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ABOUT

USL Youth is a driving force for American soccer's greatest energy: its youth players. It is dedicated to elevating the youth player experience in the United States by inspiring, educating, and engaging the American "soccer generation."

Evolving from the historic Super Y League, USL Youth provides alignment between the USL's youth initiatives and the full USL ecosystem's youth-to-pro pathway. It focuses on building and engaging a vibrant youth soccer community through events, content, and experiences, providing an integral step in the soccer journey of players, coaches, clubs, and families.

USL Youth aims to meet you where you are on your soccer journey and support why you do it.

Presenting partner Electrolit, the official hydration partner of the USL, will be supporting players and fans with premium hydration and activations throughout the tournament. The Electrolit USL Youth Finals will begin on Thursday, December 11th, with three days of group stage play, followed by the Championship matches on Monday, December 15th. Over 150 boys' and girls' teams will compete for the national title across the U11 to U19 age groups.. As the country's longest-running national youth league, USL Youth is a unique opportunity for boys and girls ages 9-19 to face off against top players from both their region and across the nation during the finals.

USL Youth Finals is an Olympic Development Program (ODP) approved by the United States Olympic Committee and the U.S. Soccer Federation.



USL PATHWAY

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MEN'S

WOMEN'S

PROFESSIONAL	 DIVISION ONE KICKS OFF 2028 DIVISION 1	
	 USL CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 2	 GAINBRIDGE SUPER LEAGUE USL S DIVISION 1
	 USL LEAGUE ONE DIVISION 3	
PRE-PROFESSIONAL	 USL LEAGUE TWO	 USL W LEAGUE
	 USL ACADEMY	
YOUTH	 USL YOUTH	



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EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC 11

8 AM - 7 PM | GROUP PLAY

FRIDAY, DEC 12

8 AM - 7 PM | GROUP PLAY

SATURDAY, DEC 13

8 AM - 7 PM | GROUP PLAY

SUNDAY, DEC 14

8 AM - 1 PM | SEMI-FINALS

8 AM | U17/19 GIRLS FINAL

10:15 AM | U16 GIRLS FINAL

MONDAY, DEC 15

8 AM - 2 PM | CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS



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Safeguarding 101's

The United Soccer League (“USL”) is committed to the safety of its athletes and participants. The Safeguarding Department ensures that soccer is a safe, positive, and inclusive experience for the thousands of individuals who regularly engage in soccer activity and attend events throughout the USL Ecosystem. The USL firmly believes that Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone within the Ecosystem.

What does Safeguarding Cover?

- Report if you suspect **Emotional Misconduct/Abuse** (i.e. Yelling or Threatening Players/Referees/Coaches - Cursing/Calling Players/Referees/Staff Obscene Names, Foul/Obscene Gestures)
- Report if you suspect **Physical Misconduct/Abuse** (i.e. Physical Intimidation, Unsolicited Physical Touch, Destruction of Property)
- Report if you suspect **Sexual Misconduct/Abuse** (i.e. Sexual Innuendo, Viewing or Engaging to Unsolicited Sexual Behavior)

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BOYS GROUPS

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U11 BOYS GROUPS

GROUP A

CHICAGO INFERNO

VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT
ACADEMY (1)

EAST MEADOW SC (2)

BETHESDA SC (1)

GROUP B

CLEVELAND FORCE SC (1)

INTER CONNECTICUT FC

NOVA MAJESTICS MCLEAN
(1)

EVOLUTION SC

GROUP C

EAST MEADOW SC (1)

ARLINGTON SA PREMIER

BLOOMINGDALE
LIGHTNING FC

OAK BROOK FC

U12 BOYS GROUPS

GROUP A

EVOLUTION SC (2)

LIJSL ACADEMY (2)

FC MOTOWN STA

MARYLAND UNITED FC (1)

GROUP B

LOUDON SC

KEARNY THISTLE UNITED

CHICAGO INFERNO

BLOOMINGDALE
LIGHTNING FC (2)

GROUP C

LIJSL ACADEMY (1)

VADAR SC (2)

