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2021 Midwest Presidents Cup Team:

On behalf of US Youth Soccer, congratulations on qualifying for our 2021 US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup! This is an incredible accomplishment towards your goal of advancing to the 2021 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup in Des Moines, Iowa, and competing for a National title.

Our competition continues to grow year after year, and with 164 participating teams this year, it is the largest number of teams to ever participate in a Midwest Presidents Cup.

We have been busy preparing for your arrival with our host, the Ohio Soccer Association to help ensure a memorable experience for you in West Chester.

Included with this letter is a variety of items to help prepare you for your upcoming trip to the greater Cincinnati area. In addition, please visit [USYouthSoccer.org](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org) for the latest event information. We will continue to update our website leading up to and throughout the event.

The final game schedules will be available upon completion of all state qualifying events on or around June 10. The [preliminary game schedules](#) are currently available on our website. Please note that schedule change requests will not be honored, so please plan accordingly.

It is important that your team is registered for the event and your team's roster submitted for approval prior to the deadline provided by your State Association in the US Youth Soccer GotSport Event Platform.

In lieu of an in-person check-in, we will be hosting a webinar for team representatives on **Thursday, June 10 at 10AM CST/11AM EST**. The call-in details for this webinar will be sent directly to teams as we get closer to the date. The webinar will be recorded and made available to all teams after the presentation.

Should you have any additional questions, your first point of contact will be your State Rep.

We look forward to seeing you in West Chester!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen Fickett".

Jen Fickett

US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup Program Manager

IMPORTANT TEAM INFORMATION

Any information in this document does not replace the need to be familiar with the “US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Competition Rules”, the “Policy on the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup”, and the “US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Competition Protocols”, all of which are available for download at the [US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup website](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/USYouthSoccerPresidentsCupWebsite/).

MEMBERS PASSES AND BENCH PASS CREDENTIALS

Each player and team official listed on a team roster must possess a current seasonal year US Youth Soccer member pass with a recent face on, passport style photograph.

All member passes shall be laminated (or machine produced). Teams without US Youth Soccer member passes shall not be allowed to participate in the Midwestern Presidents Cup.

Bench Personnel are **limited a maximum of four (4) individuals** (this includes head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, club coaches, trainers and/or any other team officials) in the technical area during a match. Each individual must have a valid US Youth Soccer pass and wear the Bench Pass credential, visible at all times, while in the technical area.

US YOUTH SOCCER CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

The US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup competition follows the US Youth Soccer Concussion Protocol. Please be advised that after a player receives a completed US Youth Soccer Concussion Form due to displaying signs and symptoms of a concussion, that player may not return to play until a signed clearance form from a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy who specializes in concussion treatment and management has been received. Please refer to the form, available at [USYouthSoccer.org](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/USYouthSoccer.org), for more details.

The clearance must be on a document issued by the medical doctor's office stating that the player has been cleared to return to play and is clear of symptoms. The document must also be signed by the official.

If a player is cleared during the event, please notify your State Representative (if applicable) and bring the signed clearance to the event headquarters. If a player is cleared post-event, please contact the US Youth Soccer National Office at 972-334-9300.

NOTE: The Athletic Trainers contracted for this event are considered primarily and any team or club Athletic Trainers are secondary.

UNIFORMS

Each team must have two (2) uniform sets (one light color and one dark color) at each match during the competition. Generally accepted light colors include, but are not limited to white, light grey, sand, sky blue, yellow, gold, pink, and light green. Generally accepted dark colors include, but are not limited to black, dark grey, dark brown, navy blue, red, maroon, dark green, and deep purple.

- The **home team** is required to wear their **light color jersey** and **light color socks**.
- The **away team** is required to wear their **dark color jersey** and **dark color socks**.
- **Matching shorts are not required.** The same color shorts can be utilized for both uniforms.

If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict, the team causing the conflict must change. The referee's decision is final. **Again, teams are required to bring both uniform sets to all matches.**

Uniforms numbers must be a minimum of six (6) inches in size. Each field player must have a number permanently affixed to the back of their jersey which must be clearly visible. **Duplicate and/or taped numbers are prohibited, and any non-compliant jersey must be remedied as soon as practical.** Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional but are recommended.



UNIFORM LOGOS, MARKINGS & SPONSORS

Per the Policy on the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Rule 304, Section 3, Paragraph 3: “At every level of the National Presidents Cup competitions, a player or team official at a game site to participate in a game or associated activity of the competitions may only have on the outerwear of the player or team official a name, logo, or other identifying mark of a youth soccer organization that is US Youth Soccer, a State Association or other member of US Youth Soccer, a member of a State Association, or an organization that is a member of an organization that is a member of a State Association. **A name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization must be removed, replaced, or covered before the player or team official may continue to remain at the game site for the game or associated activity.**”.

