# North Carolina Youth Soccer Association

Director Tournaments and Travel Mid- Year Meeting Report June 8, 2024



The past three months have been extremely busy for the Tournaments and Travel group. We have completed the state portions of USYS NCS (National Championships Series) and Kepner Cup (USYS Presidents Cup) and are preparing the qualifying teams for Southern Regionals Competitions.

Spring NCS State Cup was held over 3 weekends at 2 venues -

- J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex in Wilson 04/04 04/05 OrthoCarolina Sportsplex in Charlotte 05/11 – 05/12
- J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex in Wilson (Final Four) 05/18 05/19

The NC USYS State Champions will move on the Southern Regionals in Tampa, FL. NCYS has 16 teams heading to Tampa/Auburndale for Southern Regionals round play from 06/21 – 06/27. Southern Regionals winners will then progress to National Championships in Orlando, FL 07/23 – 07/28.

## Teams heading to Florida are -

13U Girls CVFC Arsenal	13U Boys CVFC Leeds
14U Girls CVFC Bayern	14U Boys CVYSA Blast Blue
15U Girls NCFC Elite	15U Boys CVYSA Blast Blue
16U Girls NCFC Elite	16U Boys NCF HPJ Gold
17U Girls NCFC Elite	17U Boys WFC Blue
18U Girls NCFC Elite	18U Boys PTFC Triad Premier
19U Girls NCFC Elite	19U Boys PGSA Stars

NL Qualifying Teams 15U Boys NCRT Blue and 18U Boys WFC Boca

Kepner Presidents Cup was held over 4 weekends at 5 venues -

North Rec Complex in Greenville 04/27 – 04/28 Jordan Soccer Complex in Fayetteville 04/27 – 04/28 John B. Lewis Soccer Complex in Asheville 05/04 – 05/05 Rocky Mount Sports Complex in Rocky Mount 05/04 – 05/05 Bryan Multi Sports Complex in Goldsboro 05/11 – 05/12

J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex in Wilson (Final Four) 05/18 - 05/19

The Kepner Presidents Cup Champions will now move on to Regionals play in Plano, TX. NCYS has 12 teams heading to Plano for Regionals round play from 06/14 - 06/18. Southern Regional Presidents Cup winners will then progress to National Presidents Cup in Wichita, KS 07/12 - 07/16.

## Teams heading to Texas are: -

13U Girls CSA n/Hville Roma Elite 13U Boys CVYSA Blast Blue 14U Girls NCFCY White North 14U Boys SSYSA Stokes Storm

15U Girls SASL Fury15U Boys TUSA Bull City16U Girls CSA North/Hville King16U Boys NCFCY Gold South17U NCFCY White North17U Boys NCFCY White North

17U Girls PYSA Storm – Wild Card 18U Boys NCRT Blue

An enormous amount of work went into the successful completion of State Competition. Colby Morton is to be especially commended for her splendid work. Thanks also to the Kathy and the rest of her staff for their support throughout. The venues were wonderful, and their paid staff and volunteers are amazing. NCYS is incredibly lucky to have access to such great facilities.

Many thanks to -

Kevin Broadley, Richard Frazier and Boxley Llewellyn who served as Tournament D&A, they did a great job of handling red card decisions.

Larry Taylor and Jeff Thomas who served on the Tournament Committee with me, we had some interesting issues arise and both Larry and Jeff were of major help in sorting through them.

Colby Morton, Keri Jones, Richard Frazier, Boxley Llewellyn, Larry Taylor and Bryan Bachelder who all served as venue staff over the course of both tournaments.

Lisa Nellis who has the arduous task of ensuring that all our teams' rosters are good and properly entered so that our teams can compete in their next round of competition.

Colby, Jeff, Larry and I will be heading to both Plano and then on to Tampa along with Keri and Richard to support and Rep for NC teams. We hope to bring back several Regional Champions!

## **NCYSA Tournament Sanctioning**

Approvals for tournaments August 2023 – May 2024 = 53 Approvals for tournaments August 2024 - May 2025 - 22 + 1 pending

#### **Teams approved for Notification to Travel:**

Out of State USYS Sanctioned Tournaments - 1150
Out of State League play - 33
Out of State Friendly matches - 38
Non-USYS Sanctioned Tournaments - 246
International Travel - 6 teams and 5 individual players guest playing with team

Thanks to Lyn Halstead for her work handling Tournaments and Travel applications.

Respectfully submitted – Susanne Conlon

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