



2016-2017 COMPETITION RULES



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The Elite Clubs National League (“ECNL”) is a player development platform for elite female youth soccer players in the United States. These Rules and Regulations (the “Regulations”) outline the rules for ECNL Competition (as defined below).

1. Definitions

- 1.1 “ECNL” means the Elite Clubs National League, Inc.
- 1.2 “ECNL Member Club” means a member club of the ECNL for the ECNL Season, as provided in the bylaws of the ECNL.
- 1.3 “ECNL Competition” means an ECNL game played during the ECNL Regular-Season or in the ECNL Post-Season, and includes ECNL Conference Competition, ECNL Composite Division Competition and competition at ECNL National Events. ECNL Competition does not include JR ECNL Competition.
- 1.4 “ECNL Composite Team” is a team registered in the U18/U19 ECNL Composite Division.
- 1.4 “ECNL Composite Division” means the U18/U19 conference competition between ECNL Composite Teams.
- 1.5 “ECNL Post-Season” means competition held at the ECNL Playoffs and the ECNL Finals.
- 1.6 “ECNL Fixture” means the ECNL Competitions between two (2) ECNL Member Clubs either: (i) at all age groups (U14-U18/U19), or (ii) at the four oldest age groups (U15-U18/U19), that are scheduled by the ECNL to be completed on the same day.
- 1.7 “ECNL Match Report” or “ECNL Game Report” means the official game report that must be completed for all ECNL Competitions as provided in Section 5 of these Regulations
- 1.8 “ECNL Post-Season” means the annual post-season games held by the ECNL to determine the ECNL champions, and includes the ECNL Playoffs and the ECNL National Finals.
- 1.9 “ECNL National Event” means one of the five (5) regular-season events hosted by the ECNL.
- 1.10 “ECNL Conference Competition” means a regular season conference game between ECNL Teams.
- 1.11 “ECNL Registered Player” or “ECNL Player” means a player on an ECNL Team’s ECNL Roster. ECNL Registered Players must be registered with US Club Soccer.
- 1.12 “ECNL Regular Season” means the regular-season ECNL games played prior to the ECNL Post-Season, and includes ECNL Conference Competition and ECNL National Events.



- 1.13 “ECNL Roster” means the roster of an ECNL Team during the ECNL Season when playing in an ECNL Competition. An ECNL Roster shall only be used for ECNL Competitions. ECNL Rosters apply to the U14, U15, U16, U17, and U18/U19 age groups.
- 1.14 “ECNL Season” means the competitive season beginning August 1 of each year and ending July 31 of the following year, including the ECNL Regular Season and the ECNL Post-Season.
- 1.15 “ECNL Team” is the team of an ECNL Member Club that participates in ECNL Competition in either the U14, U15, U16, U17, or U18/U19 age groups.
- 1.16 “Incident Report” is a report in the form provided by the ECNL Board of Directors for reporting disciplinary incidents during ECNL Competitions.
- 1.17 “US Club Roster” is a roster printed from the Total Global Sports (“TGS”) website, not *from the US Club Soccer website*, and used for non-ECNL Competitions at U12 and above. Any ECNL Registered Players playing with players in their ECNL Member Club who are not ECNL Registered Players, in a non-ECNL competition, shall be placed on the US Club Roster for that team for that non-ECNL competition.

2. **ECNL Roster Rules**

2.1 **ECNL Teams and Roster Maximums.**

- 2.1.1 Every ECNL Member Club must field an ECNL Team in every ECNL age group. An ECNL Member Club is not required to participate in the ECNL Composite Division.
- 2.1.2 A maximum of thirty (30) players may be rostered on any ECNL Team’s ECNL Roster (any age group), including in the ECNL U18/U19 Composite Division.

2.2 **Player Registration.** All players on an ECNL Roster must be ECNL Registered Players.

2.3 **ECNL Game Day Roster and Fixture Ties.**

- 2.3.1 **Game Day Roster.** A maximum of eighteen (18) ECNL Registered Players from an ECNL Team’s ECNL Roster will be eligible for each game in ECNL Competition (the “ECNL Game Day Roster”). If more than eighteen (18) ECNL Registered Players appear on an ECNL Roster, the “active” players for the ECNL Competition must be identified on the ECNL Match Report.
- 2.3.2 **Game Limits.** Any ECNL Registered Player may only play on one (1) ECNL Team per day, and may only play in one (1) ECNL Competition per day.
- 2.3.3 **Fixture Ties.** Except as provided below and in Rule 2.9.2, an ECNL Registered Player may only play one (1) game in any ECNL Fixture. For example, if ECNL Member Club A is assigned to play ECNL Member Club B on date X, an ECNL Registered Player on Member Club A may only participate in one game against Member Club B as part of that ECNL Fixture. If the ECNL Fixture has ECNL Competitions scheduled on multiple days, (for example, the U15 and U16 games on Saturday and the U17 and U18 games on



Sunday), an ECNL Registered Player is still restricted to participating in only one (1) of the ECNL Competitions within the ECNL Fixture. This Fixture Tie rule includes ECNL Fixtures in the ECNL Composite Team Division. **EXCEPTION:** ECNL Registered Players at the U14 age group may play in both an U14 ECNL Competition and an U15 through U18/U19 ECNL Competition that is part of the same ECNL Fixture, provided that the U14 ECNL Registered Player does not play more than one (1) ECNL Competition per day.

- 2.4 **Player Drops.** No ECNL Registered Players may be dropped from an ECNL Roster during an ECNL Season, except pursuant to the Transfer Regulations below.
- 2.5 **Roster Freeze Date.** Players may be added to the ECNL Roster until May 1st of each year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after May 1st of the ECNL Season, the ECNL allows each club to add two (2) new players at each age group to their ECNL roster for the remainder of the ECNL Season provided they meet the following conditions: (i) they are joining the ECNL Member Club for the upcoming ECNL season and (ii) there is room on the existing roster to do so. These “new” players still count against the roster maximums.
- 2.6 **Player / Club Tie.** A player may only be rostered to ECNL Teams within one (1) ECNL Member Club each ECNL Season, except pursuant to the Transfer Regulations provided below.
- 2.7 **Initial Roster Submission Date; Roster Add Periods.** Unless an exception is granted by the ECNL, an initial ECNL Roster with a minimum of fifteen (15) ECNL Registered Players must be provided by each ECNL Team by August 26 of each ECNL Season. Additional players may be added to the ECNL Roster of each ECNL Team as provided in the attached **Exhibit D**.
- 2.8 **Younger Players Playing Up and Other Movement.** An ECNL Registered Player may play for any ECNL Team in her ECNL Member Club for which she is age eligible. Younger players on an ECNL Team may play on the older ECNL teams within their ECNL Member Club, and shall not count towards the roster limit for the older ECNL team. Players rostered on an ECNL Composite Division team may participate in other ECNL Competition for which they are age eligible. Age eligibility is determined by **Exhibit A** of these Regulations. An ECNL Registered Player may play on different ECNL Teams within her ECNL Member Club from game-to-game during the ECNL Regular Season.
- 2.8.1 An ECNL Registered Player that will “play-up” on an older ECNL Team in her ECNL Member Club for an ECNL Competition must be hand-written on to the ECNL Match Report for that ECNL Competition.
- 2.8.2 For purposes of clarification, no player may be handwritten on to the ECNL Match Report at the U14 age group. In order to participate in ECNL Competition at U14, the player must be on the U14 ECNL Roster and must be an ECNL Registered Player.
- 2.9 **Trapped Player Exceptions.**
- 2.9.1 **Intentionally Omitted**



2.9.2 **Trapped U15 Player.** An ECNL Registered Player that is in high school, but who is age appropriate for the U14 age group is classified as a “Trapped U15 Player”. A Trapped U15 Player is eligible to participate in U14 ECNL Competition that is played during the player’s high school association’s sanctioned high school soccer season. A Trapped U15 Player that competes in an U14 ECNL Competition pursuant to this Rule 2.9.2 may also compete in the same ECNL Fixture at U15 through U18, provided she only plays one (1) ECNL Competition per day. No more than two (2) Trapped U15 Players may participate in any individual U14 ECNL Competition.

2.10 **ECNL Post-Season Roster Tie.** The ECNL Post-Season includes two stages, the ECNL Playoffs and the ECNL Finals. An ECNL Registered Player may play for only one ECNL Team within her ECNL Member Club at each stage of the ECNL Post-Season. Players will be roster-tied to a specific age group the first day of the ECNL Playoffs based on the roster on which they appear for the first game at the ECNL Playoffs.

2.10.1 **Exceptions.** An ECNL Member Club that qualifies a team for the ECNL Finals (a “Finals Qualifying Team”) may move three (3) players from the ECNL Member Club who were rostered at a different age group at the ECNL Playoffs onto the roster of the Finals Qualifying Team for the ECNL Finals, provided such players are age eligible. Players that compete in the U14 ECNL Finals are eligible to participate in the ECNL Finals with an older age group team within their ECNL Member Club. Players that compete in the U18/U19 ECNL Finals are eligible to participate in the ECNL Finals with another age group if they are age eligible.

