1. **All American-based MLS & USL teams compete in the U.S. Open Cup (USOC):**
	1. *The number of teams that qualify for the USOC are the following:*
		1. Major League Soccer (MLS) = 20 Enter in 4th Round.
		2. United Soccer League Championship = 22 Enter in 2nd Round.
		3. United Soccer League 1 = 18 Enter in 1st Round.
		4. United Soccer League 2 = 31 Enter in 1st Round (+6 Enter in in Play-in Round).
		5. All teams qualify based on their final standings in their respective leagues from the prior season.
	2. *All players are only allowed to play for only 1 club in any US Open Cup season:*
		1. *The lower-division professional clubs that are directly owned by higher-division professional clubs (i.e. reserve clubs) are no longer eligible to participate in the U.S. Open Cup:*
			1. List of ineligible clubs = Atlanta United FC II, Bethlehem Steel FC, Loudoun United FC, New York Red Bulls 2, North Texas SC, Orlando City B, Toronto FC 2, & FC Tucson.
			2. However, the players on these clubs are eligible to play for their MLS Parent club in the US Open Cup.
		2. The "hybrid affiliate" clubs (i.e. lower-division professional clubs that are affiliated and/or staffed but not owned by higher-division clubs) remain eligible.
	3. *The timeline for the tournament is as follows:*
		1. Play-in Round = Early May
		2. 1st Round = 2 days after play-in Round ends.
		3. 2nd Round = 1 week after the 1st round ends.
		4. 3rd Round = 1 week after the 2nd round ends.
		5. 4th Round = 12 days after the 3rd round ends.
		6. 5th Round (Round of 16) = 10 days after the 4th round ends.
		7. 6th Round (Quarter-finals) = 1 month after the 5th round ends.
		8. 7th Round (Semi-finals) = 3 weeks after the 6th round ends.
		9. 8th Round (The Finals) = 6 weeks after the 7th round ends.
		10. U.S. Soccer uses a simple coin toss to decide which team hosts each match for most rounds.
	4. The overall champion earns a total of $300,000 in prize money, while the runner-up receives $100,000 and the furthest-advancing team from each lower division league receives $25,000.
	5. In addition, the tournament winner qualifies for the group stage of the CONCACAF Champions League.
	6. *Other rules for all leagues:*
		1. *All coaches are given one unsuccessful challenge, or limitless successful challenges:*
			1. All goals will be automatically reviewed, without a coach’s challenge.
			2. All other issues would require a team challenge.
		2. The player who draws the foul in the box is the player who must take the penalty shot.
2. **The CONCACAF Champions League:**
	1. *The timeline for the tournament is as follows:*
		1. Round of 16 = Mid-February.
		2. Quarter-finals = Early March.
		3. Semi-finals = Early April.
		4. Finals = Late April.
	2. *Teams that qualify:*
		1. The previous CONCACAF League champion.
		2. *US (3 total):*
			1. MLS Cup champion.
			2. USL Championship Cup Winner.
			3. U.S. Open Cup champion.
		3. *Canada (3 total):*
			1. CPL Cup champion
			2. CPL Supporters' Shield winner or CPL Cup runner up
			3. Canadian Championship Winner.
		4. *Mexico (4 total):*
			1. The winners and runners-up of the Liga MX Apertura and Clausura tournaments.
		5. *1 berth each for Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama and El Salvador:*
			1. the champion of the highest level of professional domestic soccer.
		6. If one or more clubs is precluded, it is supplanted by a club from another Central American association. The reallocation is based on results from previous Champions League tournaments.