

# **USYS Futsal National Championships - FAQs**

## 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. It will also allow us to collaborate in areas of referee recruiting, retention, and development as well as entry level coach education. 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.

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

Eventually, we envision the pathway going from State Cup, to Regionals, and ultimately Nationals. 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. <a href="State Associations">State Associations</a> | US Youth Soccer

When and where is the Futsal National Championships? February 25-27, 2022

Oklahoma City, OK

#### What is the entry fee?

\$700 per team

### What are the age groups?

13U – 17U Boys and Girls 2009 – 2005 Boys and Girls

### When is the application open date?

Opens September 15, 2021

### When will accepted teams be notified?

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

# When will teams be officially announced?

January 4, 2022

#### 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 format?

Each team will play 3 round-robin games on Friday/Saturday, with the top 4 teams in each division advancing to semis and finals on Sunday.

#### 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 2022 US Youth Soccer Futsal National Championships, US Youth Soccer has appointed Anthony Travel as our official travel provider of the tournament.

#### **More Questions?**

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