2.11 **Club Loyalty Rule.**

2.11.1 Rule 2.11.1 applies to all ECNL Registered Players except for the enumerated exceptions provided in Rule 2.11.3 and Rule 2.11.4, and as provided below in Rule 2.12 regarding Discovery Players. Once registered, an ECNL Registered Player may only participate in competitions with her ECNL Member Club for the duration of the ECNL Season (unless released pursuant to the ECNL transfer rules herein or otherwise as provided below in this section 2.11). (For purposes of clarification, the ECNL Registered Player may appear in any competition in which the ECNL Member Club participates during the ECNL Season.) Except as provided below, if an ECNL Registered Player plays in a competition for a different club besides the ECNL Member Club to which she is registered as an ECNL Registered Player after the date she became rostered as an ECNL Registered Player (“Multiple Club Rostering”), the eligibility of the ECNL Registered Player will be reviewed by the ECNL Commissioner. If it is determined by the ECNL Commissioner that the ECNL Member Club to which the ECNL Registered Player is registered was aware of the Multiple Club Rostering, the ECNL Commissioner may take any or all of the following actions: (i) declare the ECNL Registered Player ineligible for the remainder of that ECNL Season; (ii) declare all games in which the ECNL Registered Player appeared on the ECNL Roster as forfeits by the ECNL Team on which such player was rostered; and / or (iii) recommend immediate revocation of the ECNL Member Club’s membership in the ECNL.



- 2.11.2 Rule 2.11.1 applies to any ECNL Member Club with franchises in multiple states, affiliates in multiple states, or with agreements licensing use of the trademarks of the ECNL Member Club to youth soccer clubs in multiple states (such ECNL Member Club a “Franchise Club”). Each franchisee of the Franchise Club, affiliate of the Franchise Club, or licensee of the Franchise Club, shall be considered a separate and independent club for purposes of Rule 2.11.1.
- 2.11.3 Rule 2.11.1 does not apply to ECNL Registered Players that participate in the following league competitions with another club: (i) the USL W-League (ii) the WPSL, and (iii) ECNL U23.
- 2.11.4 Rule 2.11.1 does not apply to ECNL Registered Players that participate in a tournament as a guest player with another club, provided that the tournament takes place over no more than four (4) days.

2.12 **Discovery Players**

2.12.1 A “Discovery Player” is a player that is not a full-time member of the ECNL Member Club to which she is registered, and is an exception to Rule 2.11 above. A Discovery Player may appear on an active roster for a team of a non-ECNL Club, or a non-ECNL Team of another ECNL Member Club. In order to be considered a Discovery Player, a player must be explicitly designated as such on the ECNL Roster before such player participates in any ECNL Competition. Discovery Players are eligible to participate in all ECNL Competitions.

2.12.1.1 At the U14, U15, U16, and U17 age groups, each ECNL Team may have two (2) Discovery Players on their ECNL Roster at each age group.

2.12.2.2 At the U18/U19 age group, each ECNL Team may have four (4) Discovery Players on their ECNL Roster.

2.12.2.3 ECNL Composite Teams are not eligible to have Discovery Players on their ECNL Roster.

2.12.3 Discovery Players may only play for the ECNL Team for which they are initially rostered within the ECNL Season. Discovery Players are subject to Rule 2.6, and are club-tied and team-tied for ECNL Competition during the ECNL Season. Discovery Players may be listed on multiple age groups, and thus eligible to play in multiple age groups, but will occupy a Discovery Player slot in each age group.

2.12.4 Discovery Players may come from any distance away from the ECNL Member Club.

2.12.5 **Automatic Classification as a Discovery Player.** If an ECNL Member Club submits a player registration for a proposed ECNL Registered Player with a Travel Distance Concern (as defined below), the ECNL Commissioner shall review the proposed player registration to determine whether it will be approved. A “Travel Distance Concern” arises when a player appears to live in a geographic area substantially distant from the



ECNL Member Club with which she is attempting to register such that it would be unlikely that the potential player could attend training with the ECNL Member Club on a regular basis consistent with the ECNL Member Club Structure Policy. When a Travel Distance Concern arises, the ECNL Commissioner shall communicate with the ECNL Member Club in question to determine the background and other factors regarding the proposed registration. If the ECNL Commissioner is not satisfied that the proposed player will attend training with the club on a regular basis consistent with the ECNL Member Club Structure Policy, the player shall be automatically classified as a Discovery Player and may only be registered if the ECNL Member Club has Discovery Player spots available on their roster.

2.13 **Recruiting; Try-Outs; Registration.**

2.13.1 **Recruiting; No-Tampering.** ECNL Member Clubs may recruit players for participation on ECNL Teams at any time during the year (subject to these Regulations). Notwithstanding the foregoing, ECNL Member Clubs may not train, invite a player to train, invite a player to tryout or try out a player from an ECNL Team of another ECNL Member Club prior to May 1 of the ECNL Season, unless the player has been released by their current ECNL Member Club. The months of May and June will therefore be “open” months for players to train and tryout with a variety of ECNL Member Clubs if desired. *Note: ECNL coaches and administrators may be subject to the rules of other U.S. Soccer organization members regarding recruitment and tryouts, if they compete in other competitions or leagues outside of the ECNL.*

2.13.2 **Tryouts.** Except for Rule 2.13.1 above, the ECNL does not mandate when a club can and cannot have tryouts for its ECNL teams. For purposes of clarification, except for tryouts of players registered as ECNL Registered Players with other ECNL Member Clubs, tryouts for ECNL teams may be held at any time of the year.

2.13.3 **Registration.** The ECNL will not accept rosters for any ECNL Team for the upcoming ECNL Season until the Tuesday after the ECNL Finals are completed. Leveraging or attempting to force a player to register or pay fees for future years prior to May 1, when the player is not comfortable doing so, undermines the intent of the ECNL Tryout rules and will be considered in granting transfer requests. Repeated violations of this provision are considered violations of the Coaches Code of Conduct.

2.13.4 **Clarifications.**

2.13.4.1.1 **ECNL Players.** An ECNL Player (as defined in Rule 1.10 above) is a player rostered on an U14, U15, U16, U17, U18/U19, or U18/U19 Composite Division team. Any player that is not officially rostered on an ECNL U14, U15, U16, U17 or U18/U19 or U18/U19 Composite Division roster is not an ECNL Player, and therefore is not subject to these rules. A player that has participated in JR ECNL competition, but has not been rostered at U14 or above in the ECNL, is not an ECNL Player.



- 2.13.4.1.2 **New ECNL Member Clubs.** New member clubs admitted to the ECNL for the upcoming ECNL Season are not considered to have any ECNL Players (unless they are playing as a Discovery Player currently) until those players are rostered for the upcoming ECNL Season.
- 2.13.4.1.3 **Invitations.** A current ECNL player is permitted to be offered an ECNL roster spot with their existing ECNL club for the upcoming ECNL season at any time. However, the ECNL will not accept rosters for any ECNL Team for the upcoming ECNL Season until the Tuesday after the ECNL Finals are completed.

3. Competition Rules

- 3.1 **General.** Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, all ECNL Competitions shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game in force at the time of competition as provided by the International Football Association Board.
- 3.2 **Scheduling Competitions.** The ECNL Board of Directors shall identify the dates and locations of all ECNL Competitions for each ECNL Season. All ECNL Member Clubs must play all ECNL Competitions within an ECNL Fixture on the same day, unless both clubs agree to split the ECNL Competitions within the ECNL Fixture to different days. Rule 2.3.3 applies to all ECNL Fixtures, whether split or not.
- 3.3 **Number of Competitions.** The ECNL Board of Directors shall determine the total number of ECNL Competitions during the ECNL Season, including the number of ECNL National Events each ECNL Season, and the total number of ECNL National Events that each ECNL Member Club must attend.
- 3.4 **Cancelled Competitions.** If any ECNL Competition is cancelled without starting, or without reaching half-time during any ECNL National Event or in the ECNL Post-Season, the ECNL Commissioner shall determine if and how such ECNL Competition shall be rescheduled. If the ECNL Commissioner determines that it is impossible to reschedule such cancelled ECNL Competition, the ECNL Competition shall be considered a non-played game, and neither team shall be awarded any points. In the event that games are cancelled pursuant to this Rule 3.4, the ECNL Board of Directors may alter the method by which ECNL standings are determined for impacted age groups, or the qualification process for the ECNL Playoffs or ECNL Finals for impacted age groups. Any ECNL Competition that reaches half-time before being cancelled shall be considered a completed game.
- 3.5 **ECNL Conference Competition Scheduling.** The ECNL shall identify opponents, dates, and the home team for each ECNL Club for all ECNL Conference Competitions. The game times for all ECNL Conference Competitions must be agreed upon by the participating ECNL Clubs and reported to the ECNL Commissioner no later than August 20 of each ECNL Season. Any changes to ECNL Conference Competitions after August 20 must be agreed upon by both ECNL Clubs and the ECNL Commissioner. No changes to ECNL Conference Competitions may be made within 72 hours of kick-off, except due to bad weather or as permitted by the ECNL Commissioner due to exceptional circumstances outside the control of the ECNL Member Clubs. Compliance with the ECNL Game Day Minimum Standards are expectations and



requirements of hosting ECNL Conference Competition, and this policy is incorporated into these rules. If an ECNL Conference Competition is cancelled or postponed in compliance with the above rules, a new date, time, and venue must be identified by the participating teams within (14) days. If a new date, time, and venue is not identified within (14) days, the ECNL Commissioner will assign one. For purposes of clarification, the game does not need to be played within 14 days, but a date, venue and time must be selected in that time frame. The ECNL Commissioner must approve any new date proposed, and in doing so will consider the potential post-season qualification impacts of a game rescheduled late in the season and require the game to be played earlier.

