



2026-27 ECNL Girls Postseason Structure

Conference Structure

Mid-Atlantic Conference

Arlington Soccer, Beach FC (VA), Charlotte SA, Fairfax VA Union, NC Courage, NC Fusion, NCFC Youth, Richmond United, South Carolina Surf, VDA, Wilmington Hammerheads Youth

- 11 teams
- Single Table Competition
- U13-U14 | Play each opponent home and away = 20 games
- U15-U18/19 | Play each opponent home or away = 10 games
 - U15-U18/19 | ECNL League Cup: Group Play (4 games VA Clubs; 5 games NC clubs), Top 2 from each group advance to Final Four (2 games)

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 4 Teams in the Conference U13-U14 based on PPG from Conference games only
- Top 3 Teams in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only
 - **U15-U17 League Cup Winner or the 4th best team** in the Conference based on PPG from Conference games only
- **Top 2 Teams in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game for a place in the U18/19 National Finals**

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (5th & 6th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase A Cup Qualification

- Next Team (7th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase B Cup Qualification

- Next Team (8th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Midwest Conference

East Division: Chicago Inter Soccer, Eclipse Select, FC Wisconsin, Liverpool FC IA Michigan, Michigan Hawks, Michigan Hawks Magic, Nationals SC, Rockford Raptors

West Division: Gretna Elite Academy, KC Athletics, Minnesota Thunder, Missouri Rush, SLSC Green, SLSC Navy, Sporting Blue Valley

- 16 teams
- U13-U14 | 2 Divisions (East & West)
 - Play each division opponent home & away/each cross-division opponent home or away = 22 games
- U15-U18/19 | Single Table
 - Play each opponent home or away = 15 games

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 2 Teams in each division of the Conference U13 & U14 qualify for the Champions League based on PPG from Conference games only
 - *Next best 2 Teams from either division in Conference U13-U14 based on PPG from Conference games only*
- Top 6 Teams in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only
- [Top 2 Teams in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game for a place in the U18/19 National Finals](#)

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (7th & 8th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase A Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (9th & 10th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase B Cup Qualification

- Next Team (11th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

North Atlantic Conference

Bethesda SC, FC Delco, HEX FC Bucks, Maryland United FC, Match Fit Surf, PDA Blue, PDA White, Penn Fusion SA, Philadelphia Ukrainians Nationals, Pipeline SC

- 10 teams
- Single Table Competition
- U13-U14 | Play each opponent home and away = 18 games
- U15-U18/19 | Play each opponent home or away = 9 games
 - U15-U18/19 | ECNL League Cup: Group Play (4 games), Top 2 advancing to Final Four (1 game minimum)

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 3 Teams in the Conference U13-U14 based on PPG from Conference games only
 - 4th best team in Conference U13-U14 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game vs. the 4th best team in the New England Conference for a place in the U13-U14 ECNL Postseason
- Top 2 Teams in the Conference U13-U14 based on PPG from Conference games only
 - U15-U17 League Cup Winner or the 3rd best team in the Conference based on PPG from Conference games only
- Next best team in Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game vs. the 4th best team in the New England Conference for a place in the U15-U17 ECNL Postseason
- Top team in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game vs. the top team in the New England Conference for a place in the U18/19 National Finals

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next Team (4th or 5th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase A Cup Qualification

- Next Team (5th or 6th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase B Cup Qualification

- Next Team (6th or 7th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

New England Conference

Connecticut FC, East Meadow SC, FC Stars Blue, FC Stars White, FSA FC, Scorpions Soccer, South Shore Select, SUSAC FC, World Class FC

- 9 teams
- Single Table Competition
- U13-U17 | Play each opponent home and away = 16 games
- U18/19 | Play an opponent home or away = 11-12 games

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 3 Teams in the Conference U13-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only
- 4th best team in Conference U13-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game vs. the top team in the North Atlantic Conference for a place in the U13-U17 ECNL Postseason
- Top team in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game vs. the Top team in the North Atlantic Conference for a place in the U18/19 National Finals

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next Team (4th or 5th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase A Cup Qualification

- Next Team (5th or 6th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Northern California Conference

Bay Area Surf, California Odyssey SC, Davis Legacy, DeAnza Force, Marin FC, Mustang SC, MVLA SC, Placer United, Pleasanton Rage, San Juan SC, Santa Rosa United, Stanislaus Surf

- 12 teams
- Single Table Competition
- U13-U18/19 | Play each opponent home and away = 22 games

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 4 Teams in the Conference U13-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only
- Top team in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game vs. the top team in the Northwest Conference for a place in the U18/19 National Finals

