

US CLUB v USYS v MLS Elite



**Both US Club and USYS programs have been operating leagues across the nation a long time and have a “pathway” to a national platform. Similar cost per team entry and both allow for players to play school soccer and have a lighter work load in summer and winter months. MLS Academy and Elite Youth Development are new, unclear of their structure*

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US CLUB Structure



- ECNL is top tier
- 2020/2021 - will be Florida teams only in conference
- No access into this league through other league play
- Application Process

ECNL
Regional -
Florida Club
League

- New format, unclear at this time what teams and schedule structure
- Top teams for some clubs, 2nd teams for other
- Schedule: Club v Club
- <https://www.usclubsoccer.org/programs-leagues>



- NPL Florida is its own conference, can advance to regional and even national finals
- Will be 3rd teams for larger clubs
- Examples:
FKK 3rd team, OC 3rd team, Rush 2nd team, SOSC 1st team, Kendall 2nd team, Space Coast 3rd team, Wellington 3rd team, West Florida 2nd team, Parkland 2nd team
- Schedule Team v Team (set and changed by coach/club admin week to week)
- <https://www.nationalpremierleagues.com/npl-leagues>

Former FPL

- Being rebranded
- Have multiple options from here - Florida Club League two
- Smaller regional leagues
** US Club is running multiple options for local teams to limit travel*
- <https://floridapremiership.org/>

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USYS Structure



- NL Showcase Series is top tier - teams can gain access by doing well in conference play
- Schedule: Club v Club
- Will play crossover games with MLS Academies
- [https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/6/usys_national_league_format_and_showcases_4-19-20_\(003\).pdf](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/6/usys_national_league_format_and_showcases_4-19-20_(003).pdf)
- https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/6/usys_national_showcase_series_faqs_042220.pdf

- Will be most clubs top teams, could be 2nd teams from MLS Elite
- Teams accepted based on results
- Examples: Florida Fire 1st team, West Pines 1st team, Liverpool's 1st team, Tampa Rangers 1st team, Florida Premier 1st team, Miami Breakers (Pinecrest) 2nd team, Braden River 2nd team
- Schedule: Club v Club - meaning a schedule that is set well in advance with specific weekends where all teams travel together.
- <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/sunshine-conference/>

- Formerly FSPL - being rebranded
- Multiple options for State and smaller regional leagues (Metro/Local)
- EDP is the organization contracted to organize all leagues

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MLS Structure



- MLS Academy is top tier
*but only for actual MLS Academies (i.e. Orlando City and Inter Miami)
- Brand new this year, first season is Fall 2020
- Scheduling not mentioned on website, assuming Club v Club
- <https://www.mlssoccer.com/post/2020/05/13/mls-elite-youth-clubs>

Elite Youth Development

- 2nd Tier for MLS Academies - will be most clubs top teams
- 95 clubs across the nation
- Examples: (based on 5/14/20)
Rush 1st team, Chargers 1st team, IMG 1st team, Jacksonville Armada 1st team, Miami Rush 1st team, TBU 1st team, West Florida Flames 1st team, Weston 1st team
- Unclear if Florida will be its own conference
- Unclear on application / promotion and relegation process
- ** Will play crossover games against USYS - [More info HERE](#)

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- No lower level leagues yet
- Assuming teams will play in existing local leagues.
**(EDP, GCF, FI Club League, FI Competitive League, etc...)*
- With announcement of USYS partnership, could mean access to higher Elite Youth Dev league, unclear at this time