



## **2023-24 Northern Frontier Self Schedule Guidelines**

The Northern Frontier Conference is a predominately event-based league, with teams participating in at least three event weekends. To accommodate requested event blackout dates and provide an ample number of games for all participating clubs, teams will also have self scheduled matches.

These matches are listed on the schedule for December 13<sup>th</sup> and labeled “Northern Frontier Self Schedule Match”. Self Schedule matches are the matches that teams will schedule in coordination with their opponent and can be played anytime during the fall OR spring (the December 13 date is simply a placeholder date to generate the matches).

For self scheduled matches, it is the responsibility of the teams that are playing to secure a field and referees for the match.

The below guidelines are here to help teams in scheduling these matches. Teams can utilize any of the below options for self scheduled matches so long as both teams are in agreement.

To coordinate your self schedule matches with your opponent, teams may utilize the GotSport chat feature or use the contact information available for participating teams. Team contact information can be found on the public schedule (select the team and use the "view team contact information" link). Once the match details are finalized, please email [mdellaria@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:mdellaria@usyouthsoccer.org) and include the match number and match details (date/time/venue/field number/venue address). We will then get the match updated in GotSport.

### **Option 1 – Play Both Self Schedule Matches as Home and Away (only pertains to Double RR brackets)**

Teams competing in most double round-robin brackets will have four self-scheduled matches against two different opponents. Option one is that teams agree to play both matches and the fixtures are true home and away matches

### **Option 2 – Double Count Self Schedule Matches**

If teams are scheduled for a home and away fixture but cannot accommodate both matches in their schedule, teams may agree, ahead of the match, to count the result of the match for both self scheduled matches.

### **Option 3 – Play Self Schedule Match at a Neutral Site**

If self scheduled matchups are geographically far or only occur once, teams may choose to play at a neutral site. In this option, teams would either need to secure a neutral field and referees on their own or request assistance from the Conference.

**Option 4 – Count Other League/Tournament Result for Self Schedule Match**

If you play one of your self scheduled opponents in another league or tournament (including State Cup or Presidents Cup), that result can count for your league result as long as both teams agree to it before the match is played.

**Option 5 – Play Self Schedule Match at an Event**

Pending field and referee availability, teams may request to schedule and play a Self Schedule match at an event weekend. Please reach out to the Conference with these requests.