CLEVELAND FORCE SC

TEXOMA FC

GROUP D

CHRISTOS FC (1)

INDY ELEVEN NORTH

EAST MEADOW SC (3)

AC CONNECTICUT

U13 BOYS GROUPS

GROUP A

MARYLAND UNITED FC (1)

COLUMBUS FORCE

BLOOMINGDALE
LIGHTNING FC

LONG ISLAND ROUGH
RIDERS (1)

GROUP B

KERNOW STORM (1)

ALEXANDRIA SA

CHICAGO INFERNO

CHICAGOLAND UNITED
SC (1)

GROUP C

WESTCHESTER FLAMES

CHICAGOLAND UNITED
SC (2)

INDY ELEVEN NORTH

VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT
ACADEMY (1)

GROUP D

ARLINGTON SA ELITE

CHRISTOS FC (1)

EVOLUTION SC

CEDAR STARS HV

U14 BOYS GROUPS

GROUP A

VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT
ACADEMY (1)

AC CONNECTICUT

PORTAGE SOCCER CLUB

KERNOW STORM FC

GROUP B

LONG ISLAND ROUGH
RIDERS (1)

WEST SIDE ALLIANCE SC

BLOOMINGDALE
LIGHTNING FC (1)

CHRISTOS FC (1)

GROUP C

INDY ELEVEN NORTH

MARYLAND UNITED FC (1)

FC MOTOWN STA

TOLEDO VILLA FC



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BOYS GROUPS

U15 BOYS GROUPS

GROUP A

CHICAGO CITY SC (2)

CHRISTOS FC

AC CONNECTICUT

COLUMBUS FORCE

GROUP B

FC MOTOWN STA

GREAT FALLS RESTON

EAST MEADOW SC

PINELLAS COUNTY UNITED SC

U16 BOYS GROUPS

GROUP A

CHRISTOS FC

DME ACADEMY - SARASOTA

BLOOMINGDALE LIGHTNING FC (2)

CEDAR STARS HV

GROUP B

INTER CONNECTICUT FC

BLOOMINGDALE LIGHTNING FC

NOVA MAJESTICS MCLEAN

MIDLAND SC

GROUP C

MARYLAND UNITED FC (1)

UPPER 90 FC

ARLINGTON SA ELITE

CEDAR STARS HV

U17 BOYS GROUPS

GROUP A

MIDWEST UNITED FC SCOR

UNION COUNTY FC

BLOOMINGDALE LIGHTNING FC

NEW YORK BRAVEHEART SC

GROUP B

BROOKLYN ITALIANS SC

CEDAR STARS HV

UNION SC

OAK BROOK FC

U18/19 BOYS GROUPS

GROUP A

ISTRIA SC (1)

BLOOMINGDALE LIGHTNING FC

UNION SC (1)

KERNOW STORM FC (1)

GROUP B

EVOLUTION SC

CHRISTOS FC (1)

WEST SIDE ALLIANCE SC

UNION SC (2)



GIRLS GROUPS

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U11 GIRLS GROUPS

GROUP A

LIVERPOOL FC CENTRAL (2)

OAK BROOK FC

ARLINGTON SA ELITE

AC CONNECTICUT

GROUP B

TEAM CHICAGO SC

VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT
ACADEMY (1)

IRONBOUND SC

NOVA MAJESTICS
MCLEAN (1)

U12 GIRLS GROUPS

GROUP A

MARYLAND UNITED FC (1)

UPPER 90 FC

CHICAGO CITY SC (2)

NOVA MAJESTICS
MCLEAN (1)

GROUP B

LOUDON SC

CLEVELAND FORCE SC

LONG ISLAND ROUGH
RIDERS (1)

MIDWEST UNITED FC ROYAL

GROUP C

LIVERPOOL FC CENTRAL (1)

MARYLAND UNITED FC (1)

UNION COUNTY FC

MIDWEST UNITED FC ROYAL

GROUP C

RUSH UNION WISCONSIN

PAISLEY ATHLETIC FC

MICHIGAN RANGERS

VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT
ACADEMY (1)

