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Age Group

Always capitalize the "U or Under" whether it is spelled out or abbreviated. Always use a hyphen between the word "Under or U" and the age specified.

Correct – Under-16 Girls or U-16 Girls
Incorrect – Under16, under16, u16 or U16
Never use an apostrophe when abbreviating the birth year.
Correct – SF Surf 93 Girls
Incorrect – SF Surf '93 Girls

All-American

Always capitalize and hyphenate. Never two separate words.

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Boilerplates

All press releases from Cal North will include the following applicable boiler plates:

Boilerplates

About the California Youth Soccer Association (Cal North) – Cal North – "Kids First" is the largest state organization within the US Youth Soccer Association. Cal North registers more than 180,000 players annually, ages 5 to 19, and over 35,000 administrators, coaches and volunteers in 132 member leagues of registration. Cal North is dedicated to assisting parents in developing youth as individuals and not just soccer players in a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game. For more information, visit www.cysanorth.org.

Media Request: When referring to the California Youth Soccer Association, the largest youth sports organization in the United States, please refer to the association only as Cal North or California Youth Soccer Association, and never as CY or Cal Youth Soccer. We appreciate your cooperation.

About California Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program (Cal North ODP) - US Youth Soccer ODP, established in 1977, is the original Olympic development program in the United States. Formed to identify a pool of players in each age group from which a National Team could be selected for international competition, selected players are exposed to the nation's top coaches from collegiate institutions, U.S. Soccer and the professional leagues. Programs exist in each state and with competitions such as the US Youth Soccer ODP Championships, Interregional Training/Competition, Regional Camps and International play. Cal North ODP continues to lead the way in elite player identification and development. Cal North ODP is part of US Youth Soccer ODP, an approved program of the U.S. Soccer Federation.

Media Request: When referring to the Cal North Olympic Development Program, the original elite player program in the Northern California, please refer to the program only as the Cal North Olympic Development Program or Cal North ODP, and never as CYSAODP or simply ODP. We appreciate your cooperation.

About the Cal North Cup Series

the Cal North Cup Series provides the more than 15,000 teams from Cal North's 128 Leagues of Registration the opportunity to showcase their abilities against the best in Cal North while emphasizing teamwork, discipline and fair play. The annual competition begins with over 188,000 players in the different levels of Play. State Champions are crowned in four categories; The Premier State Cup, the Presidents Cup, The Association Cup and The Founders' Cup. Overall the Cal North Series provides the appropriate competition level for our recreational, select, and competitive teams.

Media Request: When referring to the Cal North Cup Series, the most prestigious events in Northern California please refer to the event as Cal North Cup Series. Never refer to as CY Cup Series, CY Cups, or CYSA Cups. Individual Cups may be referred to as Cal North State Cup, Cal North Presidents Cup, Cal North Association Cup, Cal North Founders' Cup on first reference and The State Cup, The Presidents' Cup, The Association Cup, and The Founder's Cup any reference thereafter. Never refer to as CY Name Cup. We appreciate your cooperation.

About Cal North - Cal Soccer League - Formed in 2010, the Cal North - Cal Soccer League was developed as a path of advancement for the top teams in Cal North. In addition to meaningful matches, development and identification, the league created a direct path for top soccer teams in Northern California to play at the highest possible level week in week out. We firmly believe this will become a magnet for college coaches and scouts throughout the country. The Cal North- Cal Soccer League (CCSL) is the only league that offers teams the opportunity to play in a state wide league top level premier division if that team so desires, or the option to play locally. The league is open to all competitive (Division 1 and Division 3) soccer teams aged U9 –U19. Learn more at www.calsoccerleague.org

Media Request: When referring to the Cal North - Cal Soccer League, the Premier Competitive Soccer League in Northern California, please refer to the league only as CCSL, and never as CY Cal Soccer or Cal Soccer League. We appreciate your cooperation.

