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# **NATIONAL LEAGUE MID SOUTH TEAM BASED PATHWAY**



# Be a part of something **bigger.**

- The National League Mid South Conference is **one of 13 conferences** within the **USYS National League**
- The National League features **4,500+ teams** each season
- Opportunity for **direct advancement** into US Youth Soccer's top **regional and national competitions**
- The ONLY way to **earn automatic qualification** into USYS **National League Quarterfinal Events**
- **CLICK HERE TO APPLY**



# FORMAT AND SCHEDULING

## WHO COMPETES?

The National League Mid South Conference has both a Premier I and Premier II Division that includes play for top teams throughout Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

## WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

For National League Mid South Premier I and Premier II, brackets of up to eight (8) teams will see teams play seven (7) games throughout the course of the season, with most games hosted at neutral site events across the region. National League games not hosted at Conference events will be self-scheduled by teams.

## WHEN ARE THE GAMES?

As the National League Mid South Conference encompasses a variety of states, the Conference schedule is fluid based on the teams in each division, with an emphasis to avoid High School conflicts. 14U-19U Boys Premier I and Premier II teams will play a mostly fall-based season. 14U-19U Premier I and Premier II girls teams could play entirely in the fall, entirely in the spring, or a combination of both. For 13U Boys and Girls, a Premier II season will be offered in the fall, with Premier I being offered in the spring.

## WHY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE MID SOUTH?

The National League Mid South Conference provides a regional-level experience for teams in a competitive and structured environment. It also gives Premier I teams an opportunity to earn their place in a same-seasonal year postseason event as well as a National League Quarterfinal event for the next seasonal year. Premier II teams will have the opportunity to automatically qualify for Mid South Premier I for the next seasonal year.

## HOW IS IT MANAGED?

The USYS National League manages the Mid South Conference with a full-time League Manager and Assistant League Manager.

## WHAT IS THE COST?

The Mid South Premier I Conference is \$925 per season while the Mid South Premier II is \$700 per season. This covers the all Mid South Conference events, league management, etc. Referee fees are not included in this fee.

# YOUR TEAM'S PATH TO NATIONAL LEAGUE MID SOUTH

## EARN YOUR SPOT THROUGH A QUALIFYING LEAGUE

The highest finishing team from Mid South Premier II will automatically qualify for Mid South Premier I the next seasonal year. This is the only league that offers direct qualification into Mid South Premier I.

## EARN YOUR SPOT THROUGH MID SOUTH CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE

The top two teams in each National League Mid South Premier I Conference Division will be retained in the Conference for the next seasonal year.

## EARN YOUR SPOT THROUGH AN OPEN APPLICATION

Teams that fall outside of the top two pathways can apply for the National League Mid South Conference through completing an Open Application. This pathway allows National League Mid South to get the most competitive teams into the Conference

**[CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR THE 2024-25 NATIONAL LEAGUE MID SOUTH CONFERENCE](#)**

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## NATIONAL LEAGUE MID SOUTH'S 2024-25 EVENT DATES/LOCATIONS

The anticipated event dates of play for the 2024-25 season are posted below. More spring dates will be added at a TBD date. New for this season, the Conference will introduce ranked scheduling for teams. When completing your teams application, you can rank which events your team would prefer to play at\*

**September 7/8 - Premier I - Huntsville, AL - Merrimack Turf Complex**

**September 14/15 - Premier II - Gulfport, MS - Gulfport Sportsplex & County Farms**

**September 21/22- Premier I - Gulfport, MS - Gulfport Sportsplex**

**September 28/29 - Premier I & II - Tupelo, MS - Tupelo Ballard Park Sportsplex**

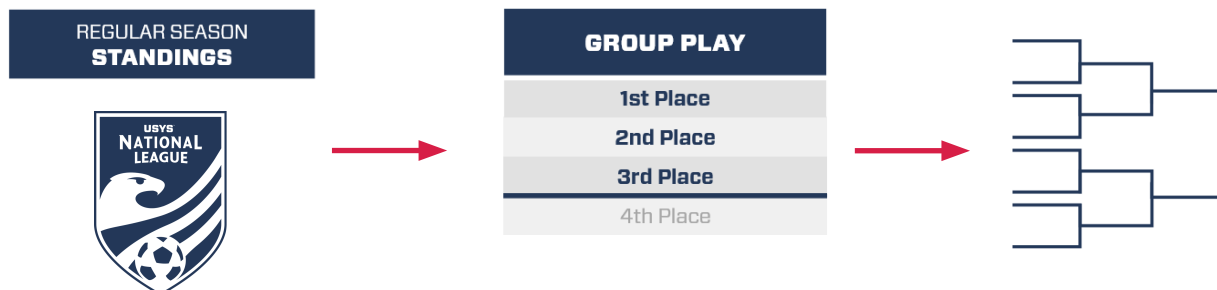
**October 5/6 - Premier I - Flowood, MS & Memphis, TN - Liberty Park & Mike Rose**

