



USYS
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ELITE 64

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THE FUTURE STARTS HERE

Why?

Bring clarity and put the top clubs at the top of the world's largest youth soccer organization.

Where?

A national competition consisting of eight geographically positioned Elite 64 premier leagues.

Who?

Clubs committed to providing an elite game day experience and delivering the highest standards off the field.

When?

A 10-month calendar that supports high school participation, providing national competition and maximizing college and professional recruitment.

What?

Introducing **National League Elite 64**, the home of US Youth Soccer's Elite Performance tier.

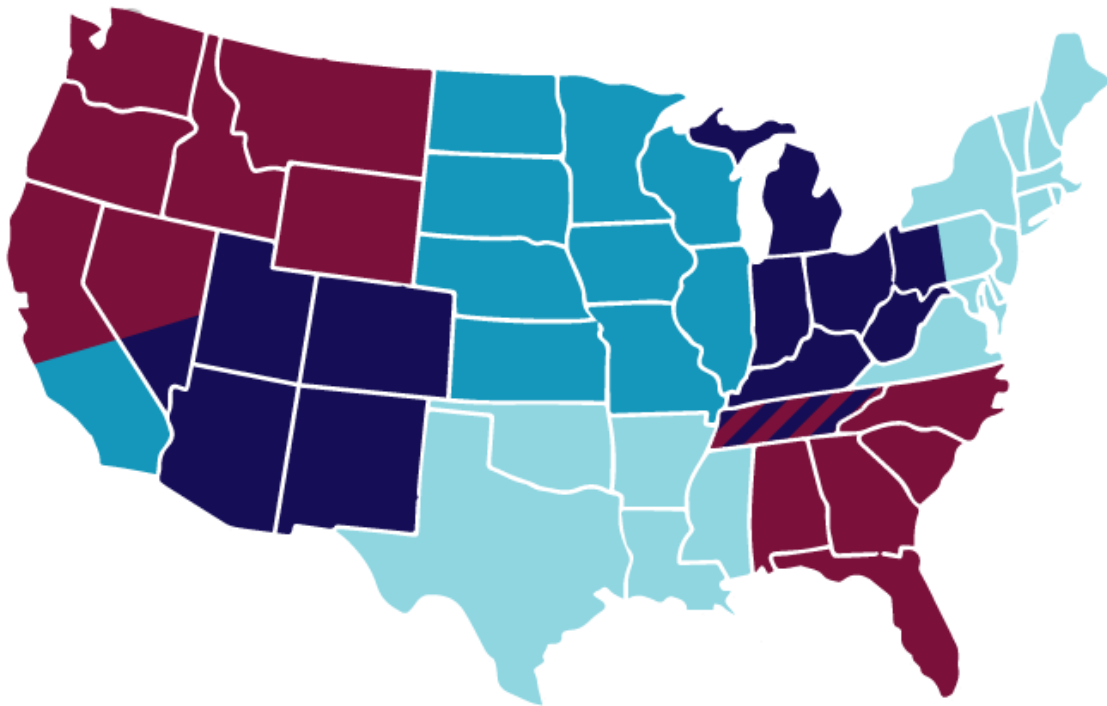


WELCOME TO US YOUTH SOCCER'S ELITE 64

A collaboration of competing clubs striving to be the best.

US Youth Soccer National League's 'Elite Performance Tier' – Elite 64 – is the pinnacle of soccer in the United States, providing a never-before-seen experience that enhances a player's recruitment into the college and professional game.

Elite 64 features eight geographically aligned premier leagues, offering a flexible 10-month league season with a National Championship event.



- » Elite 64 - Driven by club leaders that are focused on a player's needs
- » Elite 64 - Focused on world-class league and event administration
- » Elite 64 - Accentuates clubs and players via an array of national and international competitions
- » Elite 64 - Provides a safe and highly challenging game day environment
- » Elite 64 - Recognizes and empowers clubs via leadership advisory groups
- » Elite 64 - Utilizes the best venues and facilities
- » Elite 64 - Guarantees high standards from game day officials
- » Elite 64 - Central registration and access to US Youth Soccer General Managers

TOP CLUBS. TOP PLAYERS. NATIONAL CONNECTIVITY.