U13 GIRLS GROUPS

GROUP A

VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT
ACADEMY (1)

MIDWEST UNITED FC ROYAL

NOVA MAJESTICS MCLEAN

CLEVELAND FORCE SC

GROUP B

EAST MEADOW SC (1)

CHRISTOS FC (1)

OAK BROOK FC (2)

NATIONALS (2)

GROUP C

IRONBOUND SC

PORTAGE SOCCER CLUB

MILWAUKEE TORRENT

MARYLAND UNITED FC

U14 GIRLS GROUPS

GROUP A

RUSH UNION WISCONSIN

LONG ISLAND ROUGH
RIDERS (2)

NOVA MAJESTICS MCLEAN

COMMACK SOCCER

GROUP B

CLEVELAND FORCE SC

INTER CONNECTICUT FC

MARYLAND UNITED FC

GREAT FALLS RESTON (2)

ARLINGTON SA ELITE

FORCE FC LC



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GIRLS GROUPS

U15 GIRLS GROUPS

GROUP A

PORTAGE SC

IRONBOUND SC

LIJSL ACADEMY

DBSS

MARYLAND UNITED FC (2)

U16 GIRLS GROUPS

GROUP A

LIVERPOOL FC CENTRAL

HUDSON VALLEY HAMMERS
NORTH

GREAT FALLS RESTON

TBAYS

U17/19 GIRLS GROUPS

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COMPETITION POLICIES

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

- The designated HOME team shall wear light colored uniforms. The designated AWAY team shall wear dark colored uniforms. Teams are required to bring both sets of uniforms to all games.
- If there is a conflict between the uniforms provided, the home team is responsible for changing their jerseys.
- The home team is listed 1st on the schedule, and the visiting team is listed 2nd.
- It will be the referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment including the wearing of a brace. Casts are allowed if a note is provided by the doctor clearing the player to play. Non-resilient foam should be wrapped around the cast, and then covered by an ace bandage. Please check with the officials prior to the game!

GAME LENGTH

Age	Game Length	Half Time Length
U11	2 x 30 Minutes	10 Minutes
U12	2 x 30 Minutes	10 Minutes
U13	2 x 35 Minutes	10 Minutes
U14	2 x 35 Minutes	10 Minutes
U15	2 x 35 Minutes	10 Minutes
U16	2 x 35 Minutes	10 Minutes
U17	2 x 40 Minutes	10 Minutes
U18/19	2 x 40 Minutes	10 Minutes

BENCH AREA

- U13-U18/19 - Inside the designated bench area, only the (18) players participating in the game, along with two non-playing personnel are allowed. **The (2) non-playing personnel (coaches & Team managers) must be listed on roster in MOD 11 and have the proper credential, otherwise they will be asked to leave.**
- U11-U12 - Inside the designated bench area, only the (16) players participating in the game, along with two non-playing personnel are allowed. **The (2) non-playing personnel (coaches & Team managers) must be listed on the roster in MOD 11 and have the proper credential, otherwise they will be asked to leave.**
- Any other team personnel or players shall remain on the spectator sidelines.



COMPETITION POLICIES

EJECTIONS

- Any player/coach that is sent off in a match is required to be escorted from the field. A USL Youth Staff Member will escort the player or coach from the sidelines to outside of the designated field area and taken to the Player's Village.
- **Players serving a suspension are permitted to be on the bench in street clothes if they do not exceed the 18-player limit. If a suspended player/coach participates in a match in which they are suspended, their team is to forfeit that match.**
- **Suspended coaches are not allowed to be on the sidelines for the following match. They are only allowed to communicate with their team pre- and post-game outside of the Hillsborough Tournament Sports Complex. They cannot be in close proximity of the playing field during warm up, the duration of the match, and during half time of the match. This includes any written, verbal, or electronic communication to players or staff members. Failure to abide by these rules will result in forfeiture of the match.**
- For this event, "close proximity" will be defined as two (2) tournament regulated soccer fields or more from the location of the match that the coach is serving his or her suspension.

