



# 2023-24 SEASONAL YEAR FRONTIER CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

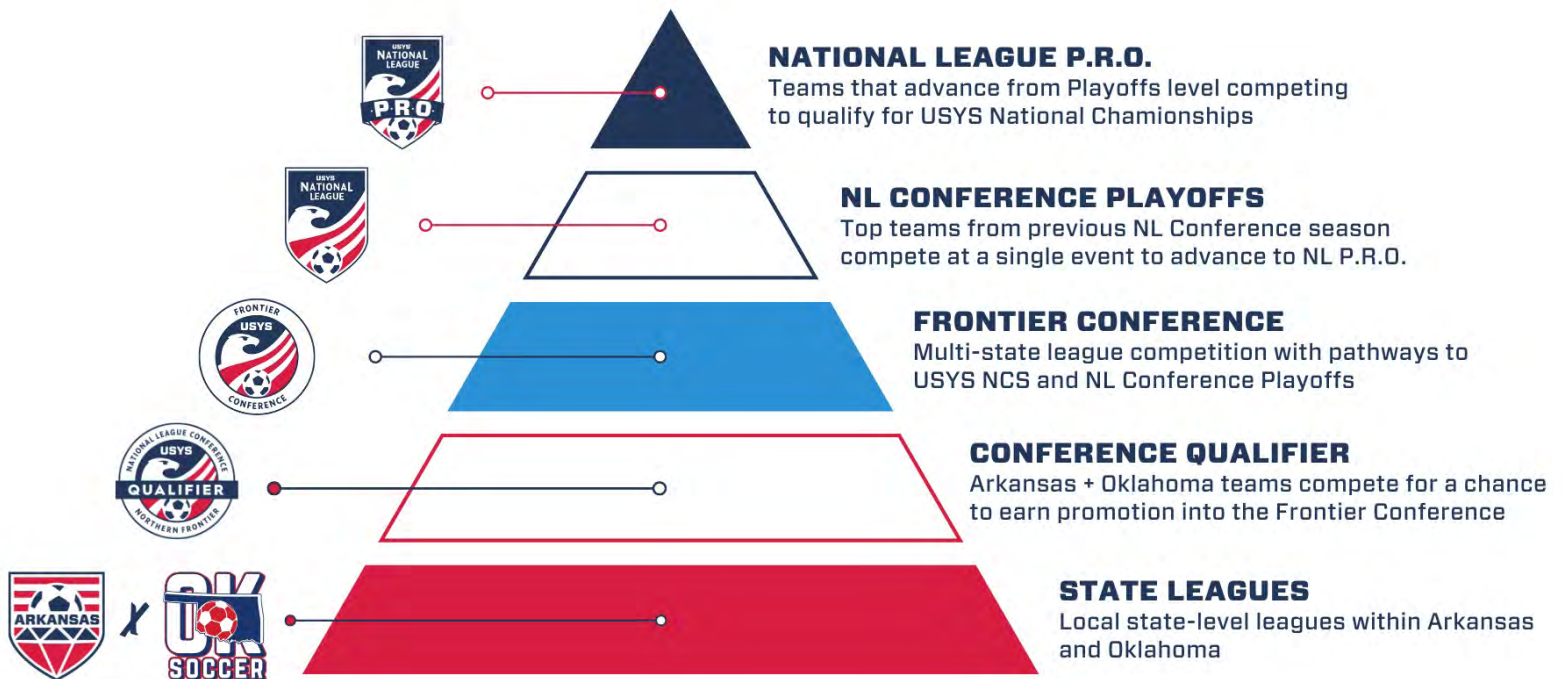
## WHAT IS THE US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL LEAGUE?

The primary National League competition takes place at the multi-state level within the network of thirteen (13) regionally aligned conferences across the country. The national platform that ties together the Conferences is the [National League Conference Playoffs](#) which qualifies the top teams from each National League Conference to compete for slots into National League P.R.O. Teams who qualify for [National League P.R.O.](#) will have the opportunity to advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championships. For more information on the National League Conference Playoffs and National League P.R.O, [please click here](#).

The **Northern Frontier Conference** is Premier II Division under the Frontier Conference and operates at a multi-state level — providing high-level competition on a consistent basis at a targeted local level (Arkansas and Oklahoma).

The winner of each **Northern Frontier Conference** age group will earn automatic promotion to the **Frontier Conference** for the 2024-25 season.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE PATHWAY



## **COMMITMENT**

Any team looking to participate in the Northern Frontier Conference must understand the level of commitment it takes to participate in a League that stretches across two (2) different state associations. All teams understand that this is a multi-state league and that teams may travel hundreds of miles to participate in conference games. Teams understand that they may not play any true "home" games. A limited number of teams are accepted into the Northern Frontier Conference, so it is important that each team makes the commitment to travel BEFORE applying to the conference.

## **BOYS and GIRLS AGE GROUPS OF COMPETITION**

The 2023-24 Northern Frontier Conference will include the following Boys and Girls age groups:

- 13 and Under (13U) – for players born on January 1, 2011 or later
- 14 and Under (14U) – for players born on January 1, 2010 or later
- 15 and Under (15U) – for players born on January 1, 2009 or later
- 16 and Under (16U) – for players born on January 1, 2008 or later
- 17 and Under (17U) – for players born on January 1, 2007 or later
- 18 and Under (18U) – for players born on January 1, 2006 or later
- 19 and Under (19U) – for players born on January 1, 2005 or later

## **ENTRY FEE**

The Team Entry Fee to participate in the Northern Frontier Conference is \$800 per team and is non-refundable if a team is accepted into the Conference and later drops out. The Team Entry Fee is payable upon acceptance into the Conference and does not include Referee Fees, which will be paid in accordance with the Conference Operating Procedures.

