Creating additional pathways while strengthening relationships and maintaining existing structural integrity
PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE PLAY

• Teams can earn their way into a Conference based on success in competitive league and cup competitions within each US Youth Soccer State Association – ensuring the top teams from each state have access to US Youth Soccer Conferences competition.

• If teams do qualify through performance in State Association competitions, teams can apply for consideration based on their existing resume.

• **STATE LEVEL**
  - Local League

• **REGIONAL TIER**
  - National League Conferences

• **NATIONAL TIER**
  - National League Playoffs
  - Showcase Series

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NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
- Opportunity to advance to the USYS National Championships
- Playoff games played alongside showcase events

NATIONAL LEAGUE SHOWCASE SERIES
- Teams play in unique cross-conference games in a showcase environment for enhanced exposure to scouts

// Opportunities for Premier I Division teams (and Club vs. Club Division teams, where applicable) to advance to the USYS Regional Championships

// Opportunities for Premier I Division teams (and Club vs. Club Division teams, where applicable) to qualify for the National League Playoffs for the following season

STATE ASSOCIATION OPERATED LEAGUES & LEAGUES AFFILIATED WITH STATE ASSOCIATIONS

// Success at this level can lead to an opportunity to compete in a team’s respective conference competition
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

• STATE CUPS
  Teams must compete in their respective State Cup (NCS) to remain eligible for the National League and the National Championships.

• REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
  State Cup Champions, State Cup Wild Cards, top finishers in the National League Conferences (13u – 19u), and the winner of the League Championships earn qualification into the Regional Championships.

• NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
  The regional champion along with each of the four National League Playoff winners (14u – 19u) automatically qualify for the National Championship.
Mission, Vision and Priorities

• Mission
  • Make soccer the best (preeminent) youth sport in the United States

• Vision
  • Continue being the recognized leader in youth soccer and serve as the game for all kids.

• Priorities
  • Membership, Players, Marketing and Programs
Quick Overview

• The League Championship (LC):
  • Create an additional pathway for teams
  • Strengthen relationships with member leagues of USYS
  • Preserve the structure and status of National League and the NL Conferences
  • Maintain the integrity of State Cup competitions
  • Retain current members of USYS
  • Attract leagues and clubs back to USYS
  • Exemplify the new and improved USYS (progressive, innovative)
  • Produce a net income contribution for USYS
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League Championship (LC)

- Club Champions League
- National Capital Soccer League
- Long Island Junior Soccer League
- CCL New England
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// Compete for the annual US Youth Soccer National Championship

// Opportunities for teams to advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championships

// Top division from each league participates
// Top finishing team in each applicable age/gender group:
  // Playoff against the other three participating leagues
  // Single elimination
// Winning team of playoff earns placement into US Youth Soccer Eastern Regional Championships

// Qualifying teams must participate in league play and their State Association’s NCS State Cup competition
// US Youth Soccer leagues can apply and then the top division is selected for the League Championship program
East Region Continued

• Top division from each of these four leagues participate
• Top finishing team within each applicable age/gender group:
  • Play off against the other three participating leagues
  • Single elimination
• Winning team of play off earns placement into Eastern Regional Championships
Pathways: Regional Championships

USYS Regional Championships

National League Conferences  |  State Cup  |  League Championship (LC)

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2021 League Championship Playoff Weekend

• Saturday, May 22 & Sunday, May 23, 2021

• RiverCity Sportsplex
  Midlothian, Virginia
Future League Championship Initiatives

- Adding additional leagues in the seasonal year 2021/22
- Adding a Division II component that would advance to Presidents Cup
- Adding League Championship program to other three regions