



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 **Frontier Conference** is one of 13 conferences that fall under the scope of the National League and operate at a multi-state level — providing high-level competition on a consistent basis at a targeted local level (North Texas, South Texas, and Oklahoma).

The **Frontier Conference's** top divisions (both team-based and club-based) offer its teams an opportunity to qualify for the 2024 US Youth Soccer Southern Regional Championships, which are held annually each summer. All teams within the **Frontier Conference** also have the opportunity to qualify into National League Conference Playoffs for the next seasonal year and compete in a national setting with increased exposure to college, professional and national team scouts.



COMMITMENT

Any team looking to participate in the Frontier Conference must understand the level of commitment it takes to participate in a League that stretches across three (3) 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 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 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

18U DIVISION - TRANSITIONAL YEAR

For the 2023-24 seasonal year, all National League Conferences will be transitioning to a combined 18U/19U age group division. The Frontier Conference has been granted an exception for the 2023-24 seasonal year to have a separate 18U division and a separate 19U division. The Conference does maintain the right to combine the divisions if needed. The Frontier Conference will be combining the 18U and 19U divisions for the 2024-25 seasonal year.

ENTRY FEE

The Team Entry Fee to participate in the Frontier Conference is tiered based on the number of total games in each gender/age group and is non-refundable if a team is accepted into the Conference and later drops out. See the chart below for the fee structure. The Team Entry Fee is payable to your State Association does not include Referee Fees, which will be paid in accordance with the Conference Operating Procedures.

| Game Count | Team Entry Fee |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 9-12 Games | \$950 |
| 6-8 Games | \$775 |
| 5 or fewer Games | \$575 |

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.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

In completing any registration into the 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: Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Registration Deadline for 13U teams: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Registration Link: https://system.gotsport.com/event_regs/e7d3f877b3

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.

SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

There is a two-step approval process for accepting teams into the Frontier Conference. First, each team must be confirmed by its respective State Association as properly registered. Second, the Frontier Conference shall review and determine the final selection of all teams. Accepted teams shall be notified via a website posting or an e-mail regarding their acceptance and placement into the Frontier Conference.

Teams in the Boys Premier I and Girls Premier I tier will be accepted based on their qualification from the previous seasonal year. Each State Association may have different qualifying criteria by which teams within their State are identified for participation in the Frontier Conference. Any TBA "open" slots in Boys Premier I or Girls Premier I will be filled by the Conference. The final selection of 14U-19U teams should be completed by late June.

THE 2023-24 SEASON

The first event date of the 2023-2024 season for the Frontier Conference will be August 26/27, 2023. All games for the 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.

| Gender | Age | Season | Division Size | Game Count |
|---------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Boys | 13U | Spring 2024 | 12 | 11 |
| Boys | 14U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Boys | 15U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Boys | 16U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Boys | 17U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Boys | 18U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Boys | 19U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Girls | 13U | Spring 2024 | 12 | 11 |
| Girls | 14U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Girls | 15U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Girls | 16U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Girls | 17U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Girls | 18U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |
| Girls | 19U | Fall 2023 | 12 | 11 |

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.

14U-19U Boys/Girls Premier I Hosting Dates (Fall 2023)

August 26 – August 27: Dallas, TX (MoneyGram Soccer Park)

September 16 – 17: Temple, TX & Oklahoma City, OK (Crossroads Park & Sporting Oklahoma)

September 30 – Oct 1: Round Rock, TX (Round Rock Multipurpose Complex)

October 7 – 8: RAIN DATE

October 14 – 15: Round Rock, TX (Round Rock Multipurpose Complex)

October 29 – 30: RAIN DATE

November 11 – 12*: Fort Worth, TX (Rolling Hills Soccer Complex)

November 19 – 20: RAIN DATE

December 3 – 4: RAIN DATE

13U Boys/Girls Premier I Hosting Dates (Spring 2024)

January 13 - 14 - Fort Worth, TX (Gateway Park) - North Texas vs Oklahoma

February 10 - 11 - Fort Worth, TX (Gateway Park) - North Texas vs South Texas

February 16 - 17 - RAIN DATE

February 24 - 25 - Round Rock, TX (Round Rock Multipurpose Complex) - South Texas vs Oklahoma

March 2 - 3 - RAIN DATE

March 16 - 17 - Round Rock, TX (Round Rock Multipurpose Complex) - South Texas vs North Texas

April 6 - 7 - TBD - Oklahoma vs South Texas

April 13 - 14 - TBD - Oklahoma vs North Texas

April 20 - 21 - RAIN DATE

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, and late-December for the 13U age group.

A coach of multiple teams within the 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 2nd coach that can step in should a conflict exist. 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 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

Frontier Conference games will use a 3-man referee system. The amount and form of payment to referees in the Frontier Conference will be in accordance with the Conference Operating Procedures.

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

COACHING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Coaches of teams within the Frontier Conference should have obtained a US Soccer National D License or the United Soccer Coaches equivalent (National Diploma) level of coaching education.

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 Frontier Conference play.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS *Hotel Partner for 2023-24*****

The Frontier Conference has partnered with Traveling Teams, Inc (TTI) for the 2023-24 seasonal year to provide hotel accommodation support for teams at Frontier Conference scheduled events. Through this partnership, Premier I teams can reserve and manage their hotel needs for these events. Additionally, this partnership protects teams when it comes to hotel refunds should a Frontier Conference event be postponed or cancelled (due to weather or other). Use of Traveling Teams is ***required*** for all teams participating in Frontier Conference events who need hotel accommodations. A hotel list will be published **HERE** once Traveling Teams confirms hotels.

QUALIFICATION TO NATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS

The top teams in the Premier I tier of each 13U-17U gender age group in the Frontier Conference will qualify for the 2024-25 [National League Conference Playoffs competition](#). National League Conference Playoff qualification spots can be found [here](#). To retain their eligibility for National League Conference Playoffs, the team must also participate in the Frontier Conference the same seasonal year as their participation in National League Conference Playoffs.

QUALIFICATION TO SOUTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The top two (2) teams in the boys 13U-19U Premier I tier and the top team in the girls 13U-19U Premier I tier age group in the Frontier Conference will qualify for the 2024 Southern Regional Championships that same seasonal year as the Frontier Conference representative. To be eligible for advancement to the 2024 Southern Regional Championships, the qualified Frontier Conference team must have participated in their state association's State Cup competition.

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



twitter.com/nationalleague



instagram.com/nationalleaguesoccer



youtube.com/user/usyouth

If teams have any social media related questions concerning the 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 Frontier Conference. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that accurate contact information is on file with the conference. The 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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