State Associations may charge an additional fee and/or bond to cover additional expenses associated with the Conference but specific to their State Association. These additional fees and/or bonds will be handled by a team's respective State Association and the method/form of collection will be determined by each State

Association.

## **THE 2023-24 SEASON**

The first event date of the 2023-2024 season for the Northern Frontier Conference will be September 9/10, 2023. All games for the Northern Frontier Conference must be completed by June 1, 2024.

## **COMPETITION FORMAT**

The Frontier Conference follows a round robin competition format. The anticipated division size, match count, and season of play for each gender age group is summarized below.

## **CONFERENCE EVENT DATES**

The anticipated event dates of play for the 2023-24 season are posted below. Teams must be prepared to compete in each event, however, based on the final slate of teams, attending all events may not be necessary. Event dates are subject to change.

Event Locations will be finalized by the end of July. It is anticipated to have two events in the Oklahoma City area, two events in the Tulsa area, and two events in Arkansas.

### **13U-19U Boys/Girls Hosting Dates (Fall 2023)**

September 9 – 10: **Bentonville, AR (Sugar Creek Soccer Park)**

September 16 – 17: **Oklahoma City, OK (The Sporting Club)**

September 30 – Oct 1: **Fort Smith, AR (Ben Green)**

October 7 – 8: RAIN DATE

October 14 – 15: **Bentonville, AR (Sugar Creek Soccer Park)**

October 28 – 29: **Oklahoma City, OK (Cameron Park) and Arkansas (TBD)**

November 11 – 12: **Tulsa, OK (Case Community Park)**

November 18 – 19: RAIN DATE

December 2 – 3: RAIN DATE

## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

In completing any registration into the Northern Frontier Conference teams are required to submit accurate information to the questions provided. Misrepresentation may result in the team being disqualified from conference participation. All registrations for the Frontier Conference must be submitted through GotSport.

Registration Deadline for 14U-19U teams: Monday, July 3rd, 2023

Registration Link:[https://system.gotsport.com/event\\_regs/7244e4a6a5](https://system.gotsport.com/event_regs/7244e4a6a5)

## **GOTSPORT**

The conference uses the GotSport platform to manage the league. All teams will be required to list a contact from their club (in most cases this will be the club administrator) when they register for the conference. That contact will be the point person that the teams within the club will go to first if there are any issues or questions about the GotSport platform. It is important to check with your club before listing the contact on the registration form to be sure the same contact will be listed by every team within your club that is competing in the conference. Team Registration and Roster Building Walkthroughs will be available on the conference webpage and they will be updated throughout the season should any changes happen with those processes. Teams are encouraged to frequently check the team information tab on the conference webpage to see if any updates have been made to these documents.

## **GENERAL SCHEDULING INFORMATION**

Conference schedules will be developed by the League Manager, who will have sole discretion of game schedules. The anticipated release of schedules will be in Mid-Late July for the 14U-19U age groups.

A coach of multiple teams within the Northern Frontier Conference will be given scheduling considerations so he/she can be present for their team's games, however coach conflict resolution IS NOT guaranteed. Clubs are strongly encouraged to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> coach that can step in should a conflict exists. Any reschedules will be done in accordance with the Conference Operating Procedures. Schedule requests for individual teams will NOT be considered.

Teams participating in the Northern Frontier Conference must be available to play on the published conference dates, which includes rain dates. By submitting your team application, your team is committing to play on the published dates for the conference.

## **REFEREES**

Northern Frontier Conference games will use a 3-man referee system. The amount and form of payment to referees in the Northern Frontier Conference is as follows: Referee fees will be paid in cash to the referee crew before each game. Teams will split payment for the referees for each match. Referees fee structure is below:

13U-16U: \$150.00 (Center \$70, AR1 \$40, AR2 \$40). \$75.00 per team.

17U-19U: \$180.00 (Center \$80, AR1 \$50, AR2 \$50). \$90.00 per team

## **TEAM ROSTERS**

Teams may utilize 30 players during the course of a season in accordance with the National League Rules. A maximum 22-player Team Roster with additional use of club pass players shall be utilized in all age groups. Club Pass players may only come from within a team's club, provided that the player is a US Youth Soccer member.

## **RULES AND INFORMATION**

Rules and additional information may be found on the Northern Frontier Conference website:

<https://www.usynationalleague.com/frontier-conference/>

## **PERMISSION TO TRAVEL**

Teams are not required to complete Permission to Travel permits/forms for games played outside of their State Association as permission is automatically granted by State Association approval of the team for Northern Frontier Conference play.

## **STAY CONNECTED!**

Clubs, Coaches, Parents, and Players are encouraged to stay connected with the USYS National League by following us on social media! Any questions Frontier Conference social media can be directed to Scott Belton.



[facebook.com/nationalleaguesoccer](https://facebook.com/nationalleaguesoccer)



[twitter.com/nationalleague](https://twitter.com/nationalleague)



[instagram.com/nationalleaguesoccer](https://instagram.com/nationalleaguesoccer)



[youtube.com/user/usyouth](https://youtube.com/user/usyouth)

If teams have any social media related questions concerning the Northern Frontier Conference, please contact the League Manager. USYS/National League staff may reach out to your team contacts throughout the seasonal year for team information, pictures, goal scorers, etc. to promote the Conference competition on the National League's social media platforms.

## **COMMUNICATION FROM/WITH THE CONFERENCE**

E-mail is the primary means of communication within the Northern Frontier Conference. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that accurate contact information is on file with the conference. The Northern Frontier Conference compiles team contact information based on each team's application into the conference.

## **CONTACT**

For more information on the Frontier Conference please contact:

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