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FULLERTON, Calif. (July 6, 2014) - Cal South's Board of Directors announced today record-breaking support for the state association's youth and adult teams vying for national championship titles this month. The 25 youth teams and one adult team will each receive \$8,000 in support to help with their expenses in traveling to three separate national championship events. The amount of \$208,000 is \$92,000 more than the 2013 national subsidy total. And the total contribution across the regional and national competitions is an unprecedented \$542,000, a massive 61% increase over last year.

"The amount of subsidies is a testament to our incredible success in the regional competitions," said Cal South Board President, Derek Barraza. "We want to remove as much of the financial hardship as possible to let our teams compete and succeed at the highest levels. The subsidy increases are also an example of one success leading to another. The funds generated from both the Cal South National Cup and Sports Authority State Cup tournaments allow us to provide this assistance to our affiliates. This support is an important benefit of membership in the #1 state association in the country. Our ability to maintain this level of support depends upon the success of these tournaments."

Cal South subsidies are discretionary and are determined each year by the Board of Directors. A pool for the subsidies is created and then allocations per team are based on the total number of Cal South teams participating in regional and national championships. The subsidies provide support for travel and tournament expenses.

Four Cal South teams will compete in the 2014 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup in Greenville, South Carolina from July 10-13. Cal South will have 21 teams compete in the US Youth Soccer National Championships in Germantown, Maryland from July 22-27, 2014. And finally, the Chula Vista FC men's team will take part in the US Adult Soccer Association (USASA) National Cup Finals in Salt Lake City, Utah from July 25-27, 2014.

"It is extremely gratifying for the Cal South Board that we are able to make these contributions," Barraza added. "The commitment we've made to our Affiliate Members is clear in the significant increase in overall subsidies."

To view a list of all 26 Cal South teams receiving support to compete in national championship competitions, [click here](#).

Since 2001, Cal South teams have won 42 US Youth Soccer National Championships, including seven titles won at last year's finals in Kansas. The next closest state association in that same span is North Texas with 21 titles. And Cal South's 58 total US Youth Soccer National Championships leads all other states, too. Cal South teams have also collected eleven total championship trophies through the first five years of the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup.

For more about the 2014 US Youth Soccer National Championships, visit <http://championships.usyouthsoccer.org/>.

For more about the 2014 US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup, visit www.usyouthsoccer.org/PresidentsCup/.

For more about the United States Adult Soccer Association's National Cups competitions, please visit www.usasa.com.

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About Cal South:

The California State Soccer Association - South (Cal South) is a 501c(3) California public benefit corporation and is the official youth and adult state soccer association of the United States Soccer Federation and United States Youth Soccer. Cal South represents over 300 Member Leagues and Clubs comprising our membership of more than 195,000 registered players, coaches, referees and league administrators. The organization, with a service area that extends from San Luis Obispo to San Diego, provides rewarding recreational and competitive opportunities for players of all ages, genders and skill levels. For more information about Cal South, visit www.calsouth.com.

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