- 3.6 **Conference Competition Referees.** Each ECNL Member Club playing at home shall be responsible for assigning referees for their home ECNL Conference Competitions, and payment of referee costs for their home ECNL Conference Competition based on the pay scale set forth by the ECNL. If any ECNL Conference Competition is played at a neutral location, the ECNL Member Clubs shall split the payment of the referee costs, unless the ECNL Member Clubs agree on a different arrangement.
- 3.7 **Conference Competitions in Conjunction with Other Events.** In the event that ECNL Member Clubs agree to play an ECNL Conference Competition in conjunction with a tournament or other non-ECNL competition, they may do so under the following conditions: (i) there shall be no entry fee paid for the ECNL Conference Competition except a fee that covers the cost of the referees per the ECNL referee pay scale (if agreed to by the participating teams) and a reasonable field rental fee (if agreed to by the participating teams); and (ii) all ECNL Competition rules related to roster limits, game length, substitutions, etc. must be followed.
- 3.8 **Deadline for Conference Competitions.** All ECNL Conference Competitions must be played by the end of the day on the first Sunday in June of the ECNL Season. The ECNL Commissioner reserves the right to extend this date under extreme circumstances at her sole discretion, particularly if a game has an impact on qualification or significant seeding in the ECNL Post-Season. Failure to complete an ECNL Conference Competition by this deadline of the ECNL Season may result in sanctions against the ECNL Member Clubs involved.
- 3.9 **Substitutions.** Once an ECNL Registered Player is substituted in one half of any ECNL Competition, such ECNL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the duration of the half. Once an ECNL Registered Player is substituted in one period of overtime of any ECNL Competition, such ECNL Registered Player may not re-enter the game. There shall be a maximum of seven (7) substitutions in any half or in overtime of any ECNL Competition.
- 3.10 **Yellow and Red Cards (Players).** Any ECNL Registered Player receiving a red card in an ECNL Competition will be suspended for the remainder of that ECNL Competition and also for the next day on which any ECNL Competition is played by her ECNL Member Club for that age group and/or any other age group. For purposes of clarification, if an ECNL Registered Player receives a red card in an ECNL Competition, the ECNL Registered Player will not be eligible to participate in any ECNL Competition on the next day of ECNL competition for any team or age group within the ECNL Registered Player's ECNL Member Club. Additional suspension or sanctions may be imposed by the ECNL Commissioner at its discretion.



- 3.11 **Yellow and Red Cards / Ejections (Coaches).** Any coach receiving a red card in, or ejected from, an ECNL Competition will be suspended for the remainder of that ECNL Competition and for that age group's next ECNL Competition. Additional suspension or sanctions may be imposed by the ECNL Commissioner at her discretion or by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 3.12 **Yellow and Red Card Carryover.** Red card suspensions will carry over into subsequent ECNL Seasons if the red card is received in the final ECNL Competition of the current ECNL Season.
- 3.13 **Accumulation.** There shall be no yellow card accumulation policy for ECNL Competitions.
- 3.14 **Player Transfers.**
- 3.14.1 **Base Rule.** An ECNL Registered Player may not play for more than one ECNL Member Club during the ECNL Season, unless: (i) the Director of Coaching of both the prior ECNL Member Club and the proposed new ECNL Member Club consent to the transfer in writing; (ii) the new ECNL Member Club has an available spot on an ECNL Roster; and (iii) the ECNL Commissioner consents to such transfer in writing. The consent of the ECNL Commissioner shall be granted at the ECNL Commissioners' discretion, and will consider, without limitation, the following factors: (i) whether a geographic move by the ECNL Player has occurred; (ii) how many games the ECNL Player has participated in; (iii) what time of the ECNL Season the transfer request is made; and (iv) other factors surrounding the request. If the prior Director of Coaching does not consent to the transfer, the ECNL Commissioner shall review the facts and circumstances surrounding the transfer request based upon the best interests of the player and the league, and shall independently determine whether the transfer shall be approved over the objection, and if so whether any additional suspension or conditions shall be imposed on the transfer. A player transferred shall be referred to as a "Transferred Player." A Transferred Player shall be removed from the ECNL Roster(s) of the "old" ECNL Member Club. The ECNL Commissioner may impose a suspension, at her discretion, for any Transferred Player.
- 3.15.1 **U18/U19 Finals Transfer Prohibition.** No U18/U19 ECNL Registered Player registered to one ECNL Member Club may be transferred to a Finals Qualifying Team of another ECNL Member Club.
- 3.15 **Points.** In each ECNL Competition during the ECNL Regular Season and the ECNL Playoffs, teams shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. A forfeit shall be considered a 3-0 loss for the forfeiting team and a 3-0 win for the non-forfeiting team.
- 3.16 **Standings.** The standings in each age ECNL Conference shall be determined at the end of the ECNL Regular Season (the "Regular Season Standings"). The Regular Season Conference Standings shall determine qualification and seeding for the ECNL National Playoffs as provided in the attached Exhibit C.
- 3.17 **Tie-Breakers.** The following tie-breakers will be used for resolving ties between ECNL Teams in determining the Regular Season Standings, in the following order:



- 3.17.1 ECNL Playoff and Wild Card Qualification:
- If Two Teams are tied, total points earned in head to head games (if possible). If more than two teams are tied, this tie-breaker shall not apply.
 - Goal Difference;
 - Goals For;
 - Goals Against;
 - Coin Toss.
- 3.17.2 ECNL Conference Standings:
- If two teams are tied, total points earned in head to head games. If more than Two Teams are tied, this tie-breaker shall not apply;
 - Goal Difference;
 - Goals For;
 - Goals Against;
 - Coin Toss.
- 3.17.3 ECNL Playoff Standings - Advancement: If two teams are tied within their group at the ECNL Playoffs, the tie-breaker will be as follows:
- Total points earned in head to head game (if possible). If more than two teams are tied, this tie-breaker shall not apply.
 - Goal Difference (based on group play);
 - Goals For (based on group play);
 - Goals Against (based on group play);
 - Penalties: If it is still tied, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the teams remain tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.

There shall be no cap on goal difference in any ECNL Competition.

- 3.18 **Game Length.** ECNL Competitions shall be played with the following game length:

U14: 2 x 40 minutes
 U15: 2 x 40 minutes
 U16: 2 x 40 minutes
 U17: 2 x 45 minutes
 U18/U19: 2 x 45 minutes

4. ECNL Post-Season

- 4.1 **ECNL Playoff Groups.** All ECNL Teams must participate in the ECNL Playoffs or ECNL Finals if they qualify. Teams shall be placed in playoff groups for the ECNL Playoffs based upon the Regular Season Standings according to the provisions in **Exhibit C**. Upon conclusion of the ECNL Playoffs, teams shall advance to the ECNL Finals as provided in **Exhibit C**. All scores and games in the ECNL Playoffs will count towards ECNL Overall Club Rankings. In the event that inclement weather or other factors prevent group games at the ECNL Playoffs or the ECNL Finals from being completed, the ECNL reserves the right to alter schedules and take other actions reasonably necessary to determine the group winners based on competition on the field if at all possible.

- 4.3 **Intentionally Omitted.**



4.4 **Overtime.** In the event of a tie at the end of regulation of any ECNL Competition played as part of the ECNL Playoffs or ECNL Finals, overtime procedures are provided in Exhibit C.

4.5 **Overall Club Champion.** At the end of the ECNL National Finals, an overall ECNL National Club Champion will be determined based upon the Final Standings as provided in Exhibit B. Each ECNL Club will earn points towards the ECNL National Club Championship based upon the final position of each ECNL Team in the ECNL Club at the U14, U15, U16, U17, and U18/U19 age groups in the Final Standings of the age group. Points will be awarded in each age group according to **Exhibit B** hereto. The ECNL Club with the most total points from its ECNL Teams, as determined pursuant to this Rule 4.5, shall be crowned the ECNL National Club Champion. Each ECNL Club will be ranked based upon the Final Standings in each age group (the "ECNL Club Rankings").

