



American Youth Soccer Organization 2019 National Games, Hawaii'



OPENING CEREMONY & PARADE OF TEAMS INFORMATION

Aloha Mai Kakou!

The AYSO National Games 2019 (NG19) Opening Ceremony and PARADE of TEAMS is scheduled for July 1, 2019 (Monday), starting at 5:30 PM at the Waipio Peninsula Soccer Park Stadium Field on the Island of Oahu.

We anticipate the participation of over 2,500 players and coaches, 200-plus referees, as well as VIP players from all over the country at this Olympic-style event. The event will also include National (AYSO) and Local (AYSO, State, City & County) dignitaries, Hawaiian entertainment and much more!

Staging of teams for the parade will begin at 4:00 PM on Fields 6 and 7. Please see the accompanying Parade Map. Entry of teams into the Stadium will begin at 5:30. The formal Opening Ceremony program will end at approximately 8:30 PM.

KSSK (FM 92.3) Disc Jockey (DJ) personality Jimmy "The Geek" Bender will provide pre-parade music and prizes to entertain and engage players while they wait for the parade to start.

Teams are encouraged to PREPARE a BANNER and WEAR their game JERSEYS to celebrate their AYSO SPIRIT and to help identify them during staging and the parade.

Shin guards and/or soccer cleats are NOT recommended, but footwear (i.e., shoes, slippers, etc.) MUST be worn.

Staging and entrance of teams from Fields 6 and 7 into the Stadium will be as shown on the Parade Map. Teams will enter the stadium in the following order: Section 1, 10, 11, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 14, 7, followed by VIP and Referees.

VIP players will be staged within the stadium area and follow a modified parade route. NG19 VIP Coordinator will coordinate this activity with VIP team coaches, volunteers and supporters.

Banners displaying Section numbers and parade committee personnel will be posted on Fields 6 and 7 to help identify each Section and to escort teams into the Stadium.

IMPORTANT: One adult OTHER THAN the Head Coach should accompany the team to the respective staging location. This individual will fill-in a team Identification Card and submit to the parade committee prior to entering the stadium. Information on the card will include Section, Area, Region, Team Name, City, State, Age Group and Gender. The Master of Ceremony (MC) will use the information on the card to introduce each team.

The Field Map shows the parade route, and parade committee personnel will assist teams as they enter the stadium field area. KINE (FM 105.3) DJ personality Shannon Scott will be the MC for the event.

Coaches and Referees will be participating in their mandatory meeting/orientation near Field 5 until approximately 5:00 PM before joining their teams at the parade staging area. It is therefore extremely important for at least one responsible adult to stay with the team during staging.

Note: Due to the length of this event (approx. 4 hours), food/refreshments will be available for purchase from our food vendors. All food and drinks, except water, must be consumed prior to the start of the parade. The stadium use permit only allows water on the stadium field for drinking purposes.

Questions about the parade? Contact Kent Goya via e-mail at 808.ksg@gmail.com. Visit www.aysonationalgames.org for more information and schedule of events.