



# Kansas Youth Soccer News Release

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## **Salina Soccer Club to Host US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Kansas State Cup**

**OLATHE, Kansas (January 27, 2009)** – The Salina Soccer Club will host more than 1,600 players from Kansas teams as they compete in the 2009 Kansas State Cup Championships to be played May 30 to June 7 at the Salina Soccer Complex in Salina. The tournament features boys and girls teams ranging in age from Under-12 to Under-19.

"We are excited that the 2009 Kansas State Cup will be held at Salina Soccer Club's new complex. All of us look forward to working with the host affiliate member," said Alan Blinzler, President of Kansas Youth Soccer. "Each year, the state's top players look forward to another year of outstanding competition as teams earn their way from state to regional and hopefully national finals competitions, striving to be one of the top 60 teams in the country playing for the US Youth Soccer National Championships."

"Kansas Youth Soccer is happy to bring the Kansas State Cup to Salina in 2009," said Bob Riggs, Executive Director of Kansas Youth Soccer. "The vision of the Salina Soccer Complex was to bring in top events in the city and the awarding of the 2009 Kansas State Cup speaks to that vision and the commitment of the Salina community to raise the level of soccer in the state."

The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series is the most prestigious event in youth sports. Kansas State Cup Championship winners (Under-13 to Under-19) and select runners-up will qualify to be among the more than 196 top boys and girls US Youth Soccer teams from 14 states competing for regional titles in seven age groups on June 19-24, at the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships at the Yankton Trails Park in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Regional winners of the Under-14 through Under-19 brackets earn a berth at the 2009 US Youth Soccer National Championships to be played July 21-26, in Lancaster, Massachusetts, at the Citizens Bank Fields at Progin Park.

Admission to the US Youth Soccer Kansas State Cup Championship is free.

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### **US Youth Soccer National Championships – Kansas State Cup**

**Who:** US Youth Soccer, Kansas Youth Soccer and Salina Soccer Club  
**What:** US Youth Soccer Kansas State Cup Championships  
**When:** May 30 – June 7, 2008  
**Where:** Salina Soccer Complex, Salina, Kansas

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**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



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selected wildcard teams through US Youth Soccer Regional Leagues advance to compete in one of four US Youth Soccer Regional Championships. Champions (U-14 through U-19) from each regional event advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championships. Adding to the excitement in 2009, the national championships will feature two teams from the newly formed US Youth Soccer National League in the U-15, U-16 and U-17 age groups. 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 Kansas Youth Soccer** – The purpose of Kansas Youth Soccer is to promote, foster and perpetuate the game of soccer throughout the State of Kansas. Since 1981, the Kansas State Youth Soccer Association has been helping soccer teams and leagues develop throughout the Sunflower State by offering programs and benefits designed to meet the sporting needs of today, tomorrow, and beyond. Officially recognized by US Youth Soccer and the USSF as the sanctioned national youth soccer organization in the State of Kansas, our goal is to provide support for every soccer player, coach, referee, administrator, volunteer, and parent, so that the number one sport in the world will be the sport of choice among our youth in the Midwest. By becoming a Kansas Youth Soccer member, you can join the more than 33,000 Kansas soccer enthusiasts who enjoy the many benefits and privileges provided by our organization.

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