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2021 US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDED TO ST. LOUIS

MORE THAN 220 TEAMS FROM 14 STATE ASSOCIATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SIX-DAY EVENT

ST. LOUIS – Jan. 7, 2019 – US Youth Soccer has awarded the 2021 US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships to St. Louis. The games will take place June 25-30, 2021 at Creve Coeur Park Soccer Complex and Lou Fusz Athletic Soccer Complex in Maryland Heights. The Missouri Youth Soccer Association and St. Louis Sports Commission will serve as the host organizations for the event.

“The Missouri Youth Soccer Association is very pleased and proud to be the host state association for the 2021 Midwest Regional Championships,” said MYSA President Jim McCarthy. “We, along with our partners, are looking forward to showcasing our players, facilities and all that the St. Louis region has to offer.”

Chris Roseman, vice president of the St. Louis Sports Commission said, “We are thrilled to be hosting this great event in St. Louis. Our community partners have really stepped up and we are excited to welcome all of the athletes, families and coaches from 14 State Associations while making sure everyone has a tremendous experience.”

The Midwest Regional Championships will attract more than 220 boys and girls teams in the 13U through 19U age groups from the 14 State Associations that make up US Youth Soccer’s Midwest Region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio North, Ohio South, South Dakota and Wisconsin). Regional winners will earn a berth to the 2021 US Youth Soccer National Championships.

“St. Louis is a community rich in soccer history with a very exciting future,” said Jonathan Meersman, Midwest Regional Championships chair. “US Youth Soccer is proud to bring the Midwest Regional

Championships to the Gateway City for the first time. We look forward to working with the Missouri Youth Soccer Association, the St. Louis Sports Commission, and the local volunteers as they prepare to host a sensational event.”

Creve Coeur Park Soccer Complex and Lou Fusz Athletic Soccer Complex have 21 synthetic turf soccer fields combined, and are located less than a mile apart – all within Creve Coeur Park.

“Creve Coeur Park Soccer Complex, the state-of-the-art facility that we built during my first term in office, is the perfect venue for the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships,” said St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger. “This tournament will attract thousands of visitors to St. Louis County, generating an estimated \$10 million for our economy along with an opportunity to showcase our region.”

The Midwest Regional Championships will take place in St. Louis for the first time and returns to Missouri for the first time since 2001 when the event was held in Springfield.

“We are excited to bring the Midwest Regional Championships to one of the original birthplaces of soccer in the United States,” said MYSA Executive Director Nik Bushell. “This event will be an excellent showcase for youth soccer and presented at fantastic facilities with the cooperation of our member organizations and partners. The passion for soccer runs deep in St. Louis and we look forward to being the host State Association of the event.”

The event is part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series, the country's oldest and most prestigious national youth soccer tournament. The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series gives US Youth Soccer teams the opportunity to showcase their soccer skills against the best competition in the nation while emphasizing teamwork, discipline and fair play.

To learn more about US Youth Soccer visit USYouthSoccer.org. For more about the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series visit championships.usyouthsoccer.org.

The St. Louis Sports Commission is the privately-funded nonprofit organization that grows, strengthens and moves St. Louis forward through sports. The organization uses the power of sports to enhance the area’s quality of life and generate economic and social benefit for the St. Louis region.



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