



## Club vs. Club Division 2022/23 Seasonal Year



US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL LEAGUE

# USYS National League Overview

- The National League features...
  - League play in 13 Conferences offering regionalized competition across the country
  - National League P.R.O. that provides top teams with a direct path into Nationals (NCS)
  - Elite 64 that provides clubs with a National Platform with National Showcases & Finals
- Highest level of league competition in US Youth Soccer
- Opportunities for advancement to National or Regional events of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series
- Conferences operate above state programming, providing high-level competition on a consistent basis at a targeted local level
- The Great Lakes Conference serves teams/clubs primarily in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New York West, Ohio, Pennsylvania West, and West Virginia.



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# National League P.R.O.

## National League P.R.O.

- Places are earned directly from your Conference performance in Club vs. Club
- Each gender age group will feature 48 teams in NL P.R.O., separated into six groups of eight teams each
- The 7-game NL P.R.O. season includes...
  - Two national events (3 games each, 6 total games)
  - One “local” game (vs. Great Lakes Conference opponent or local cross-conference opponent)
- In each gender age group, the top two teams from each of the six groups (12 total teams) will earn a place in the 2023 USYS National Championships.



# Great Lakes Conference Club vs. Club Division

## Club vs. Club Goals and Objectives

- Create a club-centric competition model
- Focus on player development through a controlled, competitive and positive environment
- Provide “full-service” clubs with meaningful competition
- Club development through competition
- Scheduling control
- Connect like-minded clubs with common goals
- Maintain the highest standards on and off the field (clubs not maintaining these standards may face removal at the end of the year back to Team vs. Team)



# Great Lakes Conference Club vs. Club Division

## Age Groups and Format of Play

- The following age groups will be offered during the 2022/23 seasonal year (Spring 2023 – Girls, Spring 2023 – Boys)
  - 15U (2008s), 16U (2007s), 17U (2006s), 18U (2005s), 19U (2004s)
- Each club will have a team in every age group
- Clubs will play each club one time
- Coordination with existing Great Lakes Conference showcases (if scheduled)
- Club collaboration to finalize dates and schedule of matches
- Host club will handle all logistics (field reservation/setup, referees, athletic trainers, filming, hydration stations, etc.)
- League Manager will have scheduling oversight, guided by Club Leaders and coordinated by a Designated Scheduling Coordinator (DSC).



# Great Lakes Conference Club vs. Club Division

## Eligibility Requirements

- Club's participation requirements:
  - Properly registered entity with state government and US Youth Soccer State Association
  - Full-time Technical/Coaching Director
  - Club must be able to meet all required hosting standards
  - Functional website
  - Club must have and enforce a set of club standards
  - Recent history of success in USYS National League programming or other equivalent leagues



# Great Lakes Conference Club vs. Club Division Qualification and Advancement Opportunities

## National League P.R.O.

- In the 15U-18U gender age groups, the top teams from the Great Lakes Conference Club vs. Club Divisions will qualify for US Youth Soccer National League P.R.O. for the 2023-24 season.

## National Championship Series

- In the 15U-19U gender age groups, the top teams from the Great Lakes Conference Club vs. Club Divisions will have an opportunity to qualify for the 2023 US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championships either through direct qualification or through a playoff process (to be determined).



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# Great Lakes Conference Club vs. Club Division

## Match Day Required Hosting Standards

- Host club picks up all costs except referee fees that will be split
- Benches, team tents and water provided for visiting clubs
- Athletic Trainers must be present at all hosted matches
- All clubs must have filming capability
- High quality playing surface with access to backup turf fields, if needed
- Potential hotel and food options provided for incoming teams
- Highest quality match officials available to be assigned
- College coach invites should be sent out to local schools
- All matches scheduled in 2-hour blocks to allow adequate warm up time





# Great Lakes Conference Club vs. Club Division **Club Leaders Group**

- Includes full-time soccer professionals from member clubs
- Input into Operating Procedures and Match Day standards
- Act as sole contact for club during scheduling process
- League Manager will have scheduling oversight, guided by Club Leaders
- Annual review and league enhancement
- Establish standards and new membership



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