5. Game Day Procedures

5.1 An official ECNL Match Report must be completed for each ECNL Competition.

5.1.1 Both the home and away team must provide the ECNL Match Report for all ECNL Competitions. The ECNL Match Report may be accessed via the TGS website at www.eliteclubsnationalleague.com.

5.2 The names of any younger players playing up in an ECNL Competition pursuant to Rule 2.8 must be handwritten on the ECNL Match Report. Regardless of the number of players listed on an ECNL Match Report, no more than eighteen (18) players shall be eligible to appear in the ECNL Competition.

5.3 For ECNL Conference Competition, the ECNL Match Report must be completed in full, signed by both teams, and submitted by the home team to the designated ECNL contact within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the ECNL Conference Competition.

5.4 For ECNL National Event Competition or ECNL Post-Season Competition, the ECNL Match Report must be completed in full and signed by both teams and the referee upon conclusion of the game. The referee will submit the ECNL Match Report to the designated ECNL contact immediately upon conclusion of the ECNL National Event Competition or ECNL Post-Season Competition.

6. Optional JR ECNL Competition (U13)

6.1 **Rules and Regulation.** All JR ECNL competitions must meet the guidelines set fourth in **Exhibit E**. Though JR ECNL Competition is not a required competition for ECNL Member Clubs, failure to adhere to the JR ECNL Rules and Regulations by ECNL Member Clubs participating in JR ECNL Competition shall be considered a violation of these ECNL Competition Rules.

6.2 **Age Groups.** JR ECNL Competition consists of games between ECNL Member Clubs at the U12 or U13 age groups.



- 6.3 **Sanctioning and Passes.** All players in JR ECNL Competition must be carded with a US Club Pass, unless such player is also on an ECNL Roster, in which case an ECNL Passcard will be accepted.
- 6.4 **Optional Participation.** It is not mandatory for ECNL Member Clubs to participate in any JR ECNL Competition.
- 6.5 **Roster Rules.** The roster rules set forth in Rule 2 do not apply to players participating in JR ECNL Competition. Players participating in JR ECNL Competition may be from any youth soccer club, so long as they are on the ECNL Member Club's US Club Roster, with a US Club Passcard, during the JR ECNL Competition.
- 6.6 **Competition Format.** JR ECNL Competitions may take a variety of formats, provided such formats are pre-approved by the ECNL Commissioner in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, JR ECNL Competition may only take place between ECNL Member Clubs.
- 6.7 **Game Lengths.** JR ECNL Competitions at the U13 age group must be played with two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves.
7. **Miscellaneous**
8. **Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Committee**
- 8.1 **Code of Conduct.** The ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct in **Exhibit F** is incorporated into these Competition Regulations. The ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct is binding upon any coach coaching in an ECNL Competition. The ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct is enforced through the ECNL Disciplinary Committee.
- 8.2 **ECNL Disciplinary Committee.** Any disciplinary matters brought before the Commissioner through submission of an Incident Report shall be addressed and responded to at the discretion of the Commissioner. The ECNL Commissioner shall, at her discretion, appoint a Disciplinary Committee as provided in **Exhibit G**. The ECNL Disciplinary Committee shall determine the sanctions to be enforced for violations of ECNL Rules and Regulations, including without limitation the ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct.
- 8.3 **Protests and Appeals.** There will be no protests or appeals of decisions made in ECNL Competitions or by the ECNL Commissioner. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any decision by the ECNL Disciplinary Committee that results in a suspension of a player or coach that is not due to a red card is appealable to US Club Soccer, and then to the US Soccer Federation. Any hearing for such appeal shall be conducted pursuant to US Club Soccer and US Soccer Federation policies and procedures.
- 8.4 **Matters Not Provided For.** Any matter not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the ECNL Board of Directors. All such decisions are final.



Exhibit A:
2016-2017 ECNL Age Group Eligibility

ECNL age groups for the 2016-2017 ECNL Season are provided below:

U18/U19 Age Group: Born on or after 1/1/1998

U17 Age Group: Born on or after 1/1/2000

U16 Age Group: Born on or after 1/1/2001

U15 Age Group: Born on or after 1/1/2002

U14 Age Group: Born on or after 1/1/2003

Players may play for their own age group and for “older” age groups.



Exhibit B:
Determining the ECNL National Club Champion

2016-17 ECNL Overall Club Ranking Points to be added in the coming weeks!

2016-17 ECNL Overall Club Ranking Points

U14-U18 Conference Points

(based on PPG from conference games only)

16-team Conference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th
Points	20	15	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	1
14-team Conference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th		
Points	20	15	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1		
12-team Conference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th				
Points	20	15	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
11-team Conference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th					
Points	20	15	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
10-team Conference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th						
Points	20	15	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1						
9-team Conference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th							
Points	20	15	10	8	6	4	3	2	1							

U14-U18 Champions League Play-off Points

(based on group finish in play-off group of 4 - 32 teams for U15-U17 | play-off group of 4 - 16 teams for U14 & U18)

	Group 1st Place	Group 2nd Place	Group 3rd Place	Group 4th Place
Champions League	40	35	30	25

U14-U18 Champions League Finals Points

(based on semi-final and final finish)

	Champion	Finalist	Semi-Finalist	Semi-Finalist
Champions League	60	50	40	40

U15-U17 North American Cup Finals Points

(based on a 16-team single elimination knock-out tournament | losers go to placement brackets to determine 1-16)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th
North American Cup	20	18	15	15	13	13	11	11	9	9	7	7	5	5	3	3

*Teams that do not qualify for the Champions League Play-offs or North American Cup receive only conference club ranking points.



Exhibit C
ECNL Standings and the National Championship Structure
2016-2017 COMPETITION STRUCTURE & POST-SEASON OVERVIEW

U15-U17 ECNL POST-SEASON QUALIFICATION REVIEW

U15-U17 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE | QUALIFICATION REVIEW

Automatic Berths and Wildcard Consideration for the ECNL Champions League is provided to each conference as follows:

Southwest Conference

Structure: 11 Clubs, 1 Table

Automatic ECNL Champions League Qualifiers: 4

- Top four (4) teams (based on points (PPG) from conference games only) qualify
- 5th and 6th place teams (based on PPG from conference games only) enter wildcard consideration

Mid-Atlantic Conference

Structure: 12 Clubs, 2 Divisions (Chesapeake (6) and Ohio Valley (6))

Automatic ECNL Champions League Qualifiers: 4

- Top two (2) teams in each division (based on points (PPG) from conference games only) qualify
- The next two (2) teams with the highest PPG in the conference based on conference games only and regardless of division, will be in contention for wildcards into the ECNL Champions League

Midwest Conference

Structure: 9 Clubs, 1 Table

Automatic ECNL Champions League Qualifiers: 3

- Top three (3) teams (based points (PPG) from conference games only) qualify
- 4th and 5th place teams (based on PPG from conference games only) enter wildcard consideration

Northeast Conference

Structure: 14 Clubs, 1 Table

Automatic ECNL Champions League Qualifiers: 5

- Top two (2) teams in each division (based on points (PPG) from conference games only) qualify
- The next three (3) teams with the highest PPG in the conference based on conference games only and regardless of division, will be in contention for wildcards into the ECNL Champions League.

Northwest Conference

Structure: 16 Clubs, 3 Divisions (California (6), Colorado (3), Mountain (7))

Automatic ECNL Champions League Qualifiers: 5

- Top team in each division (based on points (PPG) from conference games only) qualify
- Next two (2) teams with the highest PPG in the conference based on conference games only and regardless of division qualify for the ECNL Champions League
- The next three (3) teams with the highest PPG in the conference based on conference games only and regardless of division, will be in contention for wildcards into the ECNL Champions League

Southeast Conference



Structure: 12 Clubs, 1 Table

Automatic ECNL Champions League Qualifiers: 4

- Top four (4) teams based on points (PPG) from conference games only qualify
- 4rd and 5th place teams (based on PPG from conference games only) enter wildcard consideration

Texas Conference

Structure: 10 Clubs, 1 Table

Automatic ECNL Champions League Qualifiers: 3

- Top three (3) teams based on points (PPG) from conference games only qualify
- 4th and 5th place teams (based on PPG from conference games only) enter wildcard consideration

U15-U17 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE | SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION ODDS

- The ECNL Champions League will have 28 Automatic Qualifiers based solely on conference games as outlined above. After the Automatic Qualifiers are determined, an additional 15 teams will be placed into a wildcard pool based on their conference points and conference standings as outlined above. Once in the wildcard pool, these 15 teams will be ranked based on points-per-game from all games played – including conference games and national event games. The top four (4) teams in the wildcard pool will qualify for the ECNL Champions League.

Conference	Automatic Qualifiers	Wildcard Consideration
Southwest	4	2
Mid-Atlantic	4	2
Midwest	3	2
Northeast	5	2
Northwest	5	3
Southeast	4	2
Texas	3	2
Total	26	14

- 28 Automatic Qualifiers based solely on conference games.
- 15 additional teams in wildcard consideration, of which 4 will also qualify for the Champions League based on PPG in all games (conference and national event)

U15-U17 NORTH AMERICAN CUP & SHOWCASE CUP | QUALIFICATION REVIEW

The qualification process for the North American Cup and Showcase Cup events is outlined in later sections.



