

# Dear Member Clubs,

US Youth Soccer (USYS) is pleased to announce that its 2023 Futsal National Championships, the first-ever of its kind and hosted in collaboration with <u>United Futsal</u>, will be held February 24-26, 2023, at the Virginia Beach Sports Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

US Youth Soccer is eager to illustrate its commitment to one of its core values – inclusivity – and will do so by enabling State Associations to provide their member clubs the opportunity to participate in this new, structured tournament.

Our team application is now live! Click <u>here</u> to register. Also, we encourage you to browse our <u>Futsal National Championships | US Youth Soccer</u> page for more information as well as our FAQ page below.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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# **USYS Futsal National Championships - FAQs**

# When and where is the USYS Futsal National Championships?

February 24-26, 2023 Virginia Beach Sports Center Virginia Beach, VA

# What does the pathway to the Futsal National Championship look like? And who will have the opportunity to participate?

Starting with a National Championship will allow State Associations to promote and grow Futsal programs. Each state will work with their member clubs to encourage the formation of Futsal teams and the local leagues. Really, this is a chance for USYS and our state associations to offer complete programming for membership throughout the entire year regardless of season.

# Who is eligible?

All team members must be registered with the applicable USYS State Association. Non-USYS affiliated teams will have the opportunity to register with their State Association and become eligible to participate. Please contact your local state association on eligibility requirements. <u>State Associations |</u> <u>US Youth Soccer</u>

#### How do you qualify?

This is an open national competition, based on application criteria. However, if a state association has a state cup pathway, the state cup champion will be guaranteed a slot in the competition. Please contact your local state association to see if they hold a Futsal State Cup.

#### What is the entry fee?

\$800 per team all inclusive - 4 games guaranteed with no additional referee fees or special rostering fees, and parking and spectator admission is at no charge. There are no additional registration/affiliation fees for current USYS members.

# What are the age groups?

U13 – U17 Boys and Girls 2010 – 2006 Boys and Girls

When is the application open date? Opens November 22, 2022

#### When will accepted teams be notified?

Notification will take place on a rolling basis during the application period.

#### What is the format?

Format is based on number of teams entered into each age group. Ideally, each team will play 3 round-robin games on Friday/Saturday to determine seeding, which includes advancement in each division.

#### Who is United Futsal?

United Futsal is the industry leader in providing the highest-level tournaments and events for youth futsal players in the world.

# What role will United Futsal play in integrating and supporting the Futsal National Championship?

United Futsal gives USYS an opportunity to establish futsal as a cornerstone of our programming, with their collective years of knowledge and expertise. This partnership will provide USYS with a singular national event so that our members will begin to see a clear track to success.

# Why is the partnership with United Futsal so exciting? And what does it signify for the incorporation and growth of futsal as a sport?

What makes this partnership exciting is it goes beyond the National Competition. We can build the base of futsal by engaging in as many communities and markets as possible. By welcoming kids and families and making everyone feel included and appreciated, which will continue to grow futsal and create fans for life.

#### Do we register players with United Futsal?

No, they are an event management group. Rosters will need to be submitted, but affiliation is performed through the State Association.

#### Are US Youth Soccer tournaments Stay-To-Play events? What does Stay-to-Play mean?

Yes, All US Youth Soccer Tournaments are stay-to-play events. This means if any team member pays for accommodations during the event these reservations are required to be booked through the travel provider appointed by US Youth Soccer. To ensure the quality of service provided at the 2023 US Youth Soccer Futsal National Championships, US Youth Soccer has appointed On Location | Anthony Travel Travel as our official travel provider of the tournament.

# **More Questions?**

Please contact Tom Condone, USYS Director of Sport Development, tcondone@usyouthsoccer.org

