



# GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE

## **Great Lakes Conference Fall 2020 Application Period Closes July 5 (6-8-20)**

This email is for all team contacts that are listed on current Great Lakes Conference (GLC) teams registering for the 2020/21 season. The GLC is one of 13 conferences across the country that make up the USYS Leagues Program. See below for important upcoming dates and information.

## **CONFERENCE UPDATES**



*This email is being distributed to the team contacts from the 10 State Associations that are within the footprint of the USYS National League Great Lakes Conference (Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, NY-West, Ohio North, Ohio South, PA-West, Tennessee\* and West Virginia).*

Team Contacts,

This is an important email to remind all former teams about the upcoming July 5 application deadline and remind them of the new GotSport Team Application link.

The Great Lakes Conference registration link is [https://system.gotsport.com/event\\_regs/8b04c8c6b5](https://system.gotsport.com/event_regs/8b04c8c6b5)

### **Important Dates**

June 8 - Team Registration Begins for the 2020 Fall Season (14U)

July 5 - Team Registration Closes for 2020 Fall Season (14U)

July 7 - State Assn. Deadline for Approving/Rejecting Teams for 2020 Fall Season

July 16 - Selection Committee completes team assignments for 2020 Fall Season

### **GotSport Application and Endorsement Process**

Remember, If you have any questions on the GotSport system or any of the walk-through documents, your dedicated point of contact is Jimmy Sparkman, please direct all emails to [jsparkman@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:jsparkman@usyouthsoccer.org)

Club administrators and staff will need access to their Club account in GotSport if they have not already done so. If needed users can find instructions on how to access the account on the Conference website under Team Information. This walkthrough will also show users how to add their fellow club staff members to access the club, as well as how to build teams, create coaches/managers, and assign them to teams. After creating the teams, if you wish to register the teams you created for Conference, add yourself as coach/manager, click on the registration link, and proceed through the registration using the walkthrough available on the website.

In order for games to be scheduled, clubs must build their fields and venues in GotSport and share those fields with the Conference in GotSport. A walkthrough is available on the Conference website under Team Information. The walkthrough will show users how to build the venues and fields in GotSport and how to share those fields with the Conference so games can be scheduled on those fields. The user must have access to the club before building fields and venues, so please refer to the walkthrough on accessing the club account in GotSport, available on the Conference website under Team Information.

### **Update on Scheduling Plans due to COVID-19**

We of course have to be very aware of the fluid situation we have in regards to COVID-19. At this time we are still working on our plans to have a full fall season bracketed and scheduled, with the following exceptions. The in person scheduling meeting will be replaced with conference call meetings. Full details on that process will be sent out to all teams after brackets are posted. One important note is that for this fall season we will group all First Divisions as locally as possible, grouping teams from within the same state assn with neighboring states wherever possible. We know that this is still evolving and we do have plans in place to push back scheduling deadlines and create more local bracketing across the board if it gets to that point.

### **National Showcase Series Requirement**

Teams understand that all 14U-18U teams competing in a top tier (Club vs Club or Premier I) within the USYS National League Great Lakes Conference during the 2020-2021 season must attend a minimum of one (1) USYS National League Showcase Series event to retain their position in the top tier (Club vs Club or Premier I) of the 2021-2022 USYS National League Great Lakes Conference or any other USYS National League Conference. The costs for these events will be \$950 for 14U events and \$1200 for 15U-19U age groups. This disclaimer is in the application form.

There has also been more information provided on the playoffs that will take place within the Showcase events. Some of this is included in the FAQ's and we expect more information on this next week that will hopefully clear up some of the conflicts for the older girls in the Great

Lakes Conference. [https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/6/usys\\_showcase\\_faqs\\_061620.pdf](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/6/usys_showcase_faqs_061620.pdf)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**June 5** - Team Registration Begins for the 2020 Fall Season (14U & Developmental 15U)

**July 5** - Team Registration Closes for 2020 Fall Season (14U & Developmental 15U)

**July 7** - State Assn. Deadline for Approving/Rejecting Teams for 2020 Fall Season

**July 16** - Selection Committee completes team assignments for 2020 Fall Season

**July 27** - Premier I, Premier II and ALL First Divisions Mandatory Scheduling Meetings location/process TBD (14U & Developmental 15U)\*

**July 24** - Team Registration Begins for 2021 Spring Season (15U through 19U)

**August 1** - 2020 Fall Season Begins

**August 28** - Team Registration Closes for 2021 Spring Season (15U through 19U)

**October 12** - Team Registration Begins for 2021 Spring Season (13U & 14U)

**October 24** - Roster Freeze Deadline for the Fall 2020 Season

**November 8** - 2020 Fall Season - Last day of scheduled games for ALL teams

**November 9** - Team Registration Closes for 2021 Spring Season (13U & 14U)

*\*Final decisions on scheduling meeting locations/processes TBD based on Covid-19 guidelines*

*(All dates subject to change)*

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