WHY YOUR CLUB?

You have the foundation.

- » The reputation and brand
- » Proven track record for developing elite players
- » Understands and supports the needs of the elite player

You have the infrastructure.

- » Full-time staff
- » Facilities
- » Provide opportunities for coach education

You have the expertise.

- » Highly qualified staff
- » Executive leadership team
- » Coach player curriculum
- » Superior game day environment for players, coaches and spectators

We want to support you by...

- » Connecting elite clubs within a single competition
- » Connecting your club and all its players to a single development pathway
- » Showcasing your players to colleges and professional clubs worldwide
- » Offering one national point of contact for registration – providing stability and administrative support

***Together, it is time to show our collective power and reach.
Let's stand together and prove to the world what your players can do!***



**NATIONAL
LEAGUE**

ELITE 64 LEAGUE & EVENT CALENDAR

League season - Offers minimum of 14 league games over a 10-month season. Schedule will be created to aid a player's periodization and involvement in high school soccer.

National showcase and championship events - Opportunities to participate in five national events.

USYS National Championship Series - Teams have the option to play in the USYS National Championship Series. These teams must do this via entry into the State Cup.

EVENT CALENDAR

SHOWCASE SEASON

DECEMBER

NL P.R.O. & NL Elite 64 - Showcase games alongside NL P.R.O. league games in a cannot-miss scouting event for players and college coaches.

FEBRUARY

NL P.R.O. & NL Elite 64 - Showcase games alongside NL P.R.O. league games in a cannot-miss scouting event for players and college coaches.

MARCH

NL P.R.O. & NL Elite 64 - Showcase games alongside NL P.R.O. league games in a cannot-miss scouting event for players and college coaches.

CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

JUNE

NL Elite 64 Finals & Showcase - All Elite 64 teams attend. Top finishers from premier league regular season standings qualify for championship brackets, while others compete in showcase brackets. In select age groups, winners of the NL Elite 64 championship brackets advance to Champions Cup.

JULY

Offseason - For teams that do not advance to Champions Cup, this allows adequate time to prepare their players for the following season.

AUGUST

USYS Champions Cup - NL Elite 64 Champions join other champions to compete for an international title in the 14U-17U age groups.

Offseason - For teams that do not advance to Champions Cup.



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KEY FEATURES

National registration

All clubs and teams will register with US Youth Soccer's national office. One point of contact with consistent registration across the country.

How will it work?

US Youth Soccer will be the registering agent, handling all normal team registrations for players and coaches – ensuring state association benefits are provided.

What it means for the club?

National centralized registration providing a consistent point of contact for all insurance, roster, player cards and coach-related needs. USYS will provide all documentation to assist with administrative needs – including but not limited to referee assignors, schedule, and player roster support.

Club commitment

Acceptance into Elite 64 guarantees the club a minimum three-year involvement, with an 18-month evaluation that maintains standard for participation.

Marketing

An official announcement welcoming each club to the platform will be made, elevating your club to assist with your recruitment of players to maintain the elite standards required to participate.

Player pool management

Elite 64 clubs can tailor their player pools from game to game based on the needs of their player development model. There are no limits on the number of players a team can use throughout the seasonal year within the Elite 64 competition.

Elite 64 Advisory Groups

Each club will be afforded one position on the league advisory group, subsequently each group will nominate a leader to participate in the national club advisory group.

A group of eight club leaders will be tasked by their peers to be their voice. The national advisory group will meet every quarter to discuss the standards of the league, clubs' performance and contribute to the Elite 64 national events.



ELITE 64 BENEFITS

Recognition

Elite 64 clubs will be invited to an annual awards ceremony streamed live to the watching players and families. The ceremony will highlight the players, coaches and teams' achievements, as well as recognize individuals for their contribution to youth soccer.

