increase to max age division.

Questions on The Draw?

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