COACH ATTIRE

Coaches must be dressed appropriately. No flip flops or bare feet.

WEATHER

- In the event of any inclement weather that could delay or postpone a game, USL Youth staff will inform all participants and coaches to immediately evacuate the field and take shelter in an appropriate area.
- Updates regarding delays, reschedules and any other important info will be made via email, social media and on the [League Website](#).

COMPETITION POLICIES

PRE-GAME PROCEDURES

- Each team will be checked in by the referee crew via MOD 11 before each game. Games will not kick off until this process is completed. If there are any issues the officials or coaching staff should notify the field marshal.
- If there is a player that shows up after kickoff, they must be checked-in by an USL Youth Staff member before entering the field of play. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit.
- Each team will be allotted a minimum of 20 minutes to warm-up on the game fields, **if available.**
- Teams should return all USL Youth warm up gear (balls, pennies, and cones) to the field marshal prior to the start of the match.

POST-GAME PROCEDURES

- Manager/coach of both teams will ensure their respective sideline areas are clean and that all trash is in containers.
- Teams need to make sure all USL Youth warm up gear (balls, pennies, and cones) and game balls are returned to the field marshal prior to leaving the field.
- A completed game report will be submitted to the tournament staff via MOD 11, complete with scores and a supplemental report for send offs, injuries or special circumstances that need explanation by the officials or field marshal.

SUBSTITUTIONS

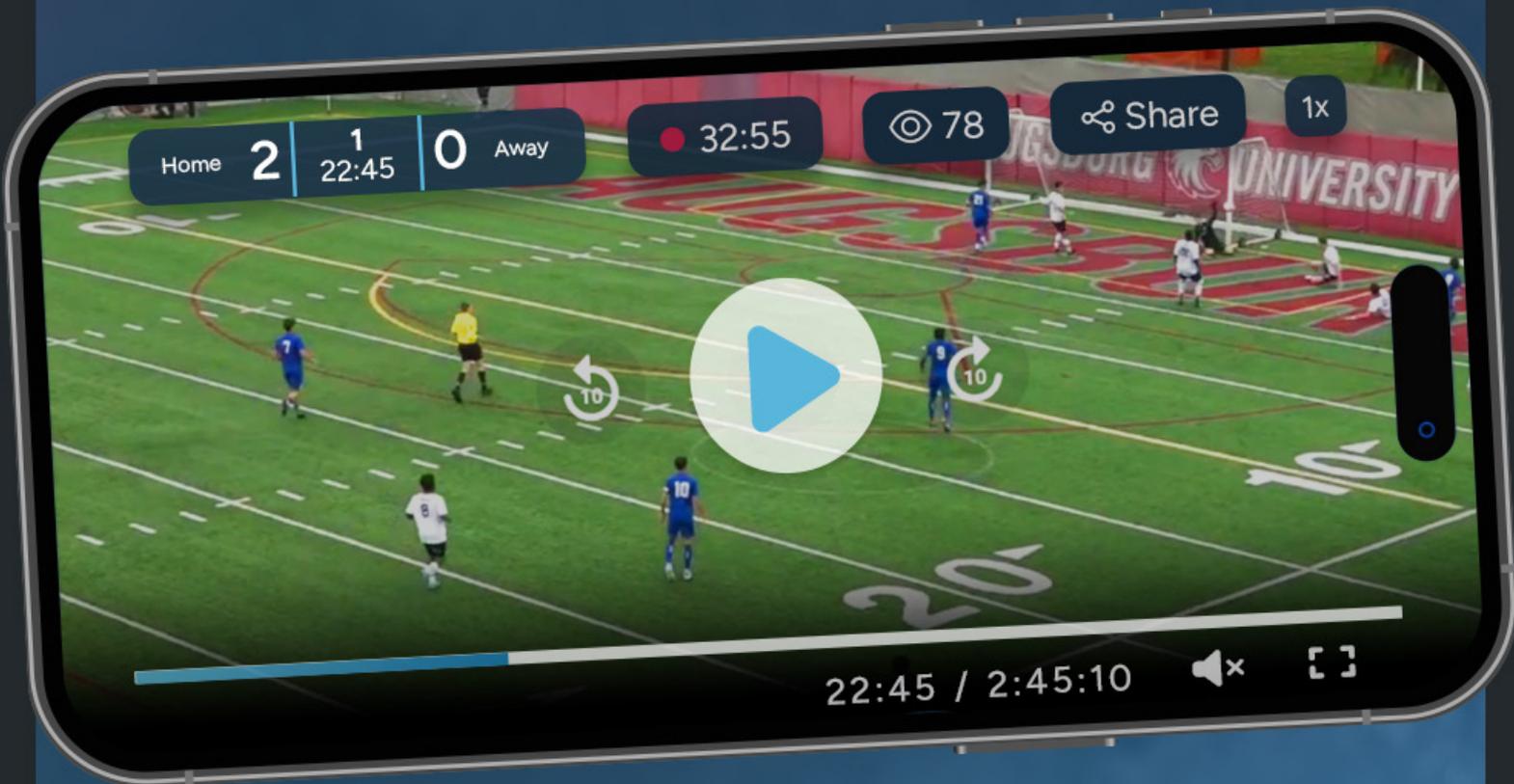
For all age groups unlimited substitutions are permitted throughout regulation and overtime play.

