



## National League – 2018-19 Schedule Update

*Below is an overview of the information that was distributed to teams regarding the course of action for postponed National League (NL) games from Dec. 8-9 in North Carolina, along with additional information on ranking teams and revised tiebreakers, as applicable.*

### **14U Girls and 14U Boys**

With all 14U teams participating in their respective Las Vegas event, the NL will reschedule the 2 matches not played in North Carolina in Las Vegas so that each team will play 5 matches (2 on Friday, 2 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday) **with all matches being 50 minutes in length (2 halves of 25 minutes in length with a maximum 10 minute halftime interval)**. This adds no additional travel costs to teams.

The final standings in this age group will be determined after a 7-match season (provided teams will be able to play all of their matches in Las Vegas).

In addition, due to the one cross over game within each 14U Girls division, we have also adjusted tie breaking procedures taking into account the one cross over divisional game that each 14U Girls team is playing.

### **15U Girls, 15U Boys, 16U Boys, 17U Boys and 18U Boys**

**The rounds of matches that were not played on Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9 in North Carolina will not be rescheduled.**

The final standings in each division within these age groups will be determined after a five-match season (provided teams will be able to play all of their matches at their second event). Tie breaker procedures will be used to determine the rankings of the teams from 1<sup>st</sup> place through 8<sup>th</sup> place.

In the event that the 1<sup>st</sup> place ranked team and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place ranked team are tied in points and if the tied teams did not face one another during the NL season, a sixth match will be scheduled to be played between the tied teams to determine the team that qualifies from the NL to the National Championships. The NL will determine the date, time and place of such contest to take place, hopefully by no later than May 1, 2019, provided that there are no high school conflicts. If the sixth match results in a tie, the revised tie breaking criteria will be used to break such tie in the standings.

If after five games, the 1<sup>st</sup> place team and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team have not played one another; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team is 1, or 2, or 3 points behind in the standings, then a sixth match will be scheduled to be played between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams to determine the team that qualifies from the NL to the National Championships. The NL will determine the date, time and place of such contest to take place by no later than May 1, 2019, provided that there are no high school conflicts. If the sixth match results in a tie in the standings, the revised tie breaking criteria will be used to break such tie in the standings (this sixth game is not a one-game playoff).

## **19U Boys**

**The rounds of matches that were not played on Saturday, Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9 in North Carolina will not be rescheduled.**

The final standings in each division within this age group will be determined after a five-match season (provided teams will be able to play all of their matches at their second event). Tie breaker procedures will be used to determine the rankings of the teams from 1<sup>st</sup> place through 8<sup>th</sup> place.

In the event that the 2<sup>nd</sup> place ranked team and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranked team are tied in points, and if the tied teams did not face one another during the NL season, a sixth match will be scheduled to be played between the tied teams to determine the team that qualifies from the NL to the National Championships. The NL will determine the date, time and place of such contest to take place hopefully by no later than May 1, 2019, provided that there are no high school conflicts. If the sixth match results in a tie, the revised tie breaking criteria will be used to break such tie in the standings.

If after 5 games, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team have not played one another; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team is 1, or 2, or 3 points behind in the standings, then a sixth match will be scheduled to be played between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams to determine the team that qualifies from the NL to the National Championships. The NL will determine the date, time and place of such contest to take place by no later than May 1, 2019, provided that there are no high school conflicts. If the sixth match results in a tie in the standings, the revised tie breaking criteria will be used to break such tie in the standings (this sixth game is not a one game playoff).

# REVISED TIEBREAKERS

## US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL LEAGUE – Amendment to Rules for the 2018-19 Season

The NL shall apply the following tiebreaker criteria to the NL competition in the Girls 14U and 15U age groups and the Boys 15U through 19U age groups during the 2018-19 season as result of the matches that were unable to be played in North Carolina.

### Tiebreakers—2 Teams are Tied

If 2 teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the final ranking of the teams will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria.

- (a) Winner of head-to-head competition.
- (b) Winner of most matches (in matches against common opponents).
- (c) Best Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) in matches against common opponents.
- (d) Most goals for in matches against common opponents.
- (e) Coin Toss except if the teams that are tied are at the same location on the final match day, kicks from the penalty spot will determine the higher ranked team. (if tie is for first place in a division within the Boys 15U through 19U, then a match will be scheduled by the NL between the tied teams.)

### Tiebreakers—3 Teams That Are Tied

If 3 teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the final rankings will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria. If a criterion creates a situation where the 3-way tie is broken leaving 2 teams tied, then the tiebreaker for 2 teams applies to those 2 teams.

- (a) Points earned in head-to-head competition among the teams if all tied teams played one another.
- (b) Winner of most matches in matches against common opponents.
- (c) Best Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) in matches among the tied teams if all teams tied played one another.
- (d) Best Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) in matches against common opponents.
- (e) Most goals for in matches among the tied teams if all tied teams played one another.
- (f) Most goals for in matches against common opponents.
- (g) Drawing of lots. (if tie is for first place in a division then the NL will determine the tie breaker)

#### **Tiebreakers—4 Teams That Are Tied**

If 4 teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the final rankings will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria. If a criterion creates a situation where the 4-way tie is broken leaving 2 or 3 teams tied, then the tiebreaker for 2 teams or 3 teams applies, as the case may be.

- (a) Points earned in head-to-head competition among the tied teams if all teams played one another.
- (b) Winner of most matches (in matches against common opponents).
- (c) Best Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) in matches among the tied teams if all tied teams played one another.
- (d) Best Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) in matches against common opponents.
- (e) Most goals for in matches among the tied teams if all tied teams played one another.
- (f) Most goals for in matches against common opponents.
- (g) Drawing of lots. (if tie is for first place in a division then the NL will determine the tie breaker)

#### **Tiebreakers—5 Teams That Are Tied**

If 5 teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the final rankings will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria. If a criterion creates a situation where the 5-way tie is broken leaving 2, 3, or 4 teams tied, then the tiebreaker for 2 teams, 3 teams, or 4 teams applies, as the case may be.

- (a) Points earned in head-to-head competition among the tied teams if all teams played one another.
- (b) Winner of most matches (in matches against common opponents).
- (c) Best Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) in matches among the tied teams if all tied teams played one another.
- (d) Best Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) in matches against common opponents.
- (e) Most goals for in matches among the tied teams if all teams played one another.
- (f) Most goals for in matches against common opponents.
- (g) Drawing of lots. (if tie is for first place in a division then the NL will determine the tie breaker)

#### **Tiebreakers—Not Covered**

For any situation not covered within these rules, the NL Management Group will determine any tie-breaking procedures that may need to be applied.