



# US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH ATLANTIC/MID ATLANTIC/SOUTH ATLANTIC/NEW ENGLAND EDP CONFERENCES 2018-19 SEASON CLUB v CLUB INFORMATION DOCUMENT

## INTRODUCTION

The US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences mission is to provide the highest standard of competitive play for youth teams that are members of US Youth Soccer State Associations of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New York East, New Jersey, Pennsylvania East, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences offers quality league competition for teams inside and teams outside of their state association. Teams playing in the 2018-19 US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences compete for the chance to earn spots into the East Regionals as part of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series. Additionally, teams participating in the 13U-18U age groups have the opportunity to qualify for the US Youth Soccer National League for the following seasonal year.

The information in this document is for a **Club v Club competition**.

## COMMITMENT

Any Club looking to participate in the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences must understand the level of commitment it takes to participate in a League that stretches across 12 different state associations. All clubs understand that this is a multi-state league and that clubs may travel hundreds of miles to participate in conference games. A limited number of clubs are accepted into the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences, so it is important that each club makes the commitment to travel **BEFORE** applying to the conference. Clubs must commit to placing their top team at each age group, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U\*, 19U for Boys and/or Girls. \*18U will be based by sufficient number of teams to build a bracket

## BOYS and GIRLS AGE GROUPS OF COMPETITION

The 2018-19 US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences will include the following age groups:

- 13 and Under (13U) – for players born on January 1, 2006 or later (Fall and Spring Seasons)
- 14 and Under (14U) – for players born on January 1, 2005 or later (Fall and Spring Seasons)
- 15 and Under (15U) – for players born on January 1, 2004 or later (Spring Season)
- 16 and Under (16U) – for players born on January 1, 2003 or later (Spring Season)
- 17 and Under (17U) – for players born on January 1, 2002 or later (Spring Season)
- 18 and Under (18U) – for players born on January 1, 2001 or later (Spring Season)
- 19 and Under (19U) – for players born on January 1, 2000 or later (Spring Season)

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Club Application deadline is **FRIDAY June 1, 2018** Go to [www.edpsoccer.com](http://www.edpsoccer.com) to apply. Clubs must register directly through EDP registration system to participate in the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences.

## COMMUNICATION FROM/WITH THE CONFERENCE

E-mail is the primary means of communication within the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that accurate contact information is on file with the Conference. The US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences compile team contact information based on each team's application into the Conference.

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## ENTRY FEE

The Team Entry Fee to participate in the Club v Club Competition is \$2,300 per team, which is non-refundable if a team is accepted and later drops out. The fee is paid directly to the league through the registration process. NOTE: Payment for league fee will not be processed until the team is accepted into its tier.

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The Team Fee for 13U and 14U teams includes: League Play (Fall and Spring), EDP Conference Cup competition, and the EDP Cup Tournament held in May in New Jersey.

The Team Fee for 15U through 19U teams includes: League Play (Spring), EDP Conference Cup competition, and a Regional Showcase held in April in New Jersey.

The cost does not include Referee Fees, which will be paid in accordance with the Conference Operating Procedures (information also found later in this document). Each team is responsible for its own costs incurred in connection with participation including but not limited to travel, housing, meals, and uniforms.

## SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

The US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences shall review, determine the final selection of all clubs and placement into tiers and divisions, if applicable. Some of the criteria used for acceptance and placement include the team's performance in 2017-2018 Eastern Regional League (ERL) play, 2017-18 US Youth Soccer National Championship Series play (State Cup, Regionals and Nationals), 2017-18 National League, 2017-18 EDP League, and other regional/national competitions within the United State soccer environment.

There will also be a Club Informational document (available through EDP) that must be filled out prior to being accepted into the club v club conference. Information from the Club Informational document will be used to accept a club into the club v club conferences. A club that has teams playing in the team v team conferences would be eligible to apply to the club v club conferences once they have multiple teams participating in the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences.

Accepted teams shall be notified via a website posting or an e-mail regarding their acceptance and placement into the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences. The list of teams accepted along with tier and division placement for the 2018-19 season is expected to take place on or around July 15, 2018.

## THE 2018-19 SEASON

Fall Season matches are to take place from September 1, 2018 through November 18, 2018.

Spring Season matches are to take place from March 1, 2019 through June 7, 2019. Dates are subject to change

## LOCATION OF GAMES--HOSTING

US Youth Soccer National League EDP Conferences will be constructed for equal or as close to equal home and away games. Home teams will be responsible for provided a location and time of the designated game.

## CONFERENCE BOUNDRIES

US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conference boundaries will be primarily set as follows, although teams from outside these areas may also apply to participate:

New England EDP Conference (ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT)

North Atlantic EDP Conference (CT, NYE, NJ, PAE)

Mid Atlantic EDP Conference (NYE, NJ, PAE, DE)

South Atlantic EDP Conference (DE, PA, MD, VA)

--Clubs understand that the assigned geography is subject to league discretion based on what travel and competition is best for teams.

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## COMPETITION FORMAT

All competitions in every age group shall be round robin. Depending on the number of club v club conferences formed a playoff may be used in order for a team to earn a birth to the US Youth Soccer Regional Championship and National League. Based on the number of clubs placed into subdivisions, teams may play up to a total of 9 US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conference games during the course of the season. **Please be aware of the number of games that teams will be required to play.** US Youth Soccer National League EDP Conference **teams are required to fulfill their commitment by playing out their entire conference schedule of games.**

## GENERAL SCHEDULING INFORMATION

Conference schedules will be developed by the League Manager, who will have sole discretion of game schedules. Any reschedules will be done in accordance with the Conference Operating Procedures. Teams participating in the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conference must be available to play on the published conference dates, which includes rain dates. By submitting your team application, your team is committing to play on the published dates for the conference.

## REFEREES

US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences games will use a 3-man referee system. Each team is responsible for one-half of the total referee fees per game and payment is to be made in cash prior to each game as follows:

13U and 14U:	\$80 per game per team; a total of \$160 (\$80 to Referee and \$40 to each AR)
15U through 19U:	\$90 per game per team; a total of \$180 (\$90 to Referee and \$45 to each AR)

## TEAM ROSTERS

Teams may utilize 30 players during the course of a season in accordance with League Rules and Policies. A maximum 22-player Team Roster with additional use of a Club Pass Roster shall be utilized in all age groups. Club Pass players may only come from within a team's club, provided that the player is a US Youth Soccer member.

## RULES AND INFORMATION

Rules and additional information may be found on the US Youth Soccer website:  
<https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/national-leagues/>

## PERMISSION TO TRAVEL

Teams are not required to complete Permission to Travel permits/forms for games played outside of their State Association as permission is automatically granted by State Association approval of the team for US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences play.

## ADVANCEMENT TO REGIONALS and

## QUALIFICATION INTO 2019-20 NATIONAL LEAGUE

From the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences a total of 5 teams are expected to advance to the 2019 US Youth Soccer East Regionals and the 2019-20 US Youth Soccer National League tier of competition. Based on the number of and quality of participants, teams from each of the appropriate gender age groups will participate in an end of season playoff to determine such slots. Playoffs to take place in the Spring of 2019. Any team desiring to advance to Regionals or into the 2019-20 National League are required to participate in their state association's State Cup.

## CONTACT

For more information on the US Youth Soccer National League North Atlantic/Mid Atlantic/South Atlantic/New England EDP Conferences a please contact EDP's League Manager, Jen Marcella at [jen@edpsoccer.com](mailto:jen@edpsoccer.com)