- Substitutes must wait at half field before entering the field of play.
- He or she must state to the referee what number he or she is replacing.
- The player may not enter the field without the permission of the referee.
- A team may have no more than (16) players for U11-U12 and (18) players for U13-U18/19 eligible for games.

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The Boys U18/19 & Girls U17/19 championship games are streaming on **sportsengine** [play](#)



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COMPETITION POLICIES

OVERTIME/PENALTY KICKS

- Overtime will be used in the semi-final and final matches only.
- If a match continues into overtime, the overtime period must start with the players that completed the second half of the match.
- Overtime will consist of two (2), ten (10) minute overtime periods.
 - * **No Golden Goal or sudden death.**
- Penalty kicks (best of 5) will determine the winner if the match remains tied at the completion of overtime. If tied after the 5 penalties from each team, then there will be sudden death penalty kicks.
- Only the players who finished the overtime period can take a penalty kick.

SCORING

Win is 3 points, Tie is 1 point, Loss is 0 points

TIE-BREAKERS

- If two or more teams tie with the same number of points, the following tiebreakers will be used:
 1. Head-to-Head
 2. Total Wins
 3. Goal Differential
 4. Goals Scored
 5. FIFA Fair Play
 6. FIFA Kicks from the mark
- The Goal Differential Rule shall be put into effect if the winning team has a score differential of seven or more goals. The differential will be capped at seven goals. In the final standings the goal differential will be capped at seven goals per game for all games.
- Example: a 10-0 win will result in a 7-0 win on the standings.

