



Conference Overview

- This conference serves teams/clubs primarily in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.
- Highest level of league competition in US Youth Soccer
- Opportunities for advancement to Regional and National events of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series
- Opportunities for teams to compete in the National League Showcase Series
- Conferences operate above state programming, providing a high level of competition on a consistent basis

Pathway to Apply

Who is eligible to apply for participation in this Conference?

(must meet one of the requirements)

- National Championship Series – State Cup Champion
- National Championship Series – State Cup Finalist
- National Championship Series – State Cup Semi Finalists
- US Youth Soccer State Association State League – Top two seeded teams from recognized top division
- Participants in the top divisions of leagues in other U.S. Soccer Federation member associations
- Participants in other US Youth Soccer Conferences
 - Where applicable for border clubs/teams, pending accordance with US Youth Soccer Bylaws and Policies
- Waiver available from League Conference manager for newly formed teams and clubs

How is seeding determined in this Conference?

- US Youth Soccer National Championship Placement*
- US Youth Soccer Eastern Regionals Placement*
- National Championship Series – State Cup Placement*
- Previous Year League Information*
 - League Placement
 - League Record
- Number of returning players*
- Common Opponents*

*Based on 2018-2019 due to Covid-19

Who will determine Conference seeding?

- Competition Selection Committee

Who is the Competition Selection Committee?

- The Conference Manager
- Additional technical and/or managerial leaders to be determined



Team-Based Format

Team vs. Team Structure

- 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U Age Groups (Boys and Girls)
 - 13U and 14U Age Groups
 - Fall Season and Spring Season
 - Teams play each team in bracket once per season
 - Premier I and Premier II Divisions
 - Promotion and Relegation between Fall and Spring
 - 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U Age Groups
 - Spring Season
 - Teams play each team in bracket once per season
 - Premier I Division and Premier II Division levels

Club-Based Format

Club vs. Club Eligibility Requirements

- Properly registered entity with state government and US Youth Soccer Association
- Full-time Technical/Coaching Director
- Provide a list of fields and locations
- Must include the US Youth Logo on website
- Must submit club standards to US Youth Soccer Leagues Programming
- Recent history of success in US Youth Soccer Leagues Programming
- Recent history of success in the top divisions of leagues in other U.S. Soccer Federation member associations
- Clubs must commit to placing their top team to compete in each age group (13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U)
 - Waiver may be requested for a 2nd-ranked team to fill a spot based on competitive review.

Club vs Club Structure

- 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U Age Groups (Boys and Girls)
 - 13U and 14U Age Groups
 - Fall Season and Spring Season
 - Teams play each team in brackets once per season or play teams once per year based on the number of teams in the division.
 - Premier I
 - 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U Age Groups
 - Spring Season
 - Teams play each team in brackets once per season.
 - Equivalent to the Premier I Division level



National League Showcase Series

Benefits and Opportunities

- Application process open to all National League Conference teams
- Scouting opportunities for college, professional and international coaches
- Varied geographic locations for events in all regions each year
- Seminar & education opportunities during the National League Showcase Series

Matches and Scheduling

- Cross-conference matches ensure variety of opponents
- Seeding model used to match similar teams from different regions of the country to ensure competitive matches
 - Seeding based on each team's performance in the most recent applicable Conference standings