U15-U17 ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - PLAYOFFS

After all ECNL regular season games have been played, 26 teams based solely on conference games, will automatically qualify for the Champions League Playoffs. After the Automatic Qualifiers are determined, an additional 14 teams (also based on conference games) will be grouped into a wildcard pool. Once in the wildcard pool, these 14 teams will be ranked based on PPG from all games played – including conference games and national event games. The top six (6) teams in the wildcard pool will qualify for the ECNL Champions League Playoffs.

The U15-U17 ECNL Champions League Playoffs is a 32-team group-play, round-robin competition, followed by a knockout round. From group play, eight (8) teams will advance directly to a single game, single-elimination knockout match. The Playoff competition takes place over five days. Upon completion of the Playoffs, four (4) teams, in each age group, will advance from the Playoffs to the ECNL Final IV/National Finals taking place in July.

U15-U17 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAYOFFS | DRAW PROCESS

- **Step 1:** The 32 qualifying teams will be ranked 1-32 based on PPG from all games played throughout the ECNL season including Conference and National Event games. All qualifying teams will be placed into one of eight (8) groups of four (4) teams, each based on seeding. Seeding will be done through use of four (4) different seeding “pods.”
- **Step 2:** The top pod will include the seven (7) conference champions, and the next Automatic Qualifier team with the highest points per game from conference games only. From the seven (7) conference champions, the team with the highest points-per-game (based on conference games only) will be placed in “Group A” as Seed 1 (the top overall seed). The team with the second highest points-per-game (based on conference games only) will be placed in “Group B” as seed 1. This process will continue for the seven (7) conference champions, with the eighth team from the top pod with the next highest PPG from all games played in “Group H”). *Note: For conferences with two divisions and thus two division winners, the conference champion will be the team with the highest PPG between the two division winners. If the teams are tied on points (points per game), the tie-breakers to determine the conference champion will be: (i) head-to-head result (or if the teams played more than once, the team with the most points in head-to-head competition); (ii) goal difference; (iii) goals scored; and (iv) goals against.*
- **Step 3:** The remaining 24 teams will be placed into three (3) “pots” based on the overall ranking. The remaining pods will be determined based on PPG of all games played. Teams ranked 9-16 based on points per game will be placed in pod 2, teams ranked 17-24 will be placed in pod 3, and teams ranked 25-32 will be placed in pod 4. Teams will be randomly drawn from each pod for each group. If a team is drawn into a group that already includes a team from their conference, the team will be placed back into the pod and a new team will be drawn. All teams from pod 2 will be Seed 2 in their groups, all teams from pod 3 will be Seed 3 in their groups, and all teams from pod 4 will be Seed 4 in their groups.

Pot 1: 9-16 Pot 2: 17-24 Pot 3: 25-32

- **Step 4:** Teams 9-16 will be drawn and placed on line 2 of each of the eight (8) groups of four (4). If a team from the same conference as an existing team in the group is drawn they will be placed back in the pot and a new team will be drawn.



- **Step 5:** Teams 17-24 will be drawn and placed on line 3 of each of the eight (8) groups of four (4). If a team from the same conference as an existing team in the group is drawn they will be placed back in the pot and a new team will be drawn.
- **Step 6:** Teams 25-32 will be drawn and placed on line 4 of each of the eight (8) groups of four (4). If a team from the same conference as an existing team in the group is drawn they will be placed back in the pot and a new team will be drawn.

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
1	#1 Ranked	#2 Ranked	#3 Ranked	#4 Ranked	#5 Ranked	#6 Ranked	#7 Ranked	#8 Ranked
2								
3								
4								

U15-U17 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAYOFFS | SCHEDULE & ADVANCEMENT

- Within each Champions League Playoff group, the teams play a 3-game round robin. Teams will earn 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and zero points for a loss. The group winners will advance to the knockout stage quarterfinal (“Elite 8”).
- For the teams that do not win their group, the points earned will affect their final placement in the national standings (9-32).
 - **Scheduling Format:** The ECNL Playoffs will occur over a four days as follows:
 - Day 1: Game 1 (1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3)
 - Day 2: Game 2 (1 vs. 3, 2 vs. 4)
 - Day 3: *Rest/Built in Inclement Weather Day*
 - Day 4: Game 3 (1 vs. 2, 3 vs. 4)
 - Day 5: Elite 8 Knockout Matches only
- **Knockout.** The eight (8) teams that win their group at the Playoffs will then compete in a single-elimination knockout game to determine advancement to the ECNL National Finals taking place in July.

U15-U17 ECNL Champions League Playoffs Knockout Round	
Elite 8	Elite 8 Match-Ups
Match A	Winner Group A vs. Winner Group H
Match B	Winner Group B vs. Winner Group G
Match C	Winner Group C vs. Winner Group F
Match D	Winner Group D vs. Winner Group E

- For the teams that do not advance, the points earned from the Playoffs will affect their final placement in the national standings (4-8).

U15-U17 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAYOFFS | TIEBREAKERS

- **Group Play:** If two teams are tied within their group play, the tie-breaker will be as follows:
 - Total points earned in head to head game (if possible). If more than two teams are tied, this tiebreaker shall not apply.



- Goal difference (based on group play);
 - Goals for (based on group play);
 - Goals against (based on group play);
 - Penalties: If it is still tied, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the teams remain tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.
- **Knockout Matches:** In the event of a tie at the end of regulation in a knockout match on played on Day 6, two (2) ten-minute overtime periods shall be played. There will not be a golden goal in overtime. If the ECNL competition remains tied at the end of the overtime periods, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the game remains tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.



15-U17 ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - NATIONAL FINALS

To crown the ECNL Champions League National Champion, the four (4) winners from the Elite 8 matches advance from the ECNL Playoff event to the ECNL National Finals in July.

U15-U17 NATIONAL FINALS | ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE | DRAW PROCESS

- In each age group, ECNL Champions League competition will involve the four (4) qualifying teams from the Champions League Playoffs seeded into one group competing for the National Championship.
- The draw process will be a “double blind” draw to determine groups and placement. These four (4) teams will be placed into one pot, the second pot will contain two (2) spots for Match A and two (2) spots for Match B.

Pot 1: 4 Teams Pot 2: Match A, Match B

U15-U17 ECNL Champions League National Finals	
Champions League Match	Champions League Team
Semi-Final/Match A	Team 1 v Team 2
Semi-Final/Match B	Team 3 v Team 4

U15-U17 NATIONAL FINALS | ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE | SCHEDULE & ADVANCEMENT

- The teams will compete in a single-elimination knockout game to advance to the championship / consolation games.
- The Match A winner and the Match B winner will advance to the ECNL National Championship Game at the ECNL National Finals. For the teams that do not win their semi-final, they will play in a third place match to determine their placement in the final National Standings.

U15-U17 ECNL Champions League National Finals	
Day 1	Day 2
Semi-Final/Match A	National Championship Match
Semi-Final/Match B	3 rd Place Match

U15-U17 NATIONAL FINALS | TIEBREAKERS

- **Day 1 & Championship Match:** In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, two (2) ten-minute overtime periods shall be played. There will not be a golden goal in overtime. If the ECNL Competition remains tied at the end of the overtime periods, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the game remains tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.
- **Placement Matches:** There shall be no overtime, and the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the game remains tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.



U15-U17 ECNL NORTH AMERICAN CUP

The ECNL North American Cup consists of a guaranteed 3-game knockout competition with a fourth game to crown the North American Cup Champion. The North American Cup will be played in its entirety at the ECNL Playoffs.

U15-U17 NORTH AMERICAN CUP | QUALIFICATION REVIEW

Sixteen (16) teams will qualify for ECNL North American Cup as follows:

- **Wildcard Qualifiers:** After the Automatic Wildcard Qualifiers are determined for the ECNL Champions League, the remaining teams in the ECNL that did not qualify for the ECNL Champions League (including wildcard consideration teams that did not qualify for the ECNL Champions League) will be ranked based on points (PPG) from all games played, including conference and national event games. The top sixteen (16) teams in this ranking will qualify for the ECNL North American Cup.

U15-U17 NORTH AMERICAN CUP | DRAW PROCESS

- **Bracketing:** Qualifiers for the ECNL North American Cup will be put into two seeding pods; Pod 1 will be the top 8 teams, seeded 1-8, based on PPG from all games played. Pod 2 will be teams 9-16 based on PPG from all games played. Teams from Pod 1 will be placed, by seed, into bracket slots as provided below:
 - Seed 1 – Bracket Slot 1
 - Seed 2 – Bracket Slot 16
 - Seed 3 – Bracket Slot 9
 - Seed 4 – Bracket Slot 8
 - Seed 5 – Bracket Slot 5
 - Seed 6 – Bracket Slot 12
 - Seed 7 – Bracket Slot 13
 - Seed 8 – Bracket Slot 4
- Teams from Pod 2 will be randomly drawn into remaining bracket slots. If a team is drawn into a bracket slot that would require them to play a team from their conference in the first round, the team will be placed back into Pod 2 and a new team will be drawn.