ProScore

The ultimate resource for qualitative-based information on team and individual player performance. Using its customized metrics, ProScore will break down teams' games into the most important actions - giving coaches, players and college/professional scouts the ability to watch and analyze the key areas of the game from their prospective.

STATSports

Elite 64 players will have access to the industry leader STATSports' GPS technology. STATSports and its revolutionary tracking software is worn by elite professionals around the world.

Recruitment

In addition to on-site recruitment at national events, all data and analysis collected by our partners will be shared with every college coach and all major professional leagues and club across North America, South America and Europe. Between ProScore, STATSports and US Youth Soccer, we are committed to helping every player reach their goals.

US Youth Soccer ODP

Elite 64 players that are recognized as USYS ODP prospects will be afforded the opportunity to access ODP at the Inter-Regional level.

Elite 64 Best XI

Select players that make the Best XI rosters will be offered the opportunity to become part of the Elite 64 representative team's international tour.

More info to come.



THE GAME

NL Elite 64 provides optimal game day environments for players aged 13U through 19U.

Clubs are provided flexibility to manage their game day rosters.

USYS will support every club by providing the following:

- **Professional & experienced NL administration**
- **Game analysis (ProScore & STATSports)**
- **Connectivity to college and professional organizations through game & player analytics**
- **National registration platform**
- **Digital player cards**
- **Game balls**
- **Signage (plus discounts on additional branding)**
- **Video at all national events**
- **High level referees at national events**
- **Referee assignors**

With USYS managing the administrative needs, clubs are free to focus on creating memorable game day environments and the highest level competition.



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WHAT IS INCLUDED

Regular season – Club-based league format

Central registration, 14 league games, referee assignor, player insurance, player cards & rosters, game balls, field signage, marketing support, league website, ability to compete for a place on the USYS International Tour (free of charge to all players), facility C.O.I., background checks, SafeSport, discounts on flights, discounts on hotels, discounts on rental cars

2 National events – Showcase format

Six games, game analysis, game video, college and national team exposure, opportunity to play against international teams, free game videos, game analysis, event Best XI

1 Championship event – Tournament format

Winners of championship brackets earns the accolade of NL Elite 64 champions. The NL Elite 64 champions in the 14U-17U age groups will be invited to participate in the USYS Champions Cup against top teams from around the world.

