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USYS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ELITE 64

INFO GUIDE



Be a part of something **bigger.**

- The Elite 64 Regional League is a club-based second tier of Elite 64 serving various geographic areas across the country.
- Clubs will be evaluated for **promotion** into Elite 64.
- Teams can earn direct **advancement** to additional USYS national competitions.
- **Alignment** of standards with Elite 64.



NATIONAL STRUCTURE

REGIONALIZED COMPETITION



For 2023-24, the E64 Regional League is currently running in the Midwest & Great Lakes regions. The above map shows projected leagues to roll out for the 2024-25 season.

- National connectivity for all club-based leagues within the USYS National League.
- Consistency of standards within each E64 Regional League.
- Opportunity to participate in National League regional and national events.

ELITE 64 REGIONAL LEAGUE

KEY INFO

HOW IS IT MANAGED?

As part of the USYS National League, the Elite 64 Regional League will be exclusively managed by the USYS National League staff.

WHO COMPETES?

The Elite 64 Regional League includes play for 13U-19U boys and girls teams with club-based competition.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

Brackets of up to 10 teams each will see teams play a single round-robin or double round-robin schedule per seasonal year, based on club feedback.

WHEN ARE THE GAMES?

The 15U-19U age groups will play a schedule that allows for players to participate in their high school soccer season, while the 13U-14U age groups will be able to schedule over a 10-month period.



NATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS & P.R.O.



ELITE 64 REGIONAL LEAGUE

Top-performing teams, plus wildcards, qualify for Conference Playoffs.

NL CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS

Ten groups of 4. Top 3 teams per group advance to National League P.R.O. Conference Playoffs finish determines National League P.R.O. seeding.

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O.

Conference Playoff teams and Elite 64 teams compete to advance to the USYS National Championships.

NATIONAL LEAGUE'S PATH TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONFERENCES & E64 REGIONAL LEAGUE

The highest finishing teams in the top tier divisions of each National League Conference (team-based) or E64 Regional League (club-based) can qualify for the following season's NL Conference Playoffs.

CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS

The 40 best teams in each age group are placed into 10 groups of four. After three days of group play, the top three teams in each group will advance to National League P.R.O. The higher a team finishes in its Conference Playoff group, the higher the pool placement for National League P.R.O.

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O.

Featuring Conference Playoff teams and Elite 64 teams, all of whom compete in knockout style competition in one of three National League P.R.O. pools to determine qualifiers to the USYS National Championships.

NATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS

Dates	Location	Age Groups
Dec. 1-4, 2023	ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex Orlando, FL	14U-19U Boys
Dec. 8-11, 2023	ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex Orlando, FL	14U-19U Girls

- Top teams from the National League Conferences and Elite 64 Regional League compete in group play for a chance to move on to the second national event (National League P.R.O.).
- Each 4-team group has a pre-determined second event destination for teams that advance.

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O.

Dates	Location	Age Groups
Feb. 23-27, 2024	Tournament Sportsplex of Tampa Bay Tampa, Fla.	14U-19U Girls & Boys
May 3-7, 2024	SoCal Sports Complex Oceanside, Calif.	14U-19U Girls & Boys

- Advancing teams attend a maximum of ONE National League P.R.O. event.
- Designated groups from the NL Conference Playoffs advance to either Tampa or Oceanside.
- NL P.R.O. events allow all National League teams (Conference, Elite 64, E64 Regional League) to compete against each other.
- Top performing teams at NL P.R.O. events will advance to the USYS National Championships.

USYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates	Location	Age Groups
July 22-28, 2024	ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex Orlando, Fla.	13U-19U Girls & Boys

- **Note:** Teams must have played in their USYS State Cup to be eligible to play at Nationals.

ELITE 64 REGIONAL LEAGUE 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.



E A R N Y O U R P L A C E

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

US Youth Soccer recognizes the Elite 64 Regional League as a talent identification platform for the USYS Olympic Development Program.

National League events are sanctioned and work with US Youth Soccer ODP for the purpose of talent identification.

WHAT IS THE US YOUTH SOCCER OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?

Purpose

To identify and provide opportunities for high potential players, facilitate their development, and expose them to the next level of their chosen pathway.

Goal

To be a nationally recognized youth identification and development pathway for U.S. soccer players.

How do I participate?

Please contact Aaron Heffernan, Senior Manager of ODP, at aheffernan@usyouthsoccer.org with any questions.

What are the benefits of participating in US Youth Soccer ODP?

1. Development as a player. Opportunity to train & play with the best players in one's age group.
2. Quality instruction from nationally licensed coaches.
3. Quality competition. Games against other state association ODP teams.
4. Exposure to regional and national team coaches.
5. The opportunity to represent one's state, region, or country in competition.
6. Exposure to college coaches.

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