U15-U17 NORTH AMERICAN CUP | SCHEDULE & ADVANCEMENT

- The sixteen (16) teams that qualify for the ECNL North American Cup will play in a guaranteed 3-game knockout competition with a fourth game to crown the North American Cup Champion at the Playoffs.
- **Consolation Bracket:** After the first round of North American Cup games, the losing 8 teams from the first round of games will be in the consolation bracket. For the teams that do not advance, the points earned will affect their final placement in the national standings.
- **Scheduling Format:**
 - Day 1: Round of 16 Games
 - Day 2: Quarterfinal Games & Placement Games
 - Day 3: OFF
 - Day 4: Semi-Final Games & Placement Games
 - Day 5: Championship Only



15-U17 ECNL SHOWCASE CUP

The ECNL Showcase Cup consists of a guaranteed 3-game knockout competition with a fourth game to crown the Showcase Cup Champion. The Showcase Cup will be played in its entirety at the ECNL Playoffs.

U15-U17 SHOWCASE CUP | QUALIFICATION REVIEW

- After the ECNL Champions League and ECNL North American Cup participants have been determined, the next 16 teams (teams ranked 49-64) in the ECNL based on PPG from all games played, including conference and national event games, will play in a guaranteed 3-game knockout competition with a fourth game to crown the Showcase Cup Champion at the Playoffs.

U15-U17 SHOWCASE CUP | DRAW PROCESS

- **Bracketing:** Qualifiers for the ECNL Showcase Cup will be put into two seeding pods; Pod 1 will be the top 8 teams, seeded 1-8, based on PPG from all games played. Pod 2 will be teams 9-16 based on PPG from all games played. Teams from Pod 1 will be placed, by seed, into bracket slots as provided below:
 - Seed 1 – Bracket Slot 1
 - Seed 2 – Bracket Slot 16
 - Seed 3 – Bracket Slot 9
 - Seed 4 – Bracket Slot 8
 - Seed 5 – Bracket Slot 5
 - Seed 6 – Bracket Slot 12
 - Seed 7 – Bracket Slot 13
 - Seed 8 – Bracket Slot 4
- Teams from Pod 2 will be randomly drawn into remaining bracket slots. If a team is drawn into a bracket slot that would require them to play a team from their conference in the first round, the team will be placed back into Pod 2 and a new team will be drawn.

U15-U17 SHOWCASE CUP | SCHEDULE & ADVANCEMENT

- The sixteen (16) teams that qualify for the ECNL Showcase Cup will play in a guaranteed 3-game knockout competition with a fourth game to crown the Showcase Cup Champion at the Playoffs. All games will be played at the ECNL Playoffs.
- **Consolation Bracket:** After the first round of Showcase Cup games, the losing 8 teams from the first round of games will be in the consolation bracket. For the teams that do not advance, the points earned will affect their final placement in the national standings.
- **Scheduling Format:**
 - Day 1: Round of 16 Games
 - Day 2: Quarterfinal Games & Placement Games
 - Day 3: OFF
 - Day 4: Semi-Final Games & Placement Games
 - Day 5: Championship Only

U15-U17 NON-QUALIFIERS FOR ECNL POST-SEASON

Teams ranked below 64 in the ECNL that do not qualify for the ECNL Champions League, ECNL North American Cup, or the ECNL Showcase Division will not participate in the ECNL Playoffs. The season will end for these teams after their final regular season game.



U18/U19 POST-SEASON | ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

U18/U19 POST-SEASON | ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE NATIONAL FINALS - QUALIFICATION REVIEW

Sixteen (16) U18/U19 teams will qualify for the U18/U19 ECNL National Finals through automatic berths and wildcard spots. Automatic Berths and Wildcard Consideration for the ECNL Champions League is provided to each conference as follows:

- **Automatic Qualifiers:** 15 teams will automatically qualify for the ECNL U18/U19 Champions League:
 - 5 Conference Champions (MW, NE, SW, TX, SE) based on points (PPG) from conference games only.
 - 5 Division Champions (MA, NW) based on points (PPG) from conference games only.
 - 5 Conference Finalists (MW, NE, SW, TX, SE) based on points (PPG) from conference games only.
- **Wildcard Qualifiers:** The final spot in the U18/U19 ECNL Champions League will be a wildcard spot. The wildcard will be selected from 7 possible teams based on points (PPG) from all games played (including Conference and National Event games). The top team of those in wildcard consideration, based on PPG from all games, will earn a berth to the U18/U19 ECNL Champions League. The teams in wildcard consideration will be:
 - Top Divisional Finalist from the MA and NW
 - NE 3rd Place, TX 3rd Place, SE 3rd Place, SW 3rd Place, and MW 3rd Place

Conference	Automatic Qualifiers	Wildcard Consideration	Max Berths
Southwest	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	3rd place Conf. (1)	3
Mid-Atlantic	Division Champions (2)	Top Div. Finalist (1)	3
Midwest	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	3rd place Conf. (1)	3
Northeast	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	3rd place Conf. (1)	3
Northwest	Division Champions (3)	Top Div. Finalist (1)	4
Southeast	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	3 rd place Conf. (1)	3
Texas	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	3rd place Conf. (1)	3

U18/U19 NATIONAL FINALS | STRUCTURE & SCHEDULE



- **Draw Process:** All qualifying teams will be seeded into four groups of four through the use of four seeding “pods”. Teams will be drawn from each pod into groups using a similar process as the U15-U17 Champions League draw (teams from Pod 1 will be Seed 1 for the group they are drawn into, etc.). Teams that are drawn into a group that already includes a team from their conference will be placed back into the pod and re-drawn.
 - Pod 1: Top 4 Conference or Divisional Champions based on PPG in all games played.
 - Pod 2: Next 4 Conference or Divisional Champions based on PPG in all games played.
 - Pod 3: Next 4 teams based on PPG from all games played.
 - Pod 4: Next 4 teams based on PPG from all games played.
- **Structure:** The U18/U19 ECNL National Champion will be determined at the ECNL Playoffs through a 5-game group stage competition as follows:

Day 1 Group Stage	Day 2 Group Stage	Day 3 Group Stage	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1 v. 4	1 v. 3	1 v. 2	Off/Weather	Semi-Final	Final
2 v. 3	2 v. 4	3 v. 4	Off/Weather	Semi-Final	Final

U18/U19 NATIONAL FINALS | TIE-BREAKER

- **Group Play:** If two teams are tied within their group play, the tie-breaker will be as follows:
 - Total points earned in head to head game (if possible). If more than two teams are tied, this tie-breaker shall not apply.
 - Goal difference (based on group play);
 - Goals for (based on group play);
 - Goals against (based on group play);
 - Penalties: If it is still tied, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the teams remain tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.
- **Knockout Play.** In the event of a tie at the end of regulation of any ECNL match in the U18/U19 Finals, two (2) ten-minute overtime periods shall be played. There will not be a golden goal in overtime. If the ECNL Competition remains tied at the end of the overtime periods, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the game remains tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.



U14 POST-SEASON | ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

U14 POST-SEASON | ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE NATIONAL FINALS | QUALIFICATION REVIEW

Sixteen (16) U14 teams will qualify for the U14 ECNL National Finals through automatic berths and wildcard spots. Automatic Berths and Wildcard Consideration for the ECNL Champions League is provided to each conference as follows:

- **Automatic Qualifiers:** 15 teams will automatically qualify for the ECNL U14 Champions League:
 - 5 Conference Champions (SW, NE, SE, TX, MW) based on PPG conference games only.
 - 5 Division Champions (MA, NW) based on PPG conference games only.
 - 5 Conference Finalists (SE, NE, TX, SW, MW) based on conference games only (points per game)
- **Wildcard Qualifiers:** The final spot in the U14 ECNL Champions League will be a wildcard spot. The wildcard will go to the next highest finisher, based on points from conference games only, from the top conference based on Conference Strength from the previous year's Overall Club Ranking. For the 2016-2017 season, one wildcard spot will go to the Southwest Conference.
 - Calculating Conference Ranking: Conference ranking is calculated by adding the total overall club ranking points earned by each club in a given conference in the Overall Club Ranking and dividing that number by the number of clubs in the conference. This is done for each conference. The calculated numbers for each conference are then ranked 1-7. The two conferences with the best average are awarded one wildcard spot each.

Conference	Automatic Qualifiers	Wildcard	Berths
Southwest	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	3rd place team	3
Mid-Atlantic	Division Champions (2)	n/a	2
Midwest	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	n/a	2
Northeast	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	n/a	2
Northwest	Division Champions (3)	n/a	3
Southeast	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	n/a	2
Texas	Conf. Champion, Conf. Finalist (2)	n/a	2

- **Non Qualifiers:** The teams that do not qualify for the U14 ECNL Champions League Finals will end their season after their last regular season conference game.

