



## NCYSA – 2025 Annual General Meeting

### **TOURNAMENTS AND TRAVEL Report January 25, 2025**

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The Tournaments and Travel Committee and Staff have had a busy and exciting year. We have completed the Spring and Fall state competitions of USYS NCS (National Championships Series) and Kepner Presidents Cup (USYS Presidents Cup).

Spring 2024 USYS State Cup was held over 3 weekends at 3 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 2023-24 USYS NCS State Champions moved on to the 2024 USYS NCS Southern where NCYSA had 16 teams compete at 2 venues in and around Tampa, FL over 06/21 – 06/27 dates.

2024 USYS NCS Southern Regionals winners then progressed to USYS National Championships in Orlando, FL 07/23 – 07/28.

NCYSA had two teams compete at the 2024 USYS Nationals Championships in Orlando, FL:

- 15U Girls – ‘09 CSA E64 G (NL qualifiers)
- 18U Girls – ‘06 NCFYC Elite G

The 15U Girls played exceptionally well and were competitive in all their matches.

The 18U Girls won all their round robin matches then held on to win 5 – 4 in what was a thrilling final to become USYS NCS National Champions!

Spring 2024 Kepner Presidents Cup was held over 4 weekends at 5 venues –

North Rec Complex hosted by PGSA in Greenville 04/27 – 04/28

Jordan Soccer Complex hosted by FSC 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 NC Kepner Presidents Cup Champions moved on to the USYS Presidents Cup Regionals where NCYSA had 12 teams compete in Plano, TX for Regionals round play from 06/14 – 06/18.

Southern Regional Presidents Cup winners then progressed to USYS National Presidents Cup in Wichita, KS 07/12 – 07/16.

NCYSA had one team compete at USYS National Presidents Cup in Wichita –

- 13U Boys – ‘11 CVYSA Blast Blue who played very well, were competitive and had a lot of fun despite oppressive heat and schedule changes.

Fall 2024 USYS State Cup was held over 3 weekends at 3 venues –

OrthoCarolina Sportsplex hosted by CSA in Charlotte 11/09 – 11/10

J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex hosted by WYSA in Wilson 11/16 – 11/17

J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex hosted by WYSA in Wilson (Final Four) 11/23 – 11/24

Fall 2024 USYS State Cup Champions are as follows –

- 15U Girls – '10 NCFCY Premier G
- 16U Girls – '09 CSA Elite 64 G
- 17U Girls – '08 NCFCY Elite G
- 18/19U Girls – '07 NCFCY Elite G

These teams will go on to represent NCYSA and their clubs at the USYS NCS Southern Regionals in Dallas, TX this coming June 2025 and then if successful at USYS National Championships in Orlando in July 2025.

Fall 2024 Kepner Presidents Cup was held over 2 weekends at 2 venues –

Bryan Multi Sports Complex in Goldsboro 11/09 – 11/10

J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex hosted by WYSA in Wilson (Final Four) 11/23 – 11/24

Fall Kepner Cup State Champions are as follows –

- 15U Girls – '10 CSA North/Hville King
- 16U Girls – '09 CISC MAT Blue
- 17U Girls – '08 NCFCY Gold South
- 18/19U Girls – '07 NCF WS Gold

These teams will go on to represent NCYSA and their clubs at the USYS Presidents Cup Regionals in Plano, TX this coming June 2025 and then if successful at Presidents Cup National Championships in Tampa in July 2025.

Congratulations to all teams that participated and especially to those teams that will move on to the next rounds of competitions.

The dates for the Spring 2025 Cup are listed below.

**NEW THIS YEAR: CUP QUALIFIER SUNDAY:**

**All teams who are subject to a Cup Qualifier match will be REQUIRED to play this match on "CUP QUALIFIER SUNDAY": 04/27/25**

USYS Kepner Presidents Cup – Spring 2025 Competition

Jordan Soccer Complex hosted by FSC in Fayetteville 05/03 – 05/04

Bryan Multi Sports Complex in Goldsboro 05/10 – 05/11

J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex in Wilson (Final Four) 05/17 – 05/18

USYS State Cup – Spring 2025 Competition

J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex in Wilson 05/03 – 05/04

OrthoCarolina Sportsplex in Charlotte 05/10 – 05/11

J. Burt Gillette Athletic Complex in Wilson (Final Four) 05/17 – 05/18

We look forward to watching the teams compete and to supporting those that move forward to Regional competition –

USYS Southern Regionals in Tampa, FL 06/21 – 06/27

USYS Presidents Cup Regionals in Plano, TX 06/14 – 06/18

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

Much appreciation to: -

Kevin Broadley, Richard Frazier, and Mike Martin who served as Tournament D&A, they perform an important job in the quick handling of red card decisions.

Larry Taylor and Jeff Thomas who serve on the Tournament Committee with me, we have had some interesting issues arise and both Larry and Jeff are a major help in sorting through them. Their support and help are greatly appreciated.

Colby Morton, Keri Jones, Richard Frazier, and Larry Taylor who all served as venue staff over the course of all State Cup competition. Lastly special thanks to Bob Kepner who came to the Fall Final Four weekend in Wilson to assist with awards to Kepner President Cup winners.

Wendy Burns, Lisa Nellis, and formerly Cindy Lineback who have 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.

As we move into 2025 the committee will be tasked with looking into ways to enhance and improve NCYSA State Cups for our teams and clubs. Be on the lookout for surveys and other communications as we seek input from members.

### **NCYSA Sanctioning of Tournaments**

Tournaments occurring 08/01/24 – 05/31/25                      49 with 1 pending

Tournaments occurring 08/01/25 – 05/31/26                      1 with 2 pending

### **Notification to Travel (NTT) Approvals:**

NCYSA has issued the below notifications to travel for the 2023-24 Seasonal Year:

- 354 teams for out of state USYS Sanctioned tournaments
- 83 teams attending non-USYS sanctioned tournaments
- 34 teams attending out of state scrimmages/friendlies
- 15 teams participating in out of state leagues

This fall the NCYSA Board of Directors voted to –

1. Raise the Tournament Request to Sanction fee to \$50 and to eliminate the rolling fee escalation. Clubs that request sanctioning more than three months prior to their tournament will pay \$50. Clubs who request sanctioning within three months of the tournament will be charged \$50 plus a \$75 late/administrative fee.
2. NCYSA will NO LONGER charge Post Tournament fees (\$10 per NCYSA team participating) which allows the clubs to retain all their tournament earnings.

Both above changes became effective on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Many thanks to Lyn Halstead for all her assistance throughout the year and for bringing the need for a fee structure change to the attention of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted – Susanne Conlon

Tournaments and Travel, Director