



TO: US Youth Soccer Midwest & Great Lakes Conference Teams  
FROM: Marc Frankland, Conference League Manager  
DATE: October, 2019  
RE: **Mandatory Conference College Showcases**

*Please feel free to share this letter with your schools*

On behalf of the US Youth Soccer Leagues Program and the Midwest & Great Lakes Conferences, we would like to request the release of all players that are members of conference teams from your school to participate in our showcase events during the 2019-2020 season. We realize the importance of a player's education and strive to accommodate the academic calendar that varies from state to state, as much as possible, while also being cognizant of the financial impact that participating in a high-level program has on families. Regrettably, our schedule may result in a limited number of days missed from school.

The US Youth Soccer Conferences have been developed to provide elite level teams and their players with extraordinary opportunities to showcase their talents in front of numerous college coaches who are charged with identifying and developing their teams that are represented at the various levels of collegiate soccer across the United States. The opportunity provided to the players is great both on and off the field. As we all know, players at the elite level are striving to extend their educational and soccer playing careers to the college level. We have already seen the benefit that the Conferences have provided its players in achieving these goals. Our program provides an exclusive group of player's extra opportunities that they have earned through their stellar play in US Youth Soccer State and Regional League competitions. The dates of our competitions are (please know to allow for a travel day before and after the competition days): November 8-10, 2019 in St Louis, MO and May 8-10, 2020, in Westfield, IN.

Thank you for your understanding in regards to the absence of US Youth Soccer Conference players from school during our events. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at [mfrankland@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:mfrankland@usyouthsoccer.org)

Sincerely,

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