U14 NATIONAL FINALS | ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE | STRUCTURE & SCHEDULE



- **Draw Process:** All qualifying teams will be seeded into four groups of four through the use of four seeding “pods”. Teams will be drawn from each pod into groups using a similar process as the U15-U17 Champions League draw (teams from Pod 1 will be Seed 1 for the group they are drawn into, etc.). Teams that are drawn into a group that already includes a team from their conference will be placed back into the pod and re-drawn.
 - Pod 1: Top 4 Conference or Divisional Champions based on PPG in all games played.
 - Pod 2: Next 4 Conference or Divisional Champions based on PPG in all games played.
 - Pod 3: Next 4 teams based on PPG from all games played.
 - Pod 4: Next 4 teams based on PPG from all games played.
- **Structure:** The U14 ECNL Champions League National Champion will be determined at the ECNL Playoffs through a five (5) game group stage competition as follows:

Day 1 Group Stage	Day 2 Group Stage	Day 3 Group Stage	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1 v. 4	1 v. 3	1 v. 2	Off/Weather	Semi-Final	Final
2 v. 3	2 v. 4	3 v. 4	Off/Weather	Semi-Final	Final

U14 NATIONAL FINALS | ECNL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE | TIE-BREAKER

- **Group Play:** If two teams are tied within their group play, the tie-breaker will be as follows:
 - Total points earned in head to head game (if possible). If more than two teams are tied, this tie-breaker shall not apply.
 - Goal difference (based on group play);
 - Goals for (based on group play);
 - Goals against (based on group play);
 - Penalties: If it is still tied, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the teams remain tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.
- **Knockout Play.** In the event of a tie at the end of regulation of any ECNL match in the U14 Finals, two (2) ten-minute overtime periods shall be played. There will not be a golden goal in overtime. If the ECNL Competition remains tied at the end of the overtime periods, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the mark. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most in five (5) kicks from the mark. If the game remains tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.

ECNL U14 SHOWCASE EVENTS

ECNL U14 Showcase Events are optional in the 2016-17 season and have no bearing on ECNL standings, qualification, or seeding for the U14 ECNL Champions League. An entry fee of \$750.00 will be applicable for all ECNL U14 Showcase Events.



Exhibit D:

Registration; Player and Staff Passcards; Roster Add Process and Deadlines

Player and Staff Passcards for ECNL Member Clubs and ECNL Competition

There is one (1) type of passcard that will be accepted at ECNL Competitions, an ECNL Passcard. A second type of passcard (a "US Club Passcard") will be used by players U12 and above in ECNL Member Clubs who are not currently participating in ECNL Competition, but who do participate in other competitions on a US Club Roster, including JR ECNL Competition, with the ECNL Member Club.

- **ECNL Passcards** are passcards validated by US Club Soccer, and then printed and laminated by the ECNL Team. ECNL Passcards are used by ECNL Registered Players and staff who register for an ECNL Team. *ECNL Passcards are required for participation in ECNL Conference Competition and ECNL National Events.*
- **US Club Soccer Passcards** US Club Soccer Passcards are passes validated by US Club Soccer, and then printed and laminated by the ECNL Member Club. US Club Soccer Passcards should be used for all players and staff registering with an ECNL Member Club who may not compete in ECNL Competition but who will compete in other competitions on a US Club Soccer roster. Any ECNL players playing with these players in a non- ECNL competition shall be placed on the US Club Soccer Roster for that team for that non- ECNL competition.

Whenever a player is added to an ECNL Roster and therefore becomes an ECNL Registered Player, the player will need to have an ECNL Passcard in order to participate in ECNL Competition. A US Club Passcard will not be sufficient to allow a player to participate in ECNL Competition.

All female players at U12 and above within an ECNL Member Club will register through the TGS site, and will receive one of the above two types of passcards.

CLARIFICATION: A player may receive both types of passcards over the course of a season. For example, a player on a "second" team would be issued a US Club Soccer Passcard at the time of registration, and would receive an ECNL Passcard if they are added to an ECNL Roster.

Initial Roster Submission Date

August 26: Every ECNL Team must have a minimum of fifteen (15) ECNL Registered Players at every ECNL age group.

Player Add Process

ECNL Conference Competition: ECNL Registered Players may be added to an ECNL Roster for ECNL Conference Competition at any time, provided that they appear on the official ECNL Roster prior to the game. No player may participate in ECNL Conference Competition without an ECNL Pass.

ECNL National Event Competition: Only ECNL Registered Players with an ECNL Pass may participate in ECNL National Competition.



Exhibit E:
2016-2017 JR ECNL COMPETITION GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS

Definition. A JR ECNL competition consists of games between ECNL Member Clubs at the U13 and U12 age groups (only), and in order to be branded as a JR ECNL competition, must be pre-approved the ECNL Commissioner in writing and approved for sanctioning by US Club Soccer.

Age Groups. A JR ECNL competition consists of games between current ECNL Member Clubs at the U13 and U12 age groups only.

Eligible Participants: All current ECNL Member Clubs have the right to participate in JR ECNL competition(s) provided that the participating ECNL Member Club team is eligible under the rules of that JR ECNL competition, pays all required fees, and is in good standing with the ECNL. Clubs that are not ECNL Member Clubs cannot participate in any JR ECNL competition. Only one team per ECNL Member Club may participate in a JR ECNL competition at each age group.

Optional Participation. Participation in JR ECNL competition is optional for ECNL Member Clubs.

Hosts & Organizers.

ECNL Member Clubs: Any current ECNL Member Club in good standing may organize JR ECNL competition(s) so long as they have been pre-approved by the ECNL, and adhere to the guidelines and requirements set forth by the ECNL and the event's sanctioning body (US Club Soccer). A licensing fee may be charged for hosting JR ECNL events.

Third Parties: A third party, such as an event management company, tournament, or a joint venture between a third party and a current ECNL Member Club, may organize JR ECNL competition(s) so long as they have been pre-approved to do so by the ECNL Commissioner, and adhere to the guidelines and requirements set forth by the ECNL and the event's sanctioning body (US Club Soccer). Requirements for JR ECNL events operated in any form by a third party may be more stringent. A licensing fee may be charged for hosting JR ECNL events.

Competition Format. JR ECNL competition may take a variety of formats, be it a single game, tournament, or a group of games.

Sanctioning, Player and Staff Passes. US Club Soccer sanctions all JR ECNL competitions. All players participating in JR ECNL competitions must be carded with a valid US Club Soccer Pass, unless such player^f is also on an ECNL Roster, in which case an ECNL Passcard will be accepted. Any staff on the sideline during a JR ECNL event must have a US Club Soccer Passcard as well. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. For the duration of the registration year, the US Club Player passcards may be used in any unrestricted competition sanctioned by a USSF member, not just limited to those sanctioned by US Club Soccer.

JR ECNL Rosters: Players participating in JR ECNL competitions may be from any youth soccer club, so long as they have a valid US Club Soccer Player Passcard and have been added to the ECNL Member Club's JR ECNL roster for the competition. The player may be added in one of two ways:

- Guest Player: Guest playing is permitted during JR ECNL events, provided that, if the guest player is currently carded with another US Club Soccer Member Club (it may not be another ECNL Club), the "US Club Soccer Player Loan Form" is used. The "US Club Soccer Player Loan Form" is located on the JR ECNL Home Page. The ECNL Member Club must contact the guest player's home club and provide the club with notice of the guest playing.
- Dual Carding: Per the US Club Soccer Dual Registration Policy, dual carding is permitted for JR ECNL players in specific situations. (A copy of the US Club Soccer Dual Registration Policy is



found on the JR ECNL Home Page.) The Dual Registration Policy is for players who may join the JR ECNL team on a more frequent basis over multiple JR ECNL events. Once such player is properly registered and added to the roster, the player may participate with the ECNL Member Club in JR ECNL competitions for the duration of the season. The ECNL Member Club is responsible for the fees associated with registering such players. If at any point, the player is then dropped from the roster, the player may not be added to another roster (ECNL or JR ECNL) of another ECNL Member Club for the duration of the season.

Logo Usage: Per the ECNL Logo Trademark and Usage Policy, the ECNL Logo shall not be used by or associated with any JR ECNL competition without pre-approval from the ECNL Commissioner in writingⁱⁱ.