**October 5/6 - Premier II - Jackson, MS - JFC Soccer Complex**

**March 1/2 - Premier I - Huntsville, AL - Merrimack Turf Complex**

\*The Conference cannot promise to accommodate ranked scheduling requests.

# NATIONAL LEAGUE QUARTERFINALS & SEMIFINALS A NEXT SEASONAL YEAR EVENT SERIES



## MID SOUTH TEAM BASED LEAGUE

1st place team plus wildcards qualify for the National League Quarterfinals the next seasonal year

## NL QUARTERFINALS

Ten groups of 4. Top 3 teams per group advance to the National League Semifinals. Finish at quarterfinals determines seeding at 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

### CLUB BASED AND TEAM BASED LEAGUES

The highest finishing team in each National League Mid South Premier I division can qualify for the following season's National League Quarterfinals. Teams may also apply for a wild card slot through an Application process

### 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

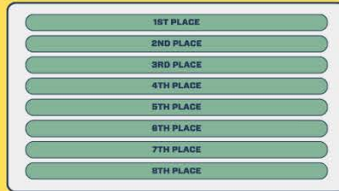
Featuring teams from both the team-based and club-based divisions of the National League, all of whom compete in knockout style competition in one of three semifinal pools to determine qualifiers to the USYS National Championships.



# LEAGUE PATHWAY TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

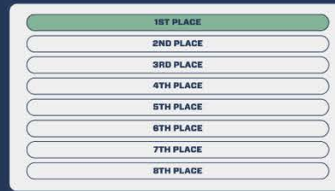
## 2023-2024 LEAGUE PLAY

### CLUB-BASED QUALIFICATION



Eligible teams from a club can play at the quarterfinals, with each team's division finish determining pool placement in the quarterfinals. This applies to Elite 64 divisions.

### TEAM-BASED QUALIFICATION



Qualification for the quarterfinals is dependent on the team's finish within its division. This applies to Premier 1 divisions and may include E64 RL and Premier 2 divisions.



PERFORMANCE IN THE 2023-24 SEASON DETERMINES QUALIFICATION FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON'S QUARTERFINALS

## 2024-2025 EVENTS

TEAM COUNTS ARE FOR A SINGLE AGE GROUP/GENDER

### QUARTERFINALS

MESA, ARIZONA

**JAN. 10-14, 2025**  
(GIRLS - ALL AGES)

**JAN. 17-21, 2025**  
(BOYS - ALL AGES)

UP TO 32 TEAMS

### QUARTERFINALS

MESA, ARIZONA

**DEC. 6-9, 2024**  
(BOYS - ALL AGES)

**DEC. 13-16, 2024**  
(GIRLS - ALL AGES)

UP TO 20 TEAMS

### QUARTERFINALS

MESA, ARIZONA

**NOV. 1-5, 2024**  
(BOYS - ALL AGES)

**NOV. 8-12, 2024**  
(GIRLS - ALL AGES)

UP TO 32 TEAMS

### QUARTERFINALS

MESA, ARIZONA

**DEC. 6-9, 2024**  
(BOYS - ALL AGES)

**DEC. 13-16, 2024**  
(GIRLS - ALL AGES)

UP TO 20 TEAMS

### SEMIFINALS

ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

**FEB 21-25, 2025**  
(BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES)

UP TO 24 TEAMS

### SEMIFINALS

OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA

**MAY 2-6, 2025**  
(BOYS & GIRLS - ALL AGES)

UP TO 24 TEAMS

## USYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

LOCATION TBD  
JULY 2025

12 NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS

The 12 teams that qualify from the National League Semifinals will be in the field of teams at the National Championships.

Event locations/dates are based on considerations of the following:  
Geography, weather, National League schedules & high school soccer schedules

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