If a team chooses to not remove a name, logo, or other identifying mark of any other youth soccer organization, it must be completely covered by a **sewn on** patch. American flag patches are perfectly suited for this purpose. **Covering non-conforming patches or logos with tape will not be accepted.**

Per the US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules Rule 304, Section 2: “A team member is not prohibited by US Youth Soccer from having a mark or name, or both, on any part of the team member’s uniform being worn at a game if the mark or name is related to an item or service that is appropriate for youth.”. “Any inappropriate mark or name on a team member’s uniform must be removed, replaced, or covered before the team member may continue to participate in the game.”.

Examples of inappropriate marks or names would be tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, etc. If there is any question about a logo, marking or sponsor, it is **strongly** suggested that you inquire well in advance of the start of the event in order to avoid an issue at the field.

Please note that these policies will be strictly enforced for participants at all levels of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup competitions.

EVENT HOST

Ohio Soccer Association is honored to host the 2021 US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup in West Chester, Ohio! Hosting this event at the Voice of America MetroPark Athletic Complex is a tremendous privilege for them. While in West Chester please be sure to take advantage of the many wonderful restaurants and attractions. Enjoy your time here, stay safe and good luck!

EVENT DATES

June 17, 18 & 19	Preliminary Play
June 20	Semifinals
June 21	Finals

EVENT LOCATION

Matches for the 2021 Midwest Presidents Cup will be hosted at:

[Voice of America MetroPark Athletic Complex](#)

7850 VOA Park Drive

West Chester, Ohio, 45069

There are 20 fields at Voice of America MetroPark Athletic Complex, with concessions available. Please note that no pets are allowed at the soccer fields.

PRACTICE FIELDS

Practice fields will be available on Wednesday, June 16 in 60-minute time slots at the Voice of America MetroPark Athletic Complex on a first-come-first-serve basis. A link to sign-up for practice fields will be available on the event website at [USYouthSoccer.org](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org).



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TRAVEL

All travel to the competition is at your expense. Should teams choose to fly, the closest airports are Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International (CVG) or Dayton International (DAY).

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Your State Association selected all team hotel accommodations per the event housing requirements. For specific inquiries about local properties and/or extending your stay, please contact Heidi Feathers at heidi@pybsports.com or 888-553-1024 x5. Please remember that all teams are required to stay at the property their State Association designated to them.

SEVERE WEATHER

The Midwest Presidents Cup committee and staff will be constantly monitoring weather conditions and will follow any local requirements as well as established US Youth Soccer weather protocols.

OPENING CEREMONY

Unfortunately, due to US Youth Soccer Covid restrictions and protocols, an opening ceremony is not possible this year.

TEAM REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN

Team registration takes place in advance through each State Association prior to arrival in West Chester. There will be NO on-site team registration, other than the check-in conducted by the referees prior to each game.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Athletic Trainers will be available for preventative taping services; however, all medical injuries will have priority. Players must provide their own tape.

HOSPITAL & URGENT CARE FACILITIES

If clearance is needed for a concussion or other medical situation, the addresses below are provided for your convenience.

West Chester Hospital

7700 University Dr, West Chester, OH 45069

Children's Hospital Liberty Campus

777 Yankee Rd, Liberty Twp, OH 45044

Christ Hospital Medical Center Liberty Center

6939 Cox Rd, Liberty Twp, OH 45044

OFFICIAL EVENT MERCHANDISE

We are proud to have [TeamIP](#) as the official apparel provider of the 2021 Midwest Regional Presidents Cup! Be sure to pick up your t-shirts, hoodies, and other apparel.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

All Star Action Photography will be at the event to cover games for every team with action shots. Their photos will be on display for review at their booth for parents and players to review and/or purchase through the end of the event. All Star will also be offering PRE-ORDER Discounts on team packages and individual orders. If you have any questions, please contact them at 248-477-9500 or [visit All Star Productions](#).

REFEREES

Just as teams earned the right to compete at this Midwest Presidents Cup competition, the referees have also earned their place, based on recommendations and accomplishments from within their state. At this Midwest competition, referees compete to earn the honor of attending the National Presidents Cup based on their performance. The referees are supported by senior referees and mentors who contribute to their development by guiding them in post-match reflections. Please refrain from criticizing the officials throughout the competition.



STATE PRESIDENTS CUP PATCHES

If your region provided State Champion President Cup patches to teams, they should be placed on the *left sleeve* of the jersey, approximately 1" above the bottom edge of the sleeve with the patch facing outwards. For long sleeve jerseys, (for example a Goalkeeper jersey) place the patch in approximately the same spot as if it were a short sleeve jersey.

LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

Travel Butler County, Ohio is excited to welcome you to the 2021 US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup in West Chester, Ohio. Exciting and thrilling competition awaits. When you are off the field, unwind in your downtime. Explore outdoor adventures like horseback riding and kayaking, sample local flavors on the Butler County Donut Trail or wanted the aisles of Jungle Jim's International Market. Get the inside scoop on the best places to see and things to explore, [visit Travel Butler County](#).

COVID PROTOCOLS & RESTRICTIONS

Due to US Youth Soccer Covid protocols, water will not be provided at team benches during the 2021 competition. Players and teams must supply their own water. Also, at some venues, state restrictions may prevent the use of shade tents. Spectators should plan on providing their own chairs, as the use of bleachers may be prohibited at some venues.

STATE OF OHIO REQUIREMENTS

The following State of Ohio requirements must be uploaded for your team in GotSport by your State's roster approval deadline. Ohio North and Ohio South participants have already met these requirements.

Lindsay's Law: In accordance with Ohio Senate Bill 252, all participants must follow and adhere to the Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Youth Athletes Law (Lindsay's Law). The law requires that all youth athletes, parents/guardians, and coaches to complete a set of requirements prior to participating.

For parents/guardians and youth athletes:

- [Watch required video](#)
- [Review required SCA Informational Handout](#)
- [Sign and upload in GotSport required Signature Form for each player](#)

For coaches:

- [Watch required video](#)
- [Review required SCA Informational Handout](#)

Concussion Training: In accordance with Ohio's "Return to Play" law, coaches are required to complete a State of Ohio approved concussion training. Coaches may take the [HEADS UP](#) or [NFHS](#) training. **A copy of the current certificate (taken within the past three (3) years) must be uploaded in GotSport.**

The law also requires a youth sports organization to provide a [Concussion Training Information Sheet](#) to the parent/guardian of each player.



PARKING

There is a parking permit required to enter the complex for the 2021 Midwest Presidents Cup. RV's/Bus's must park in designated areas only and no overnight parking is permitted.

In order to make the process as seamless as possible and avoid teams potentially being delayed getting to their matches if they purchase onsite, parking pre-sale options are listed below, including options for teams traveling via bus.

Option 1: Team Contact Purchases the Parking Passes for the Team

- Have the Team Contact send a parking pass request to your Team Parents/Guardians (or others attending the event) with parking pass options:
 - Event Pass (Car) - \$35.00
 - Event Pass (RV/Bus) - \$100.00
 - Day Pass (Car) Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday - \$15.00
- Designate a Team Contact (usually the Team Administrator or Coach) to purchase all of the parking passes for their team.
- Team Contact assembles all of the requests and submits one application for passes for the team using the link: [US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup Parking Passes](#)
- Parking passes will be mailed out to teams **beginning June 7** to distribute to their team.
- **Deadline to submit request is June 6, 2021.**
- Teams that miss the June 6 deadline or opt out will have the opportunity to purchase parking passes onsite.

Option 2: Team Provides Parking Pass Information to Parents/Guardians/Others to Order Passes

