



2014 US Youth National Championships
Germantown, Maryland

Teams by the numbers...

- ▶ 10,000 teams out of 187,000+ are accepted into State Cup & National League competitions
- ▶ 96 make it to Nationals
- ▶ 14 are crowned National Champions



Referees by the numbers...

- ▶ Over 140,000 USSF Referees
- ▶ About 900 around the US get selected for US Youth Regionals
- ▶ Only 96 get selected to the US Youth National Championships



Mark Geiger- FIFA Referee





Game Days

- ▶ 5:45am Wake up
- ▶ 6:00am Breakfast
- ▶ 6:30am Leave for Fields
- ▶ 7:00am Meet Crew Pregame Starts
- ▶ 8:00am Games Kick-off
- ▶ 10:00am Games done
- ▶ 10:30am Crew Debrief
- ▶ 11:00am Meet Crew Pregame Starts
- ▶ 12:00pm Games Kick-off
- ▶ 2:00pm Games done
- ▶ 2:30pm Crew Debrief
- ▶ 3:00pm Leave for Hotel
- ▶ 3:30pm Stretch, Shower, Recovery
- ▶ 4:00pm Small Nap
- ▶ 5:30pm Leave for Dinner
- ▶ 7:30pm Return to Hotel
- ▶ 8:00pm Referee Meeting
- ▶ 9:00pm Referee Training
- ▶ 10:00pm Assignments Released
- ▶ 10:30pm Delegation Meeting
- ▶ 11:30pm Lights-out

The Path?

- ▶ How did I get to where I am?
 - ▶ Take advantage of every opportunity
 - ▶ Work every match to the best of your ability
 - ▶ There is always someone watching
 - ▶ Keep others close around you in your “loop” & let them know what is going on
 - ▶ Talk to your assignors, mentors, fellow referees you look up to, your “round table group” about your goals and what you want to accomplish
 - ▶ Keep your schedule updated
 - ▶ Get the simple things right, the big things will take care of themselves

How to get to where you want to go?

- ▶ Set your own goals both short and long term
 - ▶ Realize the steps to reach your goals
- ▶ Be willing to listen and take criticism
 - ▶ Be able to realize faults in your own game
 - ▶ Take information from others and apply it to yourself
- ▶ Ask questions, no question is a stupid questions
 - ▶ We want you to get it right
- ▶ Be professional at ALL times
- ▶ Enjoy what you do, no matter why you do it

- ▶ ***“Control the controllables”***