C

California Youth Soccer Association (Cal North)

In any use:

First Mention – California Youth Soccer Association Second Mention – Cal North

In any use:

Correct – California Youth Soccer Association or Cal North Incorrect – California Youth Soccer, California Soccer Association, CY or CY North

Cal North Cal Soccer League

Always capitalize Cal North Cal Soccer League as it is a proper name. In any use:

First Mention – Cal North Cal Soccer League Second Mention – CCSL

Coaches Connection

coach or head coach

Lowercase as a job description, not a formal title. Capitalize only when substituted for a name as a term of address.

Commas in a series

Never use a comma after the second to last word in a series of three or more.

Correct – At Cal North Soccer we provide a fun, safe and healthy game for all kids! Incorrect – At Cal North Soccer we provide a fun, safe, and healthy game for all!

CONCACAF

Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Football. Full name should be used somewhere in the story, CONCACAF is acceptable on all other references.

D

Dates

Always use Arabic figures, without st, nd, rd or th.

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Correct – January 1, 2009 or Jan. 1
Incorrect – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009
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Datelines

Should contain a city name, entirely capitalized, followed in most cases by the name of the state, county or territory where the city is located. Always bold the dateline.

Cities that can stand alone without a state:

SAN FRANCISCO SAN JOSE SACRAMENTO

Example: SAN JOSE (January 1, 2012) -

Stories for all other U.S. cities should have both the city and the state name in the dateline. Spell out Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Ohio, Texas and Utah. Use the following abbreviations for each state; ZIP code abbreviations are in parenthesis:

Ala.	(AL)	Kan.	(KS)	Nev.	(NV)	S.C.	(SC)
Ariz.	(AZ)	Ky.	(KY)	N.H.	(NH)	S.D.	(SD)
Ark.	(AR)	La.	(LA)	N.J.	(NJ)	Tenn.	(TN)
Calif.	(CA)	Md.	(MD)	N.M.	(NM)	Vt.	(VT)
Colo.	(CO)	Mass.	(MA)	N.Y.	(NY)	Va.	(VA)
Conn.	(CT)	Mich.	(MI)	N.C.	(NC)	Wash.	(WA)
Del.	(DE)	Minn.	(MN)	N.D.	(ND)	W.Va.	(WV)
Fla.	(FL)	Miss.	(MS)	Okla.	(OK)	Wis.	(WI)
Ga.	(GA)	Mo.	(MO)	Ore.	(OR)	Wyo.	(WY)
Ill.	(IL)	Mont.	(MT)	Pa.	(PA)		
Ind.	(IN)	Neb.	(NE)	R.I.	(RI)		

Cal North Soccer Districts

Cal North is comprised of nine districts, which are composed of the 128 Cal North affiliated Soccer Leagues. Always capitalize each specific district and use roman numerals.

In any use:

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First Mention – Cal North District (I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, or IX)
Second Mention – District (I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, or IX)
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Correct – Cal North District VI Incorrect – Cal North District 6, Cal North District Six, or Cal North d6

Ε

email

Never hyphenate.

F

FIFA

Federation International de Football Association, FIFA acceptable as first reference, refer to as the international soccer football governing body rather than spelling out the French acronym.

G

Gender

Always capitalize Boys and Girls when referring to a specific gender-age group or when mentioning a gender associated with a US Youth Soccer program.

Correct – Under-16 Girls or US Youth Soccer National League Boys and Girls Incorrect – Under-16 girls or US Youth Soccer National boys and girls

Goalkeeper

goalie or keeper is acceptable, but goaltender is not

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K

Kickoff

Always one word, never hyphenate or use as two separate words.

L

Left foot (n.) left-footed (adj.) left-footer (n.)

M

MIS

Major League Soccer - MLS is acceptable on first reference. Also see sponsor.

Months

Capitalize the names of months in all uses. When a month is used with a specific date, abbreviate only Jan., Feb., Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec. Spell out only when using alone

or with a year. When a phrase refers to a month, day and year, set off the year with commas.

Example:

March 2007 was a cold month.

Jan. 2 was the coldest day of play for the Cal North State Cup.

The Cal North Cal Soccer League begins on June 9.

She said Friday, Sept. 1, is the first day of Youth Soccer Month.

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US Youth Soccer National Championship Series

Always capitalize US Youth Soccer National Championship Series. Never abbreviate National Championship Series.

