

US Youth Soccer Establishes National League and Adopts Charter

US Youth Soccer National League Charter

As part of the continued development of the US Youth Soccer National League, the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors has adopted the US Youth Soccer National League Charter.

The League will begin operation in the 2007-2008 seasonal year that goes from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2008. For this first year, competition will be held for the U-15 and U-16 age groups, girls and boys. Beginning with the 2008-2009 seasonal year, the competition will be expanded to include the U-17 age group, girls and boys.

The League will be administered by a National League Committee of up to nine individuals appointed by the president of US Youth Soccer, subject to approval of the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors, and a National League Commissioner appointed by the President in accordance with the Charter.

Each gender age group will have eight teams. For the 2007-2008 seasonal year, all teams playing in the top US Youth Soccer Regional League of each region during the 2006-2007 seasonal year will be eligible to apply to play in the National League. The applications from the teams of a regional league will be reviewed by its Regional Director, and the Regional Director will make recommendations to the National League Committee concerning those teams. The Committee will select the eight teams in each gender age group. The Committee must select at least one team from each region and not more than three teams from any one region. For the 2008-2009 seasonal year and following, the number of teams in each gender age group may be increased with Board approval.

The four semifinal teams in each gender age group for the prior seasonal year will automatically be teams in the appropriate gender age group for the next seasonal year. The balance of the teams in that gender age group will be determined by the Committee. US Youth Soccer programs and events are known for their excellence and the US Youth Soccer National League will continue this tradition. For US Youth Soccer members, the next months will be an exciting time as the plans for the league are further finalized.