Approval Process: No competition(s) shall be referred to as a “JR ECNL” competition nor shall the ECNL Logo be used by or associated with any competition without pre-approval from the ECNL Commissioner in writing using the following process:

1. For all JR ECNL competitions, the “JR ECNL Competition Hosting Application” shall be submitted to the ECNL no less than sixty (60) days prior to the first competition. The JR ECNL Competition Hosting Application is available on the JR ECNL Home Page.
2. Once ECNL approves the application, ECNL will notify the applicant of approval in writing along with terms and conditions of approvalⁱⁱⁱ. Upon sanctioning approval, the host may pursue organizing the competition, provided the JR ECNL competition agrees to the terms set fourth and meets the following guidelines:
 - a. All teams participating in the competition are from current ECNL Member Clubs and in good standing;
 - b. All competition(s) are between current ECNL Member Clubs in good standing;
 - c. All competition(s) consists of games at the U12 and/or U13 age group only;
 - d. All players and staff participating in the competition(s) are registered with and have a valid US Club Soccer Passcard;
 - e. All players participating in the competition(s) are listed on the official roster of the specific team or such player is listed on an ECNL Roster for that ECNL Member Club and such player^{iv} is age eligible for the JR ECNL competition(s); and
 - f. The competition schedule and any subsequent changes are submitted to the ECNL prior to the competition.

ⁱ Such player may be handwritten on the roster so long as she is age eligible and has a valid ECNL/US Club Soccer player passcard.

ⁱⁱ The licensing fee is in compensation for use of the ECNL brand and logo in marketing of the Event. The ECNL in writing must approve all publications or materials using the logo in advance. All use of the ECNL logo and trademarks, and any communication referencing the ECNL, JR ECNL, and/or the specific event must be approved by the ECNL in writing prior to distribution (including but not limited to both digital and print, press releases, advertisements, etc.). No merchandise will be sold with the ECNL brand, name and/or logo without proper pre-approval from ECNL Commissioner in writing. Additional licensing fee may apply.

ⁱⁱⁱ JR ECNL events are for developmental purposes and are not intended to be fundraisers providing financial gain.

^{iv} Such player may be handwritten on the roster so long as she is age eligible and has a valid ECNL/US Club Soccer player passcard.



Exhibit F:
ECNL COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Background and Purpose: The ECNL was founded with the mission of improving the daily developmental environment for American female youth players. In this regard, coaches in ECNL Member Clubs play the largest role in creating a positive training and competition environment that promotes learning, growth, and development as both a person and as a soccer player. These coaches are also role models for parents and players in their behavior and conduct on the sideline.

The journey of elite athletes is not an easy one, and is filled with both moments of accomplishment and elation, as well as moments of challenge and disappointment. Coaches have a responsibility to provide guidance to players along this path, and to serve as an example to help these players fulfill their athletic and personal potential.

The ECNL is committed to providing athletes a competitive, challenging, and most importantly, a safe opportunity to grow and develop within a positive athletic environment. This commitment extends to the standards expected of any coach or staff member working with an ECNL team or on the sideline, and encompasses their actions as a teacher, a leader, and a role model. This commitment is reflected through the establishment of the *ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct*.

The *ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct* is a commitment from all coaches that participate in the ECNL. The *ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct* is enforced through the ECNL Disciplinary Committee, which has full authority to implement sanctions and suspensions against anyone that violates the *ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct*.

ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct:

- The ECNL's first priority is the health, safety, and education of the players. The ECNL's second priority is to develop an elite environment for players, coaches, referees and administrators to thrive. In order for all participants to 'thrive' we must maintain the highest level of respect for the game and all stakeholders, especially our players. The health, safety, and education of the player is always the first priority in their athletic experience, and must be placed above the development of performance.
- Coaches must always treat players with dignity and respect. Coaches are first and foremost teachers, and this relationship develops from mutual trust and respect. Coaches are also leaders, and as such they are held in high esteem by players and parents and expected to be a role model at all times.
- Coaches should direct feedback at the player's athletic performance. The essence of coaching is to create an environment for growth and to nurture that growth through thoughtful insights, feedback and discussions with the player on ways to improve. This means that coaching will focus on the action or behavior, without being abusive with regard to personal traits of the athlete. Coaching is not a license to shout, criticize or punish players verbally, emotionally or physically.
- Coaches must treat referees and match officials with dignity and respect. Comments or questions directed to these individuals questioning a call or a decision must be done with respect, and be regarding application of the Rules of the Game without reference to a personal trait.



- Coaches must not discriminate against players based upon race, nationality, religion or sexual orientation.
- Coaches must not use profane, abusive, or condescending language towards players, parents or officials.
- Coaches understand that the desire to win does not mean the desire to win at all costs, and the desire to win is not a permission slip for inappropriate behavior.
- Coaches will teach with humility in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Coaches will encourage players to be personally accountable for their actions, decisions, and performances.
- Coaches should remain in the Technical Area during the game unless they are warming players to enter the game. If no clear Technical Area is marked on a field, coaches should remain within 10 yards of their bench.
- ECNL coaches shall generally remain seated throughout the game unless giving feedback, tactical instructions or making a substitution.
- Coaches should dress professionally during competition, in proper athletic apparel and shoes. Coaching in sandals or barefooted is not appropriate.



Exhibit F:
ECNL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The ECNL Disciplinary Committee is charged with determining sanctions and discipline for violations of ECNL Rules and Regulations, including without limitation the ECNL Coaches Code of Conduct.

Any individual may report a potential violation of ECNL Rules and Regulations, including without limitation the Code of Conduct, to the ECNL Commissioner. This report must be in writing and must be received by the ECNL Commissioner within ten (10) days of the alleged event (the "Report"). The Report cannot be anonymous, must be in sufficient detail as to clearly apprise the ECNL Commissioner of the nature of the violation, including without limitation when and where it allegedly occurred, and should include identification of witnesses. Any reports of referee assault or abuse sent to the ECNL Commissioner are the direct jurisdiction of US Club Soccer, and will be referred directly to US Club Soccer for hearing. The ECNL Disciplinary Committee may also enforce sanctions related to referee assault or abuse as it relates to violations of the ECNL Code of Conduct.

Once a written Report meeting these requirements is received by the ECNL, a specific panel of 5 individuals will be appointed by the ECNL Commissioner as the Disciplinary Committee to investigate the allegation. Each Disciplinary Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- 2 Members from the ECNL Board of Directors
 - The ECNL Board of Directors representative from the ECNL Conference in which the coach participates; and
 - An ECNL Board of Directors representative from another ECNL Conference.
- 2 Coaches from within the ECNL
 - A coach or director of coaching from a club from a third ECNL Conference
 - A coach or director of coaching from a club from a fourth ECNL Conference
- An independent representative from outside of the ECNL with experience in youth soccer

The Disciplinary Committee shall investigate the allegations in the Report to determine what occurred. This investigation may include, without limitation, reports and interviews with the allegedly offending coach, the opposing coach, any match official, or any other observer. The Disciplinary Committee may consider all the circumstances of the allegation, including the situation, the severity, aggravating and mitigating factors, and the history of the individuals involved. The Disciplinary Committee shall give the person(s) against whom the Report is directed an opportunity to be heard regarding the allegations in the Report.

The Disciplinary Committee, at its discretion, may provide the person(s) against whom the Report is directed a copy of the actual Report. In exercising this discretion the Disciplinary Committee shall consider such person's need to know the substance of the allegations in the Report and the potential chilling effect of releasing the identity of the complainant(s), as well as other factors. Within 60 days of the receipt of the Report, the Disciplinary Committee shall make a determination as to whether the Code of Conduct was violated and shall enforce any and all of the following specified sanctions, without limitation:

- Written reprimand and probationary status for a specified period of time
- Mandatory attendance in an anger management class



- Suspension of up to six (6) games to be enforced effective immediately upon determination
- Monetary fine imposed against the club
- Points deduction from the team or club
- Recommended expulsion of the coach from the ECNL for the season

The Disciplinary Committee decision shall be final within the ECNL. The determination of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to US Club Soccer; US Club Soccer may hear the appeal or defer the appeal directly to the US Soccer Federation. All other US Soccer Federation rules and policies, including without limitation requirements regarding exhaustion of administrative remedies shall apply to findings of the Disciplinary Committee.

A recommendation for expulsion from the ECNL must be reviewed by the ECNL Board of Directors. The recommendation shall stand unless over-turned by a majority vote of the ECNL Board of Directors, in which case the maximum suspension shall be immediately enforced.

There shall be “zero tolerance” for multiple violations of the Code of Conduct. Zero tolerance means that a written reprimand and/or probationary status shall be insufficient sanctions for a finding of a second violation of the Code of Conduct by any person occurring within any twelve (12) month period. Further, it means that a member of the ECNL Board of Directors will be held to a higher standard of conduct. A member of the ECNL Board of Directors who is found to have violated the Code of Conduct shall make a personal apology to the person(s) affected by the violation satisfactory to the ECNL Board of Directors, or be removed from the Board of Directors. Any member of the ECNL Board of Directors who is suspended by the Disciplinary Committee for any amount of games for violations of the Code of Conduct shall be immediately removed from the Board of Directors and prohibited from holding a seat in the future. Any member of the ECNL Board of Directors that receives more than one written reprimand in their term by the Disciplinary Committee shall be immediately removed from the Board of Directors and prohibited from holding a seat in the future.



Exhibit G:
ECNL MEMBER CLUB STRUCTURE POLICY

Coming Soon!