In any use:

First mention – US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Second mention – National Championship Series or Series

US Youth Soccer National Champions

The US Youth Soccer National Championships are the final leg of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series. For information on each specific trophy, see Trophy.

In any use:

First Mention – (Age) (Gender) US Youth Soccer National Champion Example: Under-16 Girls US Youth Soccer National Champion

Second Mention – (Age) (Gender) National Champion

Example: Under-16 Girls National Champion or national champions

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Offseason

One word, no hyphen.

Offside

One word, no hyphen.

US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program

In any use:

First Mention – US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) Second Mention – US Youth Soccer ODP

Regional Level US Youth Soccer ODP

In any use:

First Mention – US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) (Gender) (Age) (Region)

Example: US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) Girls 1999 Region IV

Second Mention – US Youth Soccer ODP (Gender) (Age) (Region)

Example: US Youth Soccer ODP Girls 1998 Region IV

Gender Specific:

In any use:

First Mention – US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP)

(Gender)

Example: US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) Girls

Second Mention – US Youth Soccer ODP (Gender)

Example: US Youth Soccer ODP Girls

State Level US Youth Soccer ODP

In any use:

First Mention – Cal North Olympic Development Program (Cal North ODP) (Gender) (Age)

Example: Cal North Olympic Development Program (Cal North ODP) Girls 1998

Second Mention - Cal North ODP (Gender) (Age)

Example: Cal North ODP Girls 1998

US Youth Soccer ODP Championships

Never use the word "national" in the title.

In any use:

First Mention – US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) Championships

Second Mention - US Youth Soccer ODP Championships

P

Play off (v.) playoff, playoffs (n. and adj.)

US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup

Never use an apostrophe ('). Never refer to as a national championship; the culminating event will be referred to as Finals.

In any use:

First Mention – US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup

Second Mention – Presidents Cup

Culmination of the event should be referred to as the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Finals.

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R

Referee

Always lowercase referee. When referring to the grade in which a referee is ranked, capitalize the word grade and use the appropriate Arabic numeral to accompany it.

Example: Grade 8 referee

US Youth Soccer Regions

US Youth Soccer is comprised of four regions, which are composed of the 55 US Youth Soccer State Associations. Always capitalize each specific region and use roman numerals. See State Association for breakdown and listing of each state.

In any use:

First Mention – US Youth Soccer Region (I, II, III or IV) Second Mention – Region (I, II, III or IV)

Right foot (n.) right-footed (adj.) right-footer (n.)

Rosters

When all information is provided, the following format should be followed for rosters:

Format: Jersey Number | First Name | Last Name | City | State | Club Team

Example:

3 Nivan Chowattukunnel Marion IN Marion Lightning 5 Zach Dedman IN Indianapolis Premier Noblesville 8 Michael Granitz Goshen IN Indiana Invaders 9 Clint Hoffar Kendallville IN Carmel United

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Scores

Always follow AP Style.

Format: Winner X, Loser X

Goal Scorers: Winner: Player (XX:00)

Loser: Player (XX:00)

Example: San Jose Strikers 98 2, FC Sacramento 1

Goal Scorers: Strikers: Jane Doe (33:00), Sally Jones (49:00)

FC: Shannon Smith (55:00)

Semifinal

Always one word, never hyphenate or used as two separate words.

The Cal North Soccer Expo

In any use:

First Mention – The Cal North Soccer Expo

Second Mention - The Expo

Small-Sided Games

Always capitalize Small-Sided, always hyphenate.

In any use:

Correct - Small-Sided Game(s)

Incorrect – small sided game, smallsided game, etc...

When noting the size of a Small-Sided Game, use the following format: 1v1, 8v8, etc...

Soccer Across America

Formerly known as Soccer Start, the program name should always be capitalized and never be shortened or abbreviated.

In any use:

Correct: Soccer Across America

Incorrect: Soccer America, SAA, S.A.A., etc...

US Youth Soccer State Associations

In any use:

First Mention - US Youth Soccer State Association(s)

Second Mention – State Association(s)

The following format should be followed when referencing any of the following US Youth Soccer State Associations. The abbreviation in parenthesis is to be used when identifying the State Association a club, team or player belongs to.

