



CONFERENCE DIVISION RESTRUCTURE

EXCITING CHANGES AHEAD OF 2021-2022 SEASONAL YEAR



US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL LEAGUE

GENERAL OVERVIEW

- **450+ teams currently play in the Conference**
 - 13U and 14U only in the fall due to the High School conflict for boys and girls (all ages in the Spring)
- **Advancement opportunities**
 - To National League P.R.O. from Tier 1 divisions
 - Regional Championship wildcard slots from Tier 1 divisions
- **National League Showcase Series opportunities**
 - For **ALL** 15U-19U teams to apply
- **Participation within Conference-hosted showcases**
 - For **ALL** 15U-19U teams (availability permitting)



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NEW DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

TIER 1

Championship
Club vs. Club

Premier I

TIER 2

P11 Blue*

P11 White*

P11 Yellow*

P11 Black*

TIER 3

State Conference Qualifiers**

**Number of P11 Divisions is subject to accepted team numbers*

***Example: Illinois Qualifiers (other states can request, if interested)*



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BENEFITS TO STRUCTURAL CHANGE

- Allows for more localized travel/competition within all Premier II Divisions, which will be grouped geographically wherever possible.
- Allows more teams the opportunity to play in a competitive division with an opportunity to earn promotion to the Premier I level.
- Gives all the best-performing teams in each Premier II Division an opportunity to participate in one of the National League Showcase Series events, if they choose to apply (not mandatory for Premier II teams).
- Allows for an attractive and easy integration for clubs from outside of our platforms to come back into the USYS National League.



ALSO NEW FOR 2021-2022

13U AGE GROUP - FALL SEASON

FALL SEASON

13U Blue

Top teams to Premier I

Remaining teams to Premier II

13U Black

Top teams to Premier I

Remaining teams to Premier II

13U White

Top teams to Premier I

Remaining teams to Premier II

13U Yellow

Top teams to Premier I

Remaining teams to Premier II

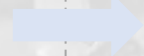
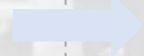
SPRING SEASON

13U Premier I

13U Premier II Blue

13U Premier II White

13U Premier II Black



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Please note: this is an example and may vary from year to year; number of teams in each division to be determined by selection committee

13U ADVANTAGES

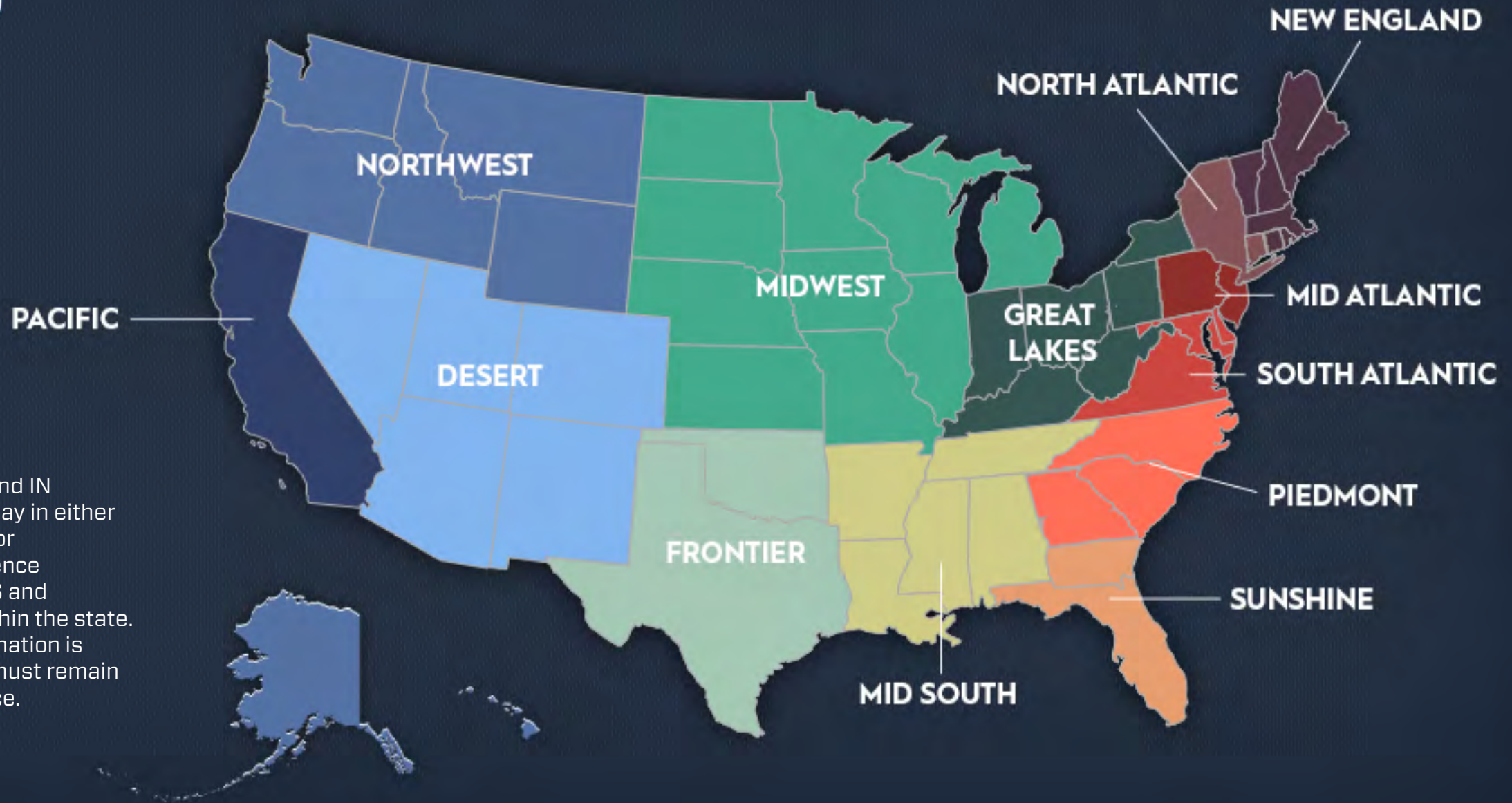
- ALL 13U teams will start at the same level in the Fall 2021 season
- Teams are grouped locally to avoid large amounts of travel at this age group
- Top teams from each division are awarded Premier I slots for the Spring 2022 season
- In their first seasonal year of National League Conference play, the top 13U teams from each area of the conference will have the opportunity to compete for National League P.R.O. slots and Midwest Regional Championship wildcards in the Spring 2022 season
- Exciting for new clubs looking to come back to US Youth Soccer



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CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT MAP



Teams from MI and IN may choose to play in either the Great Lakes or Midwest Conference depending on HS and their location within the state. Once their designation is confirmed they must remain in that conference.

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O.

National League P.R.O.

- Top Conference teams from around the country competing for advancement to the annual USYS National Championships
- For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/NLPROInfo>

Great Lakes Conference tie-in to National League P.R.O.

Top-finishing teams in the Premier I Divisions and Club vs. Club Divisions (15U-18U) can earn automatic qualification into National League P.R.O. for the following season.

Specific qualifying slots may vary from year to year and among age groups.

Great Lakes Conference
Tier 1 Top Finish



National League P.R.O.
Top-2 Finish



National Championships



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QUESTIONS?

Please reach out to Marc Frankland with any questions.

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