

#EARNYOURPLACE



P.R.O.



NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. **THE MEANING OF P.R.O.**

Player

The player is at the center of every decision made by the USYS National League, and we are committed to providing a platform to help all players reach their full potential.

Recruitment

Providing a platform for players to have maximum exposure to scouts from the college, professional, national team and USYS ODP ranks.

Opportunity

Teams earn their place into National League P.R.O. This platform provides teams with a pathway to make history at Nationals and players with a chance to advance their soccer careers.



NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. LEAGUE COMPOSITION

National League P.R.O. holds competition for the 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U Boys and Girls age groups.

Each gender age group features...

48

TOTAL
TEAMS

8

TEAMS
PER GROUP

6

TOTAL
GROUPS

7

GAMES
PER TEAM

12

TEAMS ADVANCE
TO NATIONALS



**NATIONAL
LEAGUE**

*The 19U age group may range from 36-48 teams,
depending on team availability.*

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. **COMPETITION FORMAT**

NATIONAL EVENTS

EVENT 1

- All teams attend (48 per age group)
- Three games per team, one game per day
- Played around early December

EVENT 2

- First half of the teams attend (24 per age group)
- Attendance based on high school seasons
- Three games per team, one game per day
- Played around early February

EVENT 3

- Second half of the teams attend (24 per age group)
- Attendance based on high school seasons
- Three games per team, one game per day
- Played around mid March

LOCAL GAME

Each team will play one local game to round out its National League P.R.O. season.

- Option 1 – Double count Conference match
- Option 2 – Local cross-Conference match
- Two teams playing one game
- Whenever possible, the local game should be played before the last national event

Each team will attend two national events and compete in one local game during its 7-game season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. HOW TEAMS QUALIFY

CONFERENCE CONNECTION

The 48 teams in each gender age group are populated by the top finishers from the previous season's Conference standings (from the top tier Team vs. Team and Club vs. Club divisions). Each USYS region qualifies 12 teams, and open spots are filled by the National League staff with an application process.

<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>
Mid Atlantic, New England, North Atlantic, South Atlantic	Great Lakes, Midwest	Frontier, Mid South, Piedmont, Sunshine	Desert, Northwest, Pacific
Team 1	Team 1	Team 1	Team 1
Team 2	Team 2	Team 2	Team 2
Team 3	Team 3	Team 3	Team 3
Team 4	Team 4	Team 4	Team 4
Team 5	Team 5	Team 5	Team 5
Team 6	Team 6	Team 6	Team 6
Team 7	Team 7	Team 7	Team 7
Team 8	Team 8	Team 8	Team 8
Team 9	Team 9	Team 9	Team 9
Team 10	Team 10	Team 10	Team 10
Team 11	Team 11	Team 11	Team 11
Team 12	Team 12	Team 12	Team 12

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. HOW TEAMS ARE GROUPED

BALANCED COMPETITION

The goal is to place teams in a schedule filled with unique match-ups that supports participation in high school soccer.

All teams (8) in each group play at the first event

Half (4) of the teams from each group play at “Event 2”

The remaining half (4) of the teams from each group play at “Event 3”

The regional “pairs” are selected to be local or in the same Conference, to allow for a local game to be played

