



MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Midwest Conference Spring Season Application Period Open (7-24-20)

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

CONFERENCE UPDATES



This email is being distributed to the team contacts from the 11 State Associations that are within the footprint of the USYS Leagues Program Midwest Conference (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin).

Team Contacts,

Spring 2021 Team Application Window Open (15U through 19U)

To all teams planning to play in the Midwest Conference Spring 2021 season, the application window is now open! Your state association will be sending out the applications links soon. Please contact your state association for the application link if you do not receive them by next week. The application period runs until August 28. We look forward to hosting your team in the upcoming spring season.

Fall 2020 Season Scheduling Process

Now brackets have been posted, we have begun the scheduling process. All scheduling must be done online via zoom calls (or similar platform determined by the DSC). Designated Scheduling Coordinators (DSC's) have been appointed in most divisions. They have been provided with a scheduling template and will be responsible to create their divisional schedule. Premier I & II Meetings **MUST** take place on or before **Thursday July 30** and First Division & Conference Qualifier Divisions **MUST** take place on or before **Friday July 31**. So a team representative, preferably the coach **MUST** be available to represent your team on that day. Those two dates were the dates for the original in person scheduling meetings, so there is no exemption to attending the online meetings. If a team cannot attend, their schedule will be created for them by the DSC and the rest of the group in attendance.

Each divisional DSC has received an email from the conference. This email provides the DSC with everything that he or she needs to complete the process. We recommend that all in state matches are scheduled first and that all out of state match ups are pushed back to as late in the season as possible. This will all be determined within your divisional groups.

Fall Conference Hosted Events

The conference hosted event weekends at Sportscore II, IL and at Grand Park, IN can be seen listed on the conference homepage in the Team Information drop down menu. Click on the 2020-21 Midwest Conference Team Information Document and scroll to the last page of the document. This lists the date, location, costs and hotel mandates for event weekends. These weekends are **NOT** mandatory and we suggest that you only utilize these events if other smaller club hosted events are not possible for your division. We are not mandating these events as many teams will not be comfortable with hotel stays at this time. The mandatory November Showcase for Premier I and Premier II teams is **STILL** mandatory.

19U Age Group For The 2020-21 Season

In the UPDATE box on the homepage you will also see the memo that was sent out by the National Office regarding the 19U age group for the 2020-21 season. For all competitions within the National League (including the National League Conferences, the National League Showcase Series and the National League Playoffs), the oldest age group FOR THE 2020-21 SEASONAL YEAR ONLY will be 19/20-U. Eligible players' must be born on or after Jan 1, 2001.

Building and sharing venues in the GotSport system

This **MUST** be completed by all clubs prior to the scheduling meetings. We don't want to wait on clubs creating the venues and sharing them with us before we can schedule the games in the GotSport system. The scheduling process has started, so ALL of your club venues **MUST** be added into GotSport **by Wednesday July 29**.

Creating Venues and Fields

In order for games to be scheduled in GotSport, the fields and venues must be created in GotSport by the club and shared with the Conference. If you do not own the complex and multiple clubs in your area use the complex, please contact your state so they can create the venue for you. If you own the complex, please build the field using the walkthrough on the Conference website under the Team Information drop-down titled "*Walkthrough - Clubs Building and Sharing Fields in GotSport*". Venues only need to be created once in the system. Once shared, you will not need to worry about creating and sharing the venue again.

For any questions at all on GotSport please contact jsparkman@usyouthsoccer.org

IMPORTANT DATES

July 30 - Premier I and II Mandatory Scheduling Online Meetings (14U through 19U)

July 31 - First Division and Conf Qualifier Mandatory Scheduling Online Meetings (14U through 19U)

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 2020 Fall Season

November 8 - 2020 Fall Season - Last day of scheduled games for ALL 14U teams

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

November 22 - 2020 Fall Season - Last day of scheduled games for ALL 15U-19U teams

(All dates are subject to change)