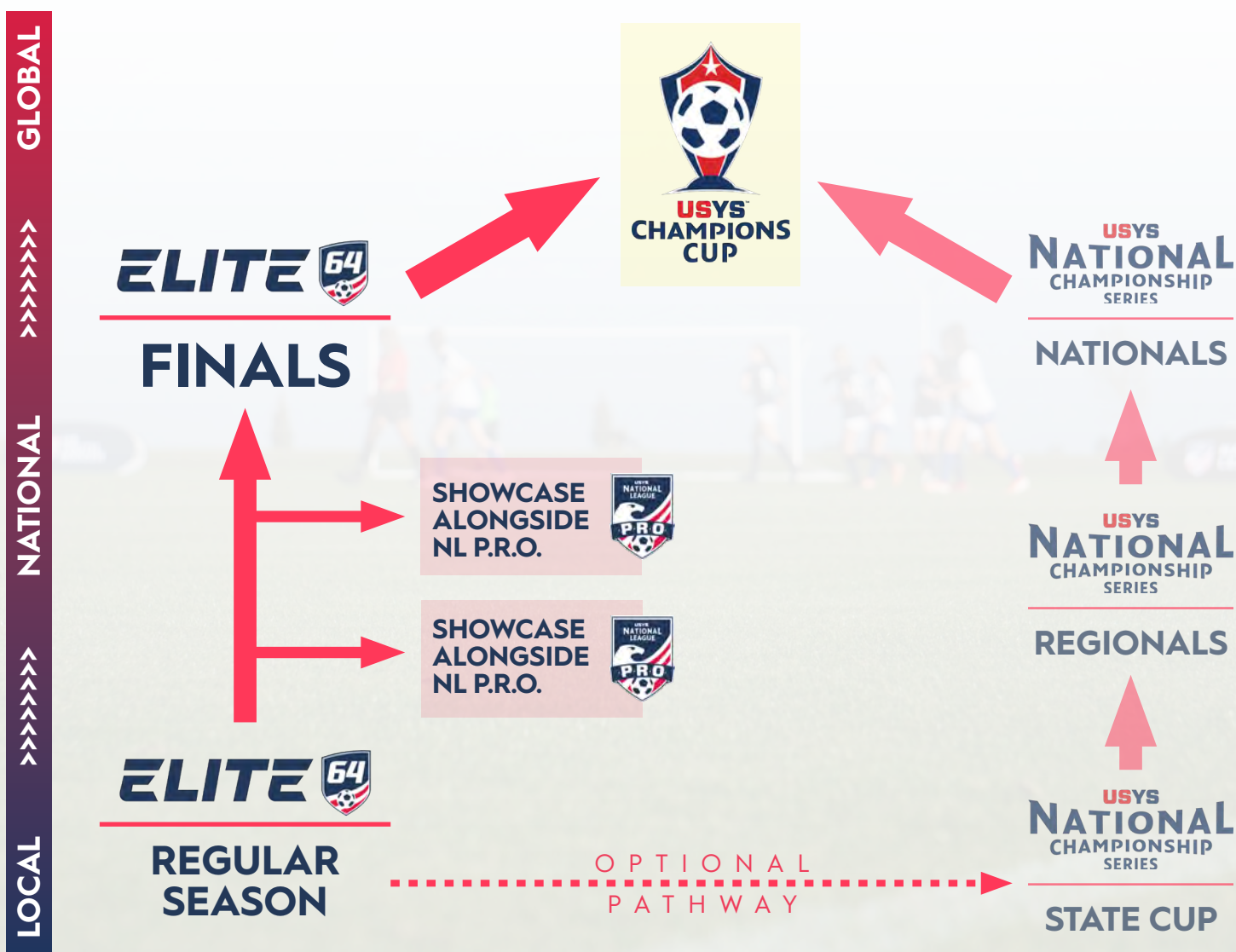


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WHAT IS INCLUDED, CONTINUED

COMPETITION PATHWAY AND QUALIFICATION TO...

- » **USYS National Championship Series** opportunities via State Cup
- » **USYS Champions Cup** via participation in Elite 64 and successful qualification from Elite 64 Championship Finals.
- » It is encouraged, but not a requirement, for any team that does not qualify for Champions Cup via the Elite 64 pathway, to do so by participating in their State Association's Cup competition.



ELITE 64 LEAGUE CONNECTIVITY

Through USYS and the National League, all Elite 64 clubs have access to a fully established network of leagues – all under one carding system.

From grassroots to competitive to the elite, every level of player within Elite 64 clubs has access to the right level of league. And the connectivity under one association allows for ease of movement and a clear developmental pathway for any player who wishes to grow, improve and work their way toward reaching their full potential.



**STATE &
LOCAL
LEAGUES**



**ONE SYSTEM OF LEAGUES.
A PLACE FOR EVERY PLAYER.**



NATIONAL LEAGUE HISTORY

NATIONAL TIER OF COMPETITION

The National League operated as a single nation-wide league from 2007 through 2020 – featuring the best teams from US Youth Soccer’s competitive programs.

The inaugural National League season featured 30 total boys and girls teams in the 15U and 16U age groups. The league grew to include boys and girls teams in the 14U through 19U age groups by the 2019-20 season, when it totaled 350 teams.

National League teams enjoyed tremendous success on youth soccer’s biggest stage...

National League teams captured **77 of 100** possible

**US Youth Soccer
National
Championships**

(2008-2019)

CURRENT STRUCTURE

The National League began its restructuring ahead of the 2018-19 season, when the 13 National League Conferences were formed to fall under a single leadership and operational structure.

The current structure – featuring the National League Conferences, National League P.R.O. and National League Showcase Series – was implemented in 2021.



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