COMPETITION POLICIES

SEEDING & KNOCKOUT INFO

- **One-Group Division (U16 Girls and U17/19 Girls)** - Teams will play each team in their group once. The top two teams in the group will play each other the final. There will be no semi-final or 3rd place game for teams that are in this group set up.
- **Two-Group Divisions (U16 Girls, U17 Boys, U18/19 Boys)** - The first and second placed teams in each group will advance to the knockout stages. For each division, the winner of Group A will play the runner-up from Group B, and the winner of Group B will play the runner-up from Group A.
- **Three-Group Divisions (U11 Boys, U11 Girls, U12 Girls, U13 Girls, U14 Boys, U15 Boys)** - The first placed team from each group will automatically advance to the knockout rounds. The runner-up with the most points from group play will also advance (see tiebreakers below if teams are tied on points). The three group winners will receive the top three seeds in knockout play, with the best runner-up automatically receiving the #4 seed (even if they finish with more points than one of the group winners). Additional tiebreakers will be applied as necessary in seeding.
- **Four-Group Divisions (U12 Boys and U13 Boys)** - The first placed team from each group will advance to the knockout rounds. Teams will be seeded #1 to #4 based on total points obtained in group play. Additional tiebreakers will be applied as necessary.
- **Two-Group Four & Six-Team Division (U14 Girls)** - Group A will have 4 teams with everyone playing each other once during group play. Group B will be a 6-team group with everyone playing 3 group stage games. These matchups will be based on competition level from the regular season. This group will stay in Semi-Final & Final format consisting of Winner of Group A, Top 2 teams from Group B, & next best team based on points from either group. All ties will be broken using the tiebreakers cited in the Operations Manual and Competition Structure for the event.
- **One-Group, Five-Team Division (U15 Girls)** - Each team is guaranteed 4 games total in this group. Teams will play every team in the group once and the winner of the group after all teams have played all 4 of their matches, will win the National Championship. A win will be three (3) points, a tie one (1) point, and a loss zero (0) points. All ties will be broken using the tiebreakers cited in the Operations Manual and Competition Structure for the event.
- **Two-Group Three-Team Division (U15 Girls)** - Each team will play two (2) group matches and one (1) cross group match (Group A v Group B). The cross-play match will be selected to ensure teams are playing a different opponent that they did not play during the regular

COMPETITION POLICIES

FORFEITS

- A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team for U11-U12.
- A minimum of nine (9) players constitutes a team for U13-U19.
- Games should start at given starting times. In case the team does not have the minimum number of players present, it should be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes grace period, before awarding the game to the opponent. At that time, the Tournament Director may extend the wait time based on unforeseen circumstances or make the decision to declare a forfeit and award the victory to the other team.
- Playing an illegal/suspended/ineligible player will result in a forfeit. A forfeit will be scored 3-0.
- An abandoned game is recorded as a forfeit and will be scored 3-0.

CAUTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

- Three (3) yellow cards to an individual player during group play will result in a one game suspension.
- Two cautions followed by red will result in player suspension for the remainder of the match as well as for the following match.
- The league staff will review straight send offs. Pending the reason for the send-off, a player shall serve the minimum of a one game suspension. In the event of serious foul play, violent conduct, referee assault or referee abuse, a player/coach may be suspended for more than one match by the league.
- Yellow cards are erased after group play and players start clean in the next round. Should a player receive his/her third yellow card on the last game of group play and advance to the next round, the player will have to serve the suspension on the next game.

PROTEST AND DISPUTES

- There will be NO PROTESTS. Decisions by referees may not be appealed. All disputes will be resolved immediately by the Site Director. These decisions will be final.
- **Abusive language towards officials and league staff will not be tolerated and will result in a fine, suspension and/or removal from the facility for any club staff members, players, or parents that violate this rule.**

COMPETITION POLICIES

SPECTATORS

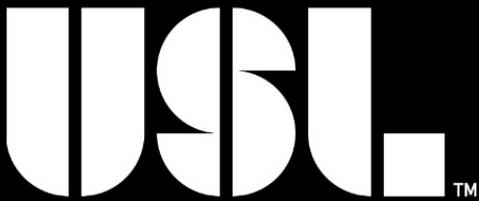
- Area for spectators will include the opposite sideline from the teams.
- No spectators will be allowed on the same side as the team benches, end lines or behind the goals.
- Spectators should be aware of the officials on their sideline and should not be in a position that will affect the official from doing their job. Spectators are required to stay behind the respect line for the duration of the match. Failure to abide by these rules will result in being removed from the match.
- Coaches & Team managers are responsible for the actions of their fans.
- Coaches will be subject to receive a yellow or red card if they are not able to control their sidelines. This includes the bench area and the spectator sideline.

HEAD INJURY PROTOCOL

- Should any player be suspected of sustaining a head injury they must be immediately removed from the match and seen by appropriate medical staff on-site.
- Only properly trained medical staff can clear a player to resume play

All other rules will follow the 2025 Operations Manual

Should any USL Youth team drop out of the tournament, any replacement team added to the group will be treated as any other USL Youth team at Finals. All points, goals and other statistics will count towards the group standings. Any team added as a replacement will be able to advance out of the group to the knockout stages.



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