TOP LOCAL COMPETITION, NATIONAL CONNECTIVITY.



NATIONAL LEAGUE PIEDMONT TEAM BASED PATHWAY



Be a part of something bigger.

- The National League Piedmont 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 <u>ONL</u>Y way to **earn automatic qualification** into USYS
 National League Quarterfinal Events



FORMAT AND SCHEDULING

WHO COMPETES?

The National League Piedmont Conference includes play for top teams throughout Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

Brackets of up to 12 teams each will see teams play around 8-11 games per season, with most games hosted at neutral site events across the region. Games against teams from the same State Association will be scheduled in conjuncture with your State Association or self scheduled by teams.

WHEN ARE THE GAMES?

A fall based Conference season for the 14U-19U divisions allows for players to participate in their high school soccer season with little to no conflicts. The 13U season will be held in the springtime.

WHY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE PIEDMONT?

The National League Piedmont 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.

HOW IS IT MANAGED?

The USYS National League manages the Piedmont Conference with a full time League Manager and Assistant League Manager

WHAT IS THE COST?

The Piedmont Conference entry fee is \$975 per team, per season. This covers all the Piedmont Conference events, league management, etc. Referee fees are not included in this fee.



YOUR TEAM'S PATH TO NATIONAL LEAGUE PIEDMONT

EARN YOUR SPOT THROUGH A QUALIFYING LEAGUE

The highest finishing team(s)from National League Qualifying Leagues (South Carolina) will earn their place in Piedmont Conference for the next seasonal year

EARN YOUR SPOT THROUGH PIEDMONT CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE

The top two teams in each National League Piedmont 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 Piedmont Conference through completing an Open Application. This pathway allows National League Frontier to get the most competitive teams into the Conference

CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR THE 2024-25 NATIONAL LEAGUE PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

NATIONAL LEAGUE PIEDMONT 2024-25 EVENT DATES/LOCATIONS

The anticipated event dates of play for the 2024-25 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. Schedule requests for individual teams will NOT be considered.

Aug 25/25 - Atlanta, GA - North Mt. Carmel

Aug 31/Sep 1/Sep 2 - Bermuda Run, NC - Truist Sports Park

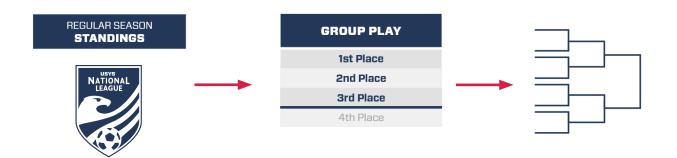
TBD September Event/Location

Oct 4/5 - Rock Hill, SC - Manchester Meadows

Oct 12/13 - Greensboro, SC - Bryan Park

Oct 19/20 - Columbia, SC - SCUFC and SE Freight

NATIONAL LEAGUE QUARTERFINALS & SEMIFINALS A NEXT SEASONAL YEAR EVENT SERIES



PIEDMONT 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 Piedmont Conference teambased and club-based 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

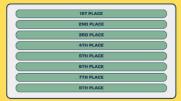
Featuring teams from both the team-based and club-based divisions of the National League, all of whom compete in knockout style competition in one of three semifinal pools to determine qualifiers to the USYS National Championships.



LEAGUE PATHWAY TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

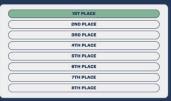
2023-2024 LEAGUE PLAY

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)

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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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