Presidents Cup Information

What is Presidents Cup?
Cal North Presidents Cup is the qualifying competition for the US Youth Soccer Western Region Presidents Cup. It is a competition created for upper level Cal North Competitive teams that do not participate in Premier level leagues such as National League, CRL and/or US Youth Soccer National League. The Cal North Presidents Cup offers brackets in the U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 and U18 age groups. Although Recreational teams may enter Presidents Cup, Founders’ Cup is a more appropriate cup product for the vast majority of Recreational teams. Presidents Cup is recommended for teams that played in CCSL Silver or below (or an equivalent level playing league). Premier level teams are advised to enter State Cup.

Who is eligible to attend the Cal North Presidents Cup?
In order to participate in U13-U19 Presidents Cup the team must be properly registered and have credentials approved through Cal North. The team must have competed in an approved/sanctioned playing league. President Cup is open to teams that participated in Gold, Silver Elite, Silver, Bronze, Copper and Recreational playing leagues however it is recommended for teams that play in the Silver or higher divisions of CCSL or any comparable Cal North playing league. Presidents Cup also creates the opportunity for U17 and U18 competitive teams to enter the single-year age groupings that are not offered for those age groups in Presidents Cup. Teams that qualified for the previous season’s Cal North State Cup quarterfinals/seminifinals/finals and have 50% or more of their previous season’s rostered players on the current season roster are not eligible to participate in the current season Cal North Presidents Cup.

When does the Cal North Presidents Cup take place?
The Presidents Cup calendar can be located on the Presidents Cup page of the Cal North website. All dates are subject to change for circumstances beyond the control of the Cup organizers. Competitions are scheduled to begin after the high school CIF exclusionary period has ended.

What is the format of the Cal North Presidents Cup?
Teams are placed into brackets by modified blind draw. During the preliminary round play on the first weekend of cup, teams will play round-robin against the other teams in their bracket. During preliminary round play teams will typically have one or two games on Saturday and one or two games on Sunday. Teams qualify to advance to the single elimination rounds based on their results in bracket play. Teams advancing to the single elimination rounds will play “knock out” games where the winning teams advance to the following round of play and the losing team is eliminated from the competition. The winning team will continue to advance from each single elimination match. Second round games, round of 16 games, quarter finals, semifinals and championships are scheduled as necessary over the course of subsequent weekends. The scheduling of the single elimination round games will be based on the number of brackets. Teams play 11 v 11 matches. In the event of weather-related field cancellations, the games may be postponed to alternate weekends and/or relocated to venues where the conditions allow play to continue. Presidents Cup champions will have the opportunity to advance to US Youth Soccer Western Region Presidents Cup Championships in June. Regional champions will advance to National Presidents Cup in July.

Where are the games held?
We attempt to schedule games at centrally located venues, however the Cal North Presidents Cup is a Northern California-wide event and therefore games could be hosted by any of the nine districts within Cal North’s territorial area (see the map of Cal North territory on the Cal North website). Teams should be prepared to travel anywhere within this area. Venues will be selected after we are able to confirm the number of applications in each age group. Over the past several seasons most of the cup games have been played at the Morgan Hill Outdoor Sports Center, Cherry Island Soccer Complex near Sacramento, Bartholomew Sports Park in Elk Grove, Mary Grogan Community Park in Modesto and Mistlin Soccer Complex in Ripon.
What cost is associated with the Cal North Presidents Cup Tournament?
The Presidents Cup entry fee is $725 for timely applications. The entry fee covers the costs of facility rental, field preparation, referees, support staff, awards, and other associated costs. Any cup-related costs incurred by the team for transportation, lodging, food, etc. are the responsibility of the team members. The Reserve Pool entry fee is $825 for teams applying after the deadline.

What are the dates/deadlines associated with attending Presidents Cup?
In order to be accepted for Presidents Cup teams must complete an online application. The deadline to file an application is February 15, 2020.

What is the roster requirement?
In order to complete their application for Presidents Cup teams must have an official roster approved by the team’s Registrar in the Cal North registration database. **ROSTERS CREATED IN THE GOTSOCER SYSTEM ARE NOT USED FOR THE CUP APPLICATION PROCESS OR ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT CAL NORTH CUP. ONLY THE OFFICIAL CAL NORTH ROSTER APPROVED BY THE TEAM’S REGISTRAR IS ACCEPTED.** Teams that will be playing in an official, recognized 2019-2020 season winter or spring playing league in order to fulfill their playing league requirement for Presidents Cup also must have a valid team roster authorized by their Registrar on file in the Cal North Data Management System or by submitting their approved roster as noted above by the application deadline. If the team does not already have a roster that has been approved by the registrar they should email their League registrar or District Registrar for specific timelines and deadlines that must be met in order to obtain an approved roster by the applicable Presidents Cup application deadline. **If a team does not already have a roster that has been approved by the registrar they should email their Registrar for specific timelines and deadlines that must be met in order to obtain an approved roster by the applicable Presidents Cup application deadline.**

Can I make changes to my roster before attending Presidents Cup?
Teams can continue to make roster changes after they apply to a Cal North Cup. The team roster “freezes” on the Tuesday prior to the cup’s scheduled start date but all changes must be submitted to the Registrar on the Friday prior to the roster being frozen. Prior to the roster freeze deadline Cal North allows an unlimited number of roster moves within the team’s club and an unlimited number of added players (players not on a Cal North roster this season.) Transferring of players from a roster in one Cal North club to a roster in another Cal North club is limited to no more than five players. Although there is no freeze date for adding or deleting registered team officials (coaches, assistant coaches, managers, etc.) all player movement on and off the roster will stop on the freeze date. Throughout all roster changes, a team must retain a core of 9 players from their league roster to the Cup roster. Teams may roster no more than 22 players. **Teams should contact their registrars for guidance regarding roster changes and/or the timeline for submitting roster changes to the league and/or district prior to the roster freeze deadline.**

Interested in Participating?
If your team is planning to apply for Cal North Presidents Cup first confirm that you have enough players who are committed to participate on all of the weekends that are noted on the Presidents Cup calendar. If not, you may want to consider transferring or adding players to supplement the roster. Keep in mind you will not be able to make changes to your Presidents Cup roster after the freeze date that teams and that Cal North rules require that **the team must carry over a core of 9 players from their league roster to their Cup roster. Teams are allowed to roster up to 22 players however prior to each game the team will be required to designate no more than 18 players for the game roster.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR TEAM’S PARTICIPATION IN CAL NORTH PRESIDENTS CUP!!!!**