

2026 MYSA Summer State Championships Information and Rules

Dates: July 10 - 12, 2024

Tournament Locations:

St. Ben's Athletic Fields

430 South College Ave
St. Joseph, MN 56374

Tech High School

4200 33rd St S
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

Selke Field

1001 13th St. SE
St. Cloud, MN 56304

Tournament Website: [Summer State Championships](#)

Headquarters: MYSA will have tournament headquarters in the St. Ben's Athletic Fields building, located next to the stadium. There is no need to check-in at headquarters as check-in will be completed on the field, but we will be available at HQ for questions and concerns.

Schedules and Standings are available here: [Schedule and Standings](#). Remember that schedules are subject to change for weather, facility or referee related issues, or other reasons as determined by MYSA. Teams are responsible to monitor the schedules on their Stack Sports account for changes, and should also be on alert for email announcements related to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Rosters: ALL ROSTERS MUST BE COMPLETED IN YOUR TOURNAMENT APPLICATION. We prefer to use digital player passes during the tournament, but we will accept printed player passes to use as pictures for the players.

MYSA league teams, your digital player passes are already in the system.

SMSL league teams, you will have to have your digital player passes pulled up on a phone or hard copy player passes available.

All player pass must have a picture in order for that player or coach to be eligible.

Nevertheless, rosters must be set in the tournament application with jersey numbers for each player before the start of the tournament. There will not be onsite help for you to complete this at the game, and delay in check-in could cause your team to forfeit your first game should your rosters not be entered.

FORMAT and RULES

Each age group's format is dependent on the number of teams who registered for the event. Teams were seeded based on summer league results, while also prioritizing variety of opponents and working in non-league teams. Seeding is final as seen on the current schedule.

Information about your specific format can be found in the "flight notice" section at the top of the screen on the schedule webpage if there is anything special to note.

The following rules will be used to determine the advancement out of preliminary games:

- A. Pool play games ending in ties will remain in ties.
- B. Championship and other single elimination games cannot end in a tie. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams will play two 5-minute periods. If the game is tied at the end of both overtime periods, the game will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, following the USSF rules.
- C. To determine which teams in pool play advance to a championship and other single elimination rounds, the following procedures shall be used in sequence:
 - 1. Highest number of points.
 - i. Win = 6 points
 - ii. Tie = 3 points
 - iii. 1 point for each goal (maximum three per game)
 - iv. 1 point for shutout (0-0 tie equals 4 points)
 - v. 10 points maximum per game
 - 2. Winner of head to head competition (not valid if more than two teams are tied).
 - 3. Winner of most games.
 - 4. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of three goal differential per game.
 - 5. Fewest goals allowed.
 - 6. Most goals scored in all games, with a maximum of three goals per game.

7. Kicks from the penalty mark. (Penalty kicks will be taken approximately 45 minutes prior to championship game on a predetermined field).
- D. A forfeit in play will result in a 3-0 score in favor of the opposing team.

The following rules will be enforced regarding Team Rosters:

- A. No player may be rostered on more than one team participating in Championships
- B. Rosters are frozen before a team's first game.
- C. Teams are allowed up to five club pass players or additional rostered players, but no player may be rostered on more than one Championships team. Additional rostered players would be players from outside your club.
- D. No team shall cut an available registered player from its team to allow for another player to play on that team during Championships

The following rules will be enforced regarding Facilities and Game Protocols:

- A. Team warm-up can and should begin off the field in order to keep games as scheduled.
- B. Teams must arrive at their field of play no later than 15 minutes prior to game time.
- C. All teams must **set their official game roster in one of the following ways:**
 - a. Set your roster in the tournament registration and be able to provide their Digital Player Passes for every player and coach to the referees before each game.
 - b. Set your roster in the tournament registration and be able to provide printed and laminated player passes for every player and coach to the referees before each game.
- D. The team listed first on the bracket will be the home team.
- E. **All teams must have two sets of (different) uniforms at all games. Home team will change if necessary.**
- F. There will be a designated side for spectators and teams on each field. Spectators are not allowed on the team side of the field, nor are they allowed behind the goal of either team, spectators are only allowed to be on the designated spectator side of the field. Where two fields are side by side, teams will be seated between the two fields. All spectators will be seated on the touchline opposite the team.
- G. Each team is expected to clean their area before leaving. If a field is not clean, offending teams will be assessed a \$50.00 cleanup fee.
- H. All red cards received from participating teams will be entered into the digital game reporting system.
- I. No protest will be allowed or entertained. All referee decisions regarding play on the field will be considered final. Only disputes of rules enforcement of the game may be disputed.
- J. There will be a three person rules committee to adjudicate all disputes during the tournament.

- K. If a game is suspended for any reason, MYSA will determine how to move forward with the game based on the following criteria:
- Group Play Games: a game may be considered complete if play has begun in the second half.
 - Elimination Round Games: tournament officials will make a decision about how/when elimination round games will be completed.
 - All Tournament Games: tournament officials will decide how games are to be completed by taking into consideration predicted weather, the tournament format, team schedules, team availability, field availability, referee ability, and any other relevant factors.

WEATHER, HEAT and AQI

Managers and Coaches are expected to review this information with the parents from their team. It is important for the safety of everyone involved that these guidelines are followed.

Severe Weather Policy: Severe weather is a possibility. The event organizers will be monitoring weather conditions throughout the day. If severe weather develops, field marshals will notify referees to suspend play and when to continue. All fields at that location will stop and resume at the same time as directed by tournament headquarters. The event committee will make the necessary decisions concerning the rearrangement or cancellation of games for any reason.

Decisions to clear the fields will be made at headquarters by MYSA staff and will always be based on the safety of our players, coaches, referees and spectators. If the decision is made to clear the fields, it will be expected that all participants will follow these steps:

- Spectators, players and coaches will seek shelter immediately **inside** their vehicles. Do not seek shelter under a gazebo as they are unsafe.
- Do not leave the premises until directed to do so by event volunteers and/or staff.
- The "All Clear" indicator will be when the referees return to their fields and position themselves in the middle of the field. This will indicate that it is safe to resume play.

Heat Policy: The following precautions must be followed when there is a possibility of dangerous high heat index:

Heat Index	Guidelines
Up to 89°	Normal Play
90° - 99°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 5 minutes.
100° - 105°	Mandatory 2-minute water breaks per half with running time. Each half shortened by 10 minutes.
105°	Suspend play.

Air Quality: the following precautions must be followed for determining activity level when there is a possibility that the air quality is unsafe. Check local air quality levels at <https://www.airnow.gov>

Air Quality Index	Outdoor Activity Guidance
Green	Great day to be active outside!
Yellow	Good day to be active outside! Those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution could have symptoms.*
Orange	It's OK to be active outside. For longer activities such as athletic practice, take more breaks and do less intense activities. Watch for symptoms and take action as needed.
Red	For all outdoor activities, take more breaks and do less intense activities. Consider moving longer or more intense activities indoors or rescheduling them to another day or time.
Purple	Move all activities indoors or reschedule them to another day.

AWARDS

All 1st and 2nd place teams will receive awards.

2nd place teams will have medals distributed at the game field, to the team coach or manager.

Champions are required to assemble at a staging area near headquarters for award presentations and photographs. Please gather your coaches and players as quickly as possible after completing the championship match and report and direct them to the staging area for the presentation.

APPAREL

Simax Sports will be on site at both St. Bens and Selke Field selling tournament apparel. All apparel is customizable with plenty of options to choose from.