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next Team (5th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase A Cup Qualification

- Next Team (6th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase B Cup Qualification

- Next Team (7th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Northwest Conference

Boise Thorns FC, Eastside FC, La Roca FC, Oregon Surf, Pacific Northwest SC, Portland Thorns, Seattle United, Utah Avalanche, Washington Premier, XF

- 10 teams
- Single Table Competition
- U13-U18/19 | Play each opponent home and away = 18 games

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 3 Teams in the Conference U13-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only
- [Top team in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game vs. the top team in the NorCal Conference for a place in the U18/19 National Finals](#)

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next Team (4th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase Cup A Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (5th & 6th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase Cup B Qualification

- Next Team (7th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Ohio Valley Conference

North Division - Cleveland Force, Internationals SC, Greater Toledo FC, Ohio Premier, Pittsburgh Riverhounds, WNY Flash

South Division - FC Alliance, FC Pride, Indy Eleven, Ohio Elite SA, Racing Louisville Academy, Tennessee SC

- 12 teams
- U13-U14 | Single Table Play each opponent home and away = 22 games
- U15-U17 | 2 Divisions (North & South)
 - Play each division opponent home & away/each cross-division opponent home or away = 16 games
- U18/19 | Single Table Play each opponent home or away = 11 games

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 4 Teams in the Conference U13 & U14 qualify for the Champions League based on PPG from Conference games only
- Top 2 Teams in each division of the Conference U15-U17 qualify for the Champions League based on PPG from Conference games only
- [Top 2 Teams in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game for a place in the U18/19 National Finals](#)

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (5th & 6th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase Cup A Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (7th & 8th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Southeast Conference

Alabama FC, Atlanta Fire, Carolina Elite Soccer Academy, Concorde Fire Platinum, Concorde Fire Premier, FC Prime, Florida Kraze Krush, Florida Premier FC, GSA, Jacksonville FC, Orlando City Youth Soccer, South Carolina United, Sporting Jax Soccer Academy, Tampa Bay United, Team Boca, United Futbol Academy

- 16 teams
- Single Table Competition
- Play each opponent home or away = 15 games

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 5 Teams in the Conference U13-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only
- [Top 2 Teams in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game for a place in the U18/19 National Finals in](#)

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (6th & 7th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase A Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (8th & 9th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase Cup B Qualification

- Next Team (10th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Southwest Conference

Arizona Arsenal, Beach FC (CA), Eagles Soccer Club, LA Breakers, LAFC So Cal, Legends FC, Legends FC San Diego, LV Heat Surf SC, Pateadores, Phoenix Rising FC, Rebels SC, San Diego Surf, Slammers FC, Slammers FC HB KØGE, So Cal Blues, Sporting CA Arsenal FC, Utah Royals FC AZ

- 17 teams
- Single Table Competition
- U13-U18/19 Play each opponent home or away = 16 games

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 8 Teams in the Conference U13-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only
- [Top 2 Teams in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game for a place in the U18/19 National Finals](#)

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (9th & 10th place) U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase Cup A Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (11th & 12th place) U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase Cup B Qualification

- Next Team (13th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Texas Conference

Albion Hurricanes FC, Challenge SC, Colorado Rapids, Colorado Rush, Dallas Texans, DKSC, FC Dallas, Lonestar SC, Oklahoma Energy, Real Colorado Athletico, Real Colorado National, Solar SC, Sting Austin, Sting Black, Sting Royal, West Side Alliance

- 16 teams
- Single Table Competition
- Play each opponent home or away = 15 games
 - U13-U18/19 | ECNL League Cup: Group Play (3 games), Winners advance to Final Four (2 games)

Automatic Champions League Qualification

- Top 6 Teams in the Conference U13-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only
 - **U13-U17 League Cup Winner or the 7th best team** in the Conference based on PPG from Conference games only
- **Top 2 Teams in the Conference U18/19 based on PPG from Conference games only will compete in a Play-in game for a place in the U18/19 National Finals in St. Louis, MO - June, 2026**

Automatic North American Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (8th and 9th place) in the Conference U15-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase A Cup Qualification

- Next 2 Teams (10th & 11th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

Automatic Showcase B Cup Qualification

- Next Teams (12th place) in the Conference U16-U17 based on PPG from Conference games only

ECNL National Playoffs Structure

U13-U17 Champions League = 48 teams (Automatic Qualifiers)