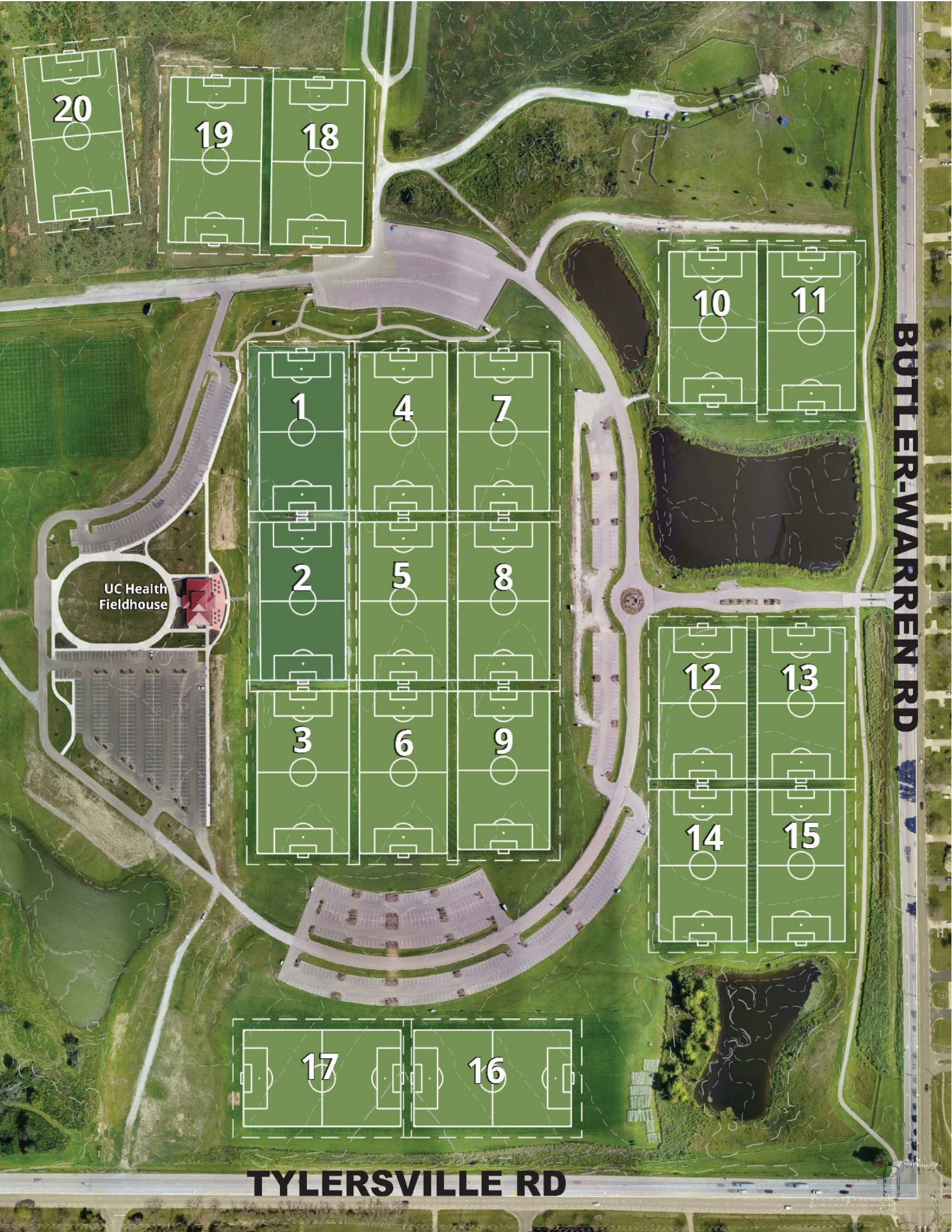
- Provide the following information to all of your parents/guardians (or others) so it is input in the system in a consistent manner:
 - Club Name, Team Name, Coach Name
 - Age Group, State Association
 - Team Admin Name and Address (this is who the parking passes will be mailed to)
 - Team Admin email and cell phone number
- Team sends the parking pass event ordering information to parents/guardian/others to purchase individually using the link: [US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup Parking Passes](#)
 - Event Pass (Car) - \$35.00
 - Event Pass (RV/Bus) - \$100.00
 - Day Pass (Car) Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday - \$15.00
- All passes ordered per team will be collated and sorted to the designated Team and Team Admin.
- Parking passes will be mailed out to designated Team Admin **beginning June 7** to distribute to their team.
- **Deadline to Submit request is June 6, 2021.**
- Teams that miss the June 6 deadline or opt out will have the opportunity to purchase parking passes on site.

Ohio North, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois Teams

As teams from these State Associations do not qualify for the Midwest Presidents Cup until June 6, the following option is available:

- Follow option 1 or 2 ordering and payment instructions.
- **Deadline to submit request is June 10, 2021.**
- Parking passes will be placed in Team Packets and available at Team hotel.
- Team Admin or designee can then distribute to their team upon arrival.

If you have any questions about parking passes, please contact office@ohio-soccer.org.



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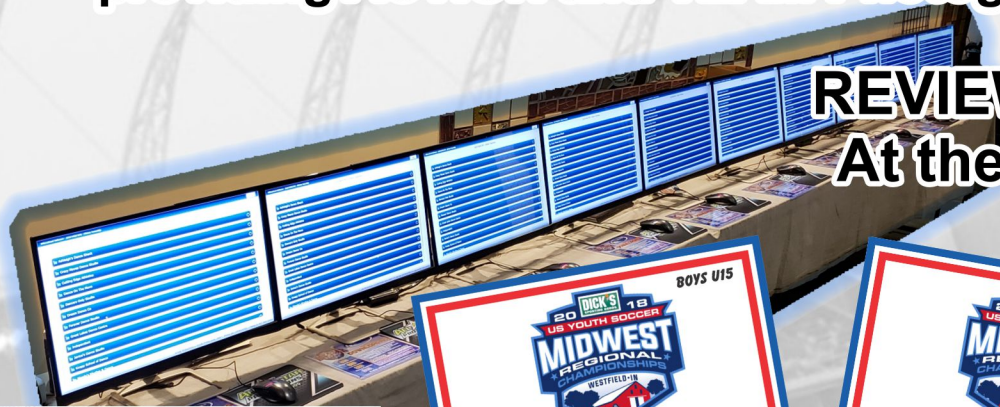
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All Star Productions will be OnSite for the US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup, providing ACTION and TEAM Photography!

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