



TO: US Youth Soccer Desert Conference Teams
FROM: Jonathan Berzins, League Manager
DATE: August 2021
RE: **Desert Conference League Season 2021-22**

Please feel free to share this letter with your schools

On behalf of the US Youth Soccer National League, we would like to request the release of all players that are members of USYS Desert Conference teams from your school to participate in our events during the 2021-2022 season. We realize the importance of a player's education and strive to accommodate the academic calendar that varies from state to state, as much as possible, while also being cognizant of the financial impact that participating in a national program has on families. Regrettably, our schedule may result in a limited number of days missed from school.

The USYS Desert Conference has been developed to provide elite level teams and their players with extraordinary opportunities to showcase their talents in front of numerous college coaches and scouts who are charged with identifying and developing the teams that represent the United States in international competitions such as the Olympics and World Cup. The opportunity provided to the players is great both on and off the field. As we all know, players at the elite level are striving to extend their educational and soccer playing careers to the college level. Entering the 15th year of our program, we have already seen the benefit that the USYS National League has provided its players in achieving these goals. Our program provides an exclusive group of players extra opportunities that they have earned through their stellar play in National League Conference (regional) and national competitions.

The dates of our competitions are (please allow for a travel day before and after the competition days):

- September 10-12, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah
- November 19-21, 2021, in Phoenix, Ariz.
- February 25-27, 2022, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Thank you for your understanding regarding the absence of US Youth Soccer National League players from school during our events. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at jberzins@usyouthsoccer.org.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Berzins, League Manager
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