

## Opening Ceremonies Instructions - Dallas Cup 2024

All participating teams are **"REQUIRED"** to attend and take part in the Opening Ceremonies on **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to arrive at the Cotton Bowl in enough time to begin preparations for the Opening Ceremonies parade. Please see the line-up schedule on the graphic below for your time/location. Entrance to the stands at the Cotton Bowl is **Gate "G"**, located on the **"East"** side of the stadium by the plaza.



For the Opening Ceremonies parade, announcements will be made over the PA system starting around 4:15pm. If you are already in the stands, please exit back out of **Gate "G"** and walk around to your defined preliminary staging area at the appropriate gate assignment:

- International teams should report to **Gate "K"** at 4:30 and find their country sign/flag.
- Teams from Mexico should report to **Gate "L"** at 4:40.
- FC Dallas teams should report to **Parking Lot 12AA** at 4:45, just outside the tunnel entrance at **Gate "K"**.
- All other USA teams should report to **Gate "J"** at 4:50.

Please pay close attention to the announcements so that your team heads to the staging area on time and in the correct order. If teams that are coming from the remote complexes arrive **after 4:30 pm**, they should proceed directly to their **assigned staging area**.

There will be Dallas Cup volunteers carrying **"Country Flags"** and **"Country Signs"** in the parking lot. Teams should follow directions from Dallas Cup volunteers and form a line

behind the flag and sign that represents their country. **There will not be any particular order of teams within the specific countries.**

**\*\* Please make sure that your team follows the directions of our volunteers in the staging area outside the stadium and during the parade so that it will be enjoyable for everyone. Remember, we are doing a parade with 300 teams, which translates to more than 6,000 people.**

**\*\*\* Reminder: All player/team kit bags must remain in team vehicles.**

**At the conclusion of the parade of nations, there will be announcements to please exit the field by using the stairs directly back into the open stands. Do not exit back up the parade entrance tunnel.**