- ECNL National Playoffs - Group Play = 3 games + Round of 16 = 4 Games Total
- 12 Groups of 4 Teams
- 12 Group Winners + 4 Best 2nd Place advance to Round of 16
 - **A Round of 16 match-up can not consist of two teams that played one another in the Group Play**
- Advancement from Round of 16:
 - Winners advance to Round of 8
- Advancement from Round of 8:
 - 4 Round of 8 Winners advance to ECNL Finals

U13-U17 Champions League Advancement to Round of 16

- 12 Group Winners + 4 Best Group 2nd Place Teams

- 4 Best Group 2nd Placed Teams Based on:
 1. Must Finish 2nd in Group
 2. Total Points
 3. Goal Differential
 4. Goals For
 5. Goals Against

U13-U17 Champions League Round of 16 Match Ups

- Group A Winner v. Group Second Place #4
- Group B Winner v. Group Second Place #3
- Group C Winner v. Group Second Place #2
- Group D Winner v. Group Second Place #1
- Group E Winner v. Group L Winner
- Group F Winner v. Group K Winner
- Group G Winner v. Group J Winner
- Group H Winner v. Group I Winner
- ***A Round of 16 match-up can not consist of two teams that played one another in the Group Play***
- ***If this Match-up occurs, the wildcard team will switch with the wildcard team below. If it happens to be the 4th wildcard team, the 3rd and 4th wildcard teams will switch.***

U18/19 Champions League = 16 teams (16 Automatic Qualifiers)

- Qualifying Play-In Game | Each team who automatically qualifies has a one off play-in game.
 - The higher seed or the team with the highest PPG from Conference games only will host the play-in game
 - If the Play-in game ends in a tie, the game will go directly to Penalty Kicks
- ECNL National Finals - 8-Team Knockout
 - 8 winners of the play-in games
 - 2-Game Guarantee
 - Only the Teams Advancing to the ECNL National Championship day will play a 3rd Game
 - Champion Crowned at {TBD}

U15-U17 North American Cup = 16 teams (teams ranked 49-64 based on PPG from all games played)

- ECNL National Playoffs - 16-Team Knockout
- 3-Game Guarantee
- Only the Teams Advancing to North American Cup Final Play 4th Game

U16-U17 Showcase Cup A = 16 teams (teams ranked 65-80 based on PPG from all games played)

- ECNL National Playoffs - 16-Team Knockout
- 3-Game Guarantee
- Only the Teams Advancing to Showcase A Final Play 4th Game

U16-U17 Showcase Cup B = 8 teams (teams ranked 81-88 based on PPG from all games played)

- ECNL National Playoffs - 8-Team Knockout
- 3-Game Guarantee

ECNL National Finals Structure

U13-U17 = 4 teams Advanced to Semifinals

- 4-Team Knockout
- 2-Game Guarantee
- Champion Crowned at ECNL National Finals

Standings Structure

U18/19 Age Group

16-Team Champions League

- 16 Automatic Qualifiers Based on Conference Games PPG Only as Indicated in Conference Breakdown
- NO Wildcard Qualifiers
- Winners of the Play-in games will be seeded based on Conference Games PPG Only as indicated in Conference Breakdown
- Quarterfinals Match Ups:
 - Seed 1 vs. Seed 8
 - Seed 4 vs. Seed 5
 - Seed 2 vs. Seed 7
 - Seed 3 vs. Seed 6

U13-U17 Age Group

48-Team Champions League

- 48 Automatic Qualifiers Based on Conference Games PPG Only as Indicated in Conference Breakdown
- NO Wildcard Qualifiers
- Champions League Seeded 1-10 Based on Conference Games PPG Only as Indicated in Conference Breakdown
- Remaining Teams Seeded 11-48 Based on Conference Games PPG Only as Indicated in Conference Breakdown
- Conference Champions are Defined as the Team in the Conference with Highest PPG Regardless of Division

U15-U17 Age Groups

16-Team North American Cup

- 16 Automatic Qualifiers Based on Conference Games PPG Only as Indicated in Conference Breakdown
- North American Cup Seeded 1-16 Based on Conference Games PPG Only

U16-U17 Age Groups

16-Team Showcase Cup A

- 16 Automatic Qualifiers Based on Conference Games PPG Only as Indicated in Conference Breakdown
- Showcase Cup A Seeded 1-16 Based on All Games PPG: Conference Games + National Event Games

U16-U17 Age Groups

8-Team Showcase Cup B

- 8 Automatic Qualifiers Based on Conference Games PPG Only as Indicated in Conference Breakdown
- Showcase Cup B Seeded 1-8 Based on as Indicated in Conference Breakdown