

Lake Country Soccer to host 2009 Missouri Youth Soccer State Championship Cup Tournament

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Springfield, Missouri (May 15, 2009) – The 2009 Missouri Youth Soccer Association State Championship Cup tournament returns to Springfield, Missouri hosted by Lake Country Soccer June 6 – 12. 107 teams from the state will be vying for 14 state titles in the Under-13 through Under-19 boys and girls age divisions.

“Lake Country Soccer is very excited to once again host Missouri’s most competitive and prestigious tournament event and to have the opportunity to offer Missouri’s best teams a first class playing experience in an excellent setting,” said Kelly Ross, Executive Director for Lake Country Soccer.

The 2009 tournament will operate under a single elimination format. Although a majority of the teams are from the St. Louis area, Springfield will be represented by the Springfield Soccer Club, whose Under-18 boys’ team will be looking to three-peat as state champions after having won the Under-16 and Under-17 boys titles in 2007 & 2008. Schedule brackets can be downloaded from the Missouri Youth Soccer web site.

The Missouri State Championship Cup is the first stage in US Youth Soccer’s National Championship Series. Winners at the state level advance to the regional tournament to be held June 20-24 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Missouri is one of 14 Midwestern states in Region 2 including South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio North, Ohio South and Wisconsin. Regional winners of the Under-14 through Under-19 brackets earn a berth to the 2009 US Youth Soccer National Championships to be played July 21-26, at Citizens Bank Field at Progin Park in Lancaster, Mass.

One of the 12 national crowns awarded is the James P. McGuire Cup, the oldest trophy in youth sport dating back to 1935 with the inaugural youth championships. The Under-19 Boys National Champion will hoist the McGuire Cup on the 74th anniversary of the storied cup.

About the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series

The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series provides more than 10,000 teams from US Youth Soccer’s 55 State Associations the opportunity to showcase their abilities against the best in the nation while emphasizing teamwork, discipline and fair play. The yearlong competition begins with over 185,000 players in the US Youth Soccer State Championships. These champions and selected wildcard teams, through US Youth Soccer Regional Leagues, advance to compete in one of four the US Youth Soccer Regional Championships. Champions (U-14 through U-19) from each regional event advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championships. The Under-15 through 17 Boys and Girls age groups have two teams representative of the US Youth Soccer National League, in which the top two teams in each gender age group earn a direct path to the national championships. Overall the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series provides the nation’s top collegiate coaches with the premier stage to identify and scout the most coveted players in the country.

About the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer) – US Youth Soccer - The Game for ALL Kids!® is the largest youth sports organization in the country and largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of soccer in the United States. US Youth Soccer registers more than 3.2 million players annually, ages 5 to 19, and over 900,000 administrators, coaches and volunteers in 55 member state associations. US Youth Soccer programs provide a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game. For more information, visit www.USYouthSoccer.org.

About Lake Country Soccer – Lake Country Soccer was founded in 1984 to provide middle school boys a place to play soccer. Since then, the organization has expanded to provide leagues for kids ages 3-Adults, indoor and outdoor, instructional programs, camps, coaching education and referee training and development. Lake Country Soccer is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization operating under the auspices of the Springfield/Greene County Park Board. Lake Country Soccer currently serves nearly 3,000 registered youth and adult players. League play, three tournaments plus other local events, Lake Country Soccer attracts nearly 129,000 visitors to the facility annually.

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