



2023-24 State Cup Seeding



The point system below integrating league and cup play within the USYS structure based on the previous season results will be used to seed teams into brackets for the 14-19U age groups. 13U age group seeding will be based on the USYS League structure results from the current season with status on January 10, 2024, for Open Cup and March 6, 2024, for Group Play.

Point System By USYS/FYSA Competition				
Sunshine Conference	1 st Place: 30 points	2 nd Place: 28 points	3 rd -5 th Place: 25 points	Participation: 15 points
State Cup	1 st Place: 30 points	2 nd Place: 28 points	Semi-Finalists: 25 points	Round of 8: 15 points
FSPL 1	1 st Place: 12 points	2 nd Place: 10 points	3 rd -5 th Place: 6 points	Participation: 4 points
Presidents Cup	1 st Place: 12 points	2 nd Place: 10 points	Semi-Finalists: 6 points	Round of 8: 4 points
FSPL 2	1 st Place: 7 points	2 nd Place: 5 points	3 rd -5 th Place: 3 points	Participation: 2 points

Tiebreakers

If teams are tied in accumulated points, seeding in the Florida State Cup will be determined by the following:

1. Higher finish in Sunshine Conference
2. Higher finish in the National Championship Series (Nationals/Regionals/State Cup)
3. Higher finish in FSPL 1
4. Higher finish in Presidents Cup (Nationals/Regionals/State)
5. Higher finish in FSPL 2
6. Random Draw

Breakdown of Each State Cup Round:

Open Cup Round: Preliminary round where the lowest seeded teams will compete in a round-robin group format to advance to the Group Play Round. For age groups that do not have more than 32 teams registered, there will not be an Open Cup and all teams will start in the Group Play Round.

Group Play Round: Teams will be divided into groups and play in a round-robin group format to advance to the Elimination Round (or straight to Finals depending on registration numbers for each age group).

Elimination Round: Round of 16 and Round of 8 (Single-Elimination) matches that will advance teams to the Finals Round. Round of 16 matches will be played on Saturday with teams advancing to the Round of 8 on Sunday.

Finals Round: Semi-Final and Final (Single-Elimination) matches. Semi-Final matches will be played on Saturday with teams advancing to the Final on Sunday.



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Open Cup and Group Play Seeding Procedures

Open Cup Seeding:

If there is an Open Cup, a seeding process will be conducted to select the teams that will start in the Open Cup based on the point system and the number of teams registered. Then, a blind draw will be conducted to place Open Cup teams into brackets. All current National League teams (Sunshine Conference Team v Team/Club v Club and E64) will start in the Group Play Round. Open Cup teams will be announced by January 10, 2024.

Group Play Seeding:

The number of teams seeded in Group Play will be equal to the number of brackets in each age group multiplied by two. For example, in an age group with 8 brackets, 16 teams will be seeded, where Group A would have seeds 1 and 16, Group B seeds 2 and 15, and so on. Then, a blind draw will be conducted to place the remaining teams into groups.

Open Cup/Group Play Self-Schedule Match Seeding:

The 2 higher seeded teams (or 3 in groups of 6) in each group will host the Self-Schedule Match in the Open Cup and Group Play. If teams are more than 250 miles apart based on their main home fields, the match will be played at a neutral venue.