



## MATCH FORMAT

Game Duration and Max # of players remains the same as during league play:

U13-U14: 35 min halves & 18 players

U15-U16: 40 min halves & 22 players

U17-U19: 45 min halves & 22 players

## SCORING SYSTEM

Games may end in a tie. Scoring system will be as follows:

- 6 points for a win
- 3 points for a tie
- 0 points for a loss
- 1 point per goal scored in the game with a maximum of 3
- 1 point for a shutout (not allowing opponent to score)
- A forfeit/bye game\* will be scored as a 1-0 win

\*The forfeiting team will receive zero (0) points for the match.

\* In case of uneven # of teams in a NORTH VS. SOUTH bracket, teams receiving less # of games will receive a 1-0 forfeit/bye win (8 pts). Due to unexpected circumstances out of our control (COVID, various league conflicts, etc), we are following the customary NPL league rules regarding forfeits.

\*To be eligible for National Cup Finals, your team must complete all games scheduled for the crossover event.

## TIE BREAKERS (as follows):

- Head to Head
- Goal Differential (max of 5 per game)
- Goals For
- Goals Against
- Board Decision

## BRACKET/POSTSEASON FORMAT BY AGE GROUP

### BOYS

#### BU13

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 5 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 5 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.
- PREMIER: 2 Brackets of 5 (2 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 5 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### BU14

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 5 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 5 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.
- PREMIER: Traditional bracket play. Winner of each bracket plays in Playoff game to determine winner. Playoff Game winner receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### BU15

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 6 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.

- PREMIER: 1 bracket of 4, traditional bracket play with each team playing 3 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### BU16

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 6 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.
- PREMIER: 1 bracket of 6, traditional bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins bracket and receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### BU17

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 6 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.
- PREMIER: 1 bracket of 4, traditional bracket play with each team playing 3 games. Total # of points wins bracket and receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### BU19

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 7 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 7 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.
- PREMIER: 2 Brackets of 6 (2 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

### **GIRLS**

#### GU13

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 6 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.
- PREMIER: Traditional bracket play. Winner of each bracket plays in Playoff game to determine winner and receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### GU14

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 6 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals. Team with 2<sup>nd</sup> total # of points receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### GU15

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 6 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.
- PREMIER: 1 bracket of 3, traditional bracket with each team playing 2 games. Total # of points wins bracket and receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### GU16

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 6 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals. Team with 2<sup>nd</sup> total # of points receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### GU17

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 4 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 4 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals. Team with 2<sup>nd</sup> total # of points receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.

#### GU19

- SUPER: 2 Brackets of 6 (1 North & 1 South) crossover bracket play with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins age group and receives invite to US Club National Cup Super Group Finals.
- PREMIER: 1 Bracket of 7, traditional bracket with each team playing 6 games. Total # of points wins bracket and receives invite to US Club Soccer National Cup Premier Group Finals.