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USYS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ELITE 64

INFO GUIDE

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?

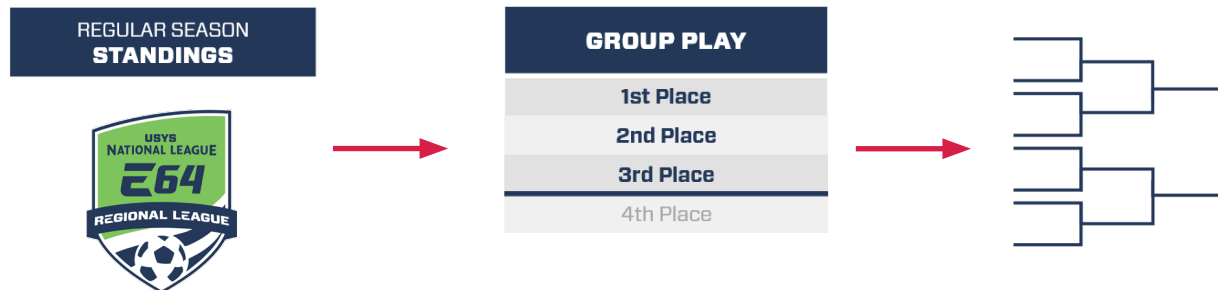
Brackets of up to 10 teams each will see teams play a single round-robin or double round-robin schedule per seasonal year, based on club feedback.

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 QUARTERFINALS & SEMIFINALS



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Top-performing teams, plus wildcards, may qualify for the NL Quarterfinals.

NL QUARTERFINALS

Ten groups of 4. Top 3 teams per group advance to the NL Semifinals. A team's finish at the quarterfinals determines seeding at the semifinals.

NL SEMIFINALS

The best teams from the quarterfinal round come together to compete for spots in the USYS National Championships.

NATIONAL LEAGUE'S PATH TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The highest finishing teams of each National League Conference (team-based) or Elite 64 Regional League (club-based) can qualify for the following season's National League Quarterfinals.

NATIONAL LEAGUE QUARTERFINALS

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 the National League Semifinals. The higher a team finishes in its quarterfinal group, the higher the pool placement for the semifinals.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SEMIFINALS

Featuring teams from both the team-based and club-based divisions of the National League, all of whom compete in knockout style competition in one of three semifinal pools to determine qualifiers to the USYS National Championships, presented by New York Life.

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.



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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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