

Dear All,

I thought it would be wise to clarify the National Championship Series policy concerning U19 teams. In Nevada, U19 teams are often put together specifically for the National Championship Series, and there is nothing wrong with this as long as the teams meet the rules. The rules for the teams are as follows:

1. All players must be registered with US Youth Soccer Nevada (USYSNV), and must not have participated in the National Championship Series 2008 in another state. At this time, USYSNV does not conduct player registration. Players will have to be registered through one of the sanctioned leagues under USYSNV, namely Nevada South Youth Soccer League and Silver State Girls Soccer League.
2. Teams are subject to the five player transfer limit applied to all other age groups.
3. U19 teams have to meet the 50% rule for players residing in Nevada, as is the case for the other age groups. This means that at least 50% of the players on the roster have to be classified as resident in Nevada as determined by USYSNV. Clearly, players living in Nevada full-time are classed as residents.
4. Players who completed high school as residents of Nevada and still have parents residing in Nevada, and who attend college out of state are considered as Nevada residents.
5. Players from out of state who are attending college in Nevada are classed as Nevada residents.
6. All other players are considered as out of state.
7. For out of state players, the players have to get a release from their home state USYS organization in order to participate. Some states may require that the player be registered with a team in that state before being released. In these cases, the release by the home state and signing to the Nevada team may be considered as a transfer, at the discretion of the home state. Team managers are advised to get on to the matter of out of state players as soon as possible as experience has shown that they can take some time to execute and are outside of the control of USYSNV.
8. As with all teams at U17 and above, the maximum roster size for U19 is 22 players. However, no more than 18 of these rostered players may be on the game roster for any individual game.
8. U19 teams must meet the requirement for a head coach with a minimum state D license. An assistant coach standing in for the head coach must have a minimum E state license.
9. U19 teams are not required to have participated in a USYS sanctioned league prior the Championships.
10. The roster freeze date is nominally no more than 14 days before the team's first game. It is not possible for USYSNV to manage a different roster freeze date for each team based on when its first game takes place. Therefore, there is a blanket April 7th roster freeze date for teams participating in the first/second round. All teams participating in the first/second round will have played at least one game by April 20th, thus meeting the 14 days requirement. For U19 teams not participating in the first/second round (which should be all), and participating in the finals weekend, the roster freeze date is Friday May 2nd. For U19 teams that are unopposed and go straight to the Regional Finals, the roster freeze date is Monday June 2nd.

Any questions concerning Nevada Championships 2008 registration should be addressed first to our state registrar, Andrea Thompson on 870-3024. Subsequent to that, feel free to contact me on 375-2134.

Regards

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