US Youth Soccer Region I

Connecticut Junior Soccer Association	(CT)
Delaware Youth Soccer Association	(DE)
Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association	(E-NY)
Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association	(E-PA)
Soccer Maine	(ME)
Maryland State Youth Soccer Association	(MD)
Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (or Mass Youth Soccer)	(MA)
New Hampshire Soccer Association	(NH)
New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association	(NJ)
New York State West Youth Soccer Association	(NY-W)
Pennsylvania West State Soccer Association (or PA West)	(PA-W)
Soccer Rhode Island	(RI)
Vermont Soccer Association	(VT)
Virginia Youth Soccer Association	(VA)
West Virginia Youth Soccer Association	(WV)

US Youth Soccer Region II

Illinois Youth Soccer	(IL)
Indiana Youth Soccer Association	(IN)
Iowa Soccer Association	(IA)
Kansas State Youth Soccer Association	(KS)
Kentucky Youth Soccer Association	(KY)
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association	(MI)
Minnesota Youth Soccer Association	(MN)
Missouri Youth Soccer Association	(MO)
Nebraska State Soccer Association	(NE)
North Dakota Youth Soccer Association	(ND)
Ohio South Youth Soccer Association	(OH-S)
Ohio Youth Soccer Association – North	(OH-N)
South Dakota State Youth Soccer Association	(SD)
Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association	(WI)

US Youth Soccer Region III	
Alabama Youth Soccer Association (or Alabama Youth Soccer)	(AL)
Arkansas State Soccer Association	(AR)
Florida Youth Soccer Association	(FL)
Georgia Soccer	(GA)
Louisiana Soccer Association	(LA)
Mississippi Youth Soccer Association	(MS)
North Carolina Youth Soccer Association	(NC)
North Texas State Soccer Association	(N-TX)
Oklahoma Soccer Association	(OK)
South Carolina Youth Soccer Association	(SC)
South Texas Youth Soccer Association	(S-TX)
Tennessee State Soccer Association	(TN)
US Youth Soccer Region IV	
Alaska State Youth Soccer Association	(AK)
Arizona Youth Soccer Association	(AZ)
California Youth Soccer Association – North (or Cal North)	(CA-N)
California Youth Soccer Association – South (or Cal South)	(CA-S)
Colorado State Youth Soccer Association	(CO)
Hawaii Youth Soccer Association	(HI)
Idaho Youth Soccer Association	(ID)
Montana Youth Soccer Association	(MT)
US Youth Soccer Nevada (or United States Youth Soccer Nevada)	(NV)
New Mexico Youth Soccer Association	(NM)
Oregon Youth Soccer Association	(OR)
Utah Youth Soccer Association	(UT)
Washington Youth Soccer	(WA)
Wyoming State Soccer Association	(WY)

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TOPSoccer

"The Outreach Program for Soccer" Soccer is the only word that is spelled out.

In any use:

First Mention – US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer, The Outreach Program for Soccer Second Mention - TOPSoccer

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U.S. Soccer Federation Coaching License

In any use:

First Mention – USSF "letter" License

Example: USSF "A" License

Second Mention – "letter" License

Example: "A" License

US Soccer Federation National Youth License

In any use:

First Mention – USSF National Youth License Second Mention – National Youth License

US Youth Soccer

Never use periods to separate "U" and "S". "United States Youth Soccer Association" or "U.S. Youth Soccer Association" is only used in documents that directly affect the organization's nonprofit status.

In any use:

Correct - US Youth Soccer

Incorrect - U.S. Youth Soccer, United States Youth Soccer Association, USYS or USYSA

USYouthSoccer.org

Always capitalize where stressed.

In any use:

Correct – USYouthSoccer.org or www.USYouthSoccer.org Incorrect – usyouthsoccer.org or USYOUTHSOCCER.ORG

V

Versus

When listing a game, always use a single "v" to denote versus. The "v" should never be followed by a period.

Correct - San Jose Strikers 99 v FC Sacramento Incorrect - San Jose Strikers 99 vs FC Sacramento

W

website

Never capitalize, always one word.

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^{*} The Cal North Style Guidelines are subject to change.