GROUP A

East 1
East 2
Midwest 1
Midwest 2
South 1
South 2
West 1
West 2

GROUP B

East 3
East 4
Midwest 3
Midwest 4
South 3
South 4
West 3
West 4

GROUP C

East 5
East 6
Midwest 5
Midwest 6
South 5
South 6
West 5
West 6

GROUP D

East 7
East 8
Midwest 7
Midwest 8
South 7
South 8
West 7
West 8

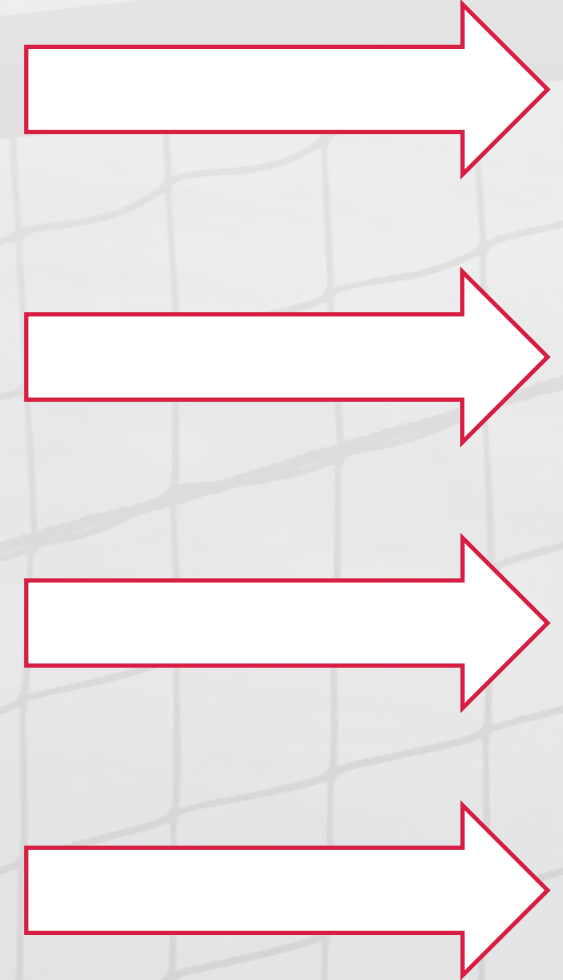
GROUP E

East 9
East 10
Midwest 9
Midwest 10
South 9
South 10
West 9
West 10

GROUP F

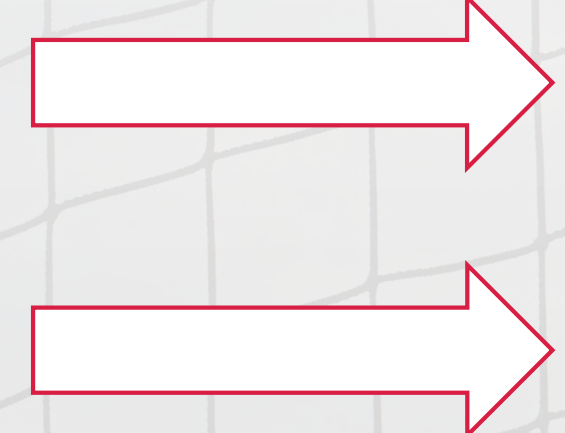
East 11
East 12
Midwest 11
Midwest 12
South 11
South 12
West 11
West 12

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. PATHWAY TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



P.R.O.

- GROUP A
- GROUP B
- GROUP C
- GROUP D
- GROUP E
- GROUP F



USYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

QUALIFY

Top-performing teams, plus wildcards, qualify for National League P.R.O.

ADVANCE

Top 2 teams per National League P.R.O. group advance to the National Championships

CONTEND

The 12 National League P.R.O. representatives join the 4 Regional Champions to compete for the National Championship

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. EXAMPLE TEAM CALENDAR

(Information below is an example and not exact. Conference or team calendars will vary based on season start and end dates.)

PREVIOUS
SEASONAL YEAR

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

Team finishes at the top of its National League Conference to qualify for National League P.R.O.

Team competes in its National League Conference's fall season.

Team plays in its National League P.R.O. local game against an in-Region opponent.

Team plays 3 games at the first National League P.R.O. event.

Team plays 3 games at the second National League P.R.O. event, completing its 7-game season.

Team's players participate in their spring high school soccer season.

Team plays in the USYS Regional Championships and/or USYS National Championships.
If it finished in the Top 2 of National League P.R.O., it advances straight to Nationals.

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. **KEY BENEFITS**

ENHANCED NATIONAL COMPETITION

Elevates the best aspects of the traditional and current National League format while addressing available areas for improvement that will create an optimized environment for the player, for recruiting and for additional opportunities.

CHAMPIONSHIP PATHWAY

Provides a qualification and playing format that allows the top National League teams to identify themselves through their performance on the field — leading to the top teams earning their place at the annual USYS National Championships.

OPTIMIZED SCHEDULING

Return to a true league format at the national level, with a maximum of three games per National League P.R.O. event and the addition of localized matches.

NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. EVENT DATES

15U-19U BOYS

Event 1 - December 3-6, 2021

Event 2 - February 4-7, 2022

Event 3 - March 11-13, 2022

14U BOYS

Event 1 - November 12-14, 2021

Event 2 - January 7-9, 2022

15U-19U GIRLS

Event 1 - December 10-13, 2021

Event 2 - February 4-7, 2022

Event 3 - March 18-21, 2022

14U GIRLS

Event 1 - November 12-14, 2021

Event 2 - January 7-9, 2022

These are preliminary dates for the 2021-2022 season. Finalized dates and locations will be available soon.

LEAGUE FEES

The cost will be listed in future information and on the application once the application window opens. League fees will be comparable to those from the 2019-20 National League season, which was played in a similar format.