



Elite Clubs National League

Rules and Regulations

2010-2011 Season



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The Elite Clubs National League (“ECNL”) is a player development platform for elite female youth soccer players in the United States, consisting of both a national competition program and an elite player identification program. These Rules and Regulations (the “Regulations”) provide the requirements and rules for ECNL Competition (as defined below).

1. Definitions

- 1.1 “ECNL” means the Elite Clubs National League, Inc.
- 1.2 “ECNL Club” means a member club of the ECNL as provided in the bylaws of the ECNL.
- 1.3 “ECNL Competition” means an ECNL game played during the ECNL Regular-Season or at the ECNL National Championship, and includes both ECNL Regional Competition and ECNL National Competition. ECNL Competition does not include JR ECNL Competition.
- 1.4 “ECNL Flight” means either the “Challenge A” or “Challenge B” flight of each ECNL age group.
- 1.5 “ECNL Game Report” means the official game report that must be completed for all ECNL Competitions as provided in Section 5 of these Regulations.
- 1.6 “ECNL National Championship” means the annual post-season games held by the ECNL to determine the ECNL champions, promotion and relegation between ECNL Flights, and the ECNL overall club standings.
- 1.7 “ECNL National Event” means a regular-season ECNL event at which ECNL National Competitions are held.
- 1.8 “ECNL Regional Competition” means a regular season game between ECNL Teams located in the same geographic region.
- 1.9 “ECNL Registered Player” means a player on an ECNL Team’s ECNL Roster. ECNL Registered Players must be registered with US Club Soccer and includes players with either an ECNL Temporary Pass or an ECNL Permanent Pass (as defined in **Exhibit D**).
- 1.10 “ECNL Regular Season” means the regular-season ECNL games played prior to the ECNL National Championship.



- 1.11 “ECNL Roster” means the roster of an ECNL Team during the ECNL Season when playing in an ECNL Competition. An ECNL Roster shall only be used for ECNL Competitions. ECNL Rosters apply to the U-15, U16, U-17, and U-18 age groups.
- 1.12 “ECNL Season” means the competitive season beginning August 1 of each year and ending July 31 of the following year, including the ECNL Regular Season and the ECNL National Championship.
- 1.13 “ECNL Team” is the team of an ECNL Club that participates in ECNL Competition in either the Under-15, Under-16, Under-17, or Under-18 age groups.
- 1.14 “Incident Report” is a report in the form provided by the ECNL Board of Directors for reporting disciplinary incidents during ECNL Competitions.
- 1.15 “JR ECNL Competition” is competition at the Under-13 and Under-14 age groups, between ECNL Member Clubs, sanctioned by US Club Soccer, approved by the ECNL Board of Directors, and played under the guidelines and requirements provided in Rule 7 below.
- 1.16 “US Club Roster” is a roster printed from the Demosphere website, not *from the US Club Soccer website*, and used for non-ECNL Competitions at U12 and above. Any ECNL Registered Players playing with players in their ECNL Club who are not ECNL Registered Players, in a non-ECNL competition, shall be placed on the US Club Roster for that team for that non-ECNL competition.

2. ECNL Roster Rules

2.1 ECNL Roster Maximums.

2.1.1 For the Under-15, Under-16, and Under-17 age groups, a maximum of twenty-six (26) players may be rostered on any ECNL Team’s ECNL Roster.

2.1.2 For the Under-18 age group, a maximum of thirty (30) players may be rostered on the ECNL Team’s ECNL Roster.

2.2 **Player Registration.** All players on an ECNL Roster must be ECNL Registered Players.

2.3 **ECNL Game Day Roster.** A maximum of eighteen (18) ECNL Registered Players from an ECNL Team’s ECNL Roster will be eligible for each game in ECNL Competition (the “ECNL Game Day Roster”). If more than eighteen (18) ECNL Registered Players appear on an ECNL Roster, the “active” players for the ECNL Competition must be identified on the ECNL Game Report.



- 2.4 **No Drops.** No ECNL Registered Players may be dropped from an ECNL Roster during an ECNL Season, except pursuant to the Transfer Regulations below.
- 2.5 **Roster Freeze Date.** Players may be added to the ECNL Roster until May 1st of each year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after May 1st of the ECNL Season, two (2) players may be added to an ECNL Team's ECNL Roster for the remainder of the ECNL Season.
- 2.6 **Player / Club Tie.** A player may only be rostered to one (1) ECNL Club each ECNL Season, except pursuant to the Transfer Regulations provided below.
- 2.7 **Initial Roster Submission Date; Roster Add Periods.** An initial ECNL Roster with a minimum of fifteen (15) ECNL Registered Players must be provided by each ECNL Team by August 15 of each ECNL Season. Additional players may be added to the ECNL Roster of each ECNL Team as provided in the attached **Exhibit D**.
- 2.8 **Younger Players Playing Up.** An ECNL Registered Player may play for any ECNL Team in her ECNL Club for which she is age eligible. Younger players on an ECNL Team may play on the older ECNL teams within their ECNL Club, and shall not count towards the roster limit for such older ECNL team. Age eligibility is determined by **Exhibit A** of these Regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, every ECNL Registered Player may only play on one (1) ECNL Team per day. An ECNL Registered Player may play on different ECNL Teams within her ECNL Club from game-to-game during the ECNL Regular Season.
- 2.8.1 An ECNL Registered Player that will “play-up” on an older ECNL Team in her ECNL Club for an ECNL Competition must be hand-written on to the ECNL Game Report for that ECNL Competition.
- 2.8.2 For purposes of clarification, no player may be hand-written on to the ECNL Game Report at the Under-15 age group. In order to participate in ECNL Competition at Under 15, the player must be on the Under-15 ECNL Roster and must be an ECNL Registered Player.
- 2.9 **Trapped U18 Player Exception.** A player that is still in high school, but who is born between 8/1/1991 and 7/31/1992, may participate in ECNL Competition as a “Trapped U18 Player.”
- 2.10 **National Championship Roster Tie.** An ECNL Registered Player may play for only one ECNL Team within her ECNL Club at the ECNL National Championship. The ECNL Board of Directors shall provide a date during each ECNL Season by which each ECNL Club must roster tie every ECNL Registered Player to the ECNL Roster of one ECNL Team for the ECNL National Championship.



2.11 **Restriction on Outside Players.**

2.11.1 Rule 2.11.1 applies to all ECNL Registered Players except for the enumerated exceptions provided in Rule 2.11.3 and Rule 2.11.4, and as provided below in Rule 2.12 regarding Discovery Players. After being registered as an ECNL Registered Player for an ECNL Season, an ECNL Registered Player may not appear on any roster in any competition for any other club except for rosters of the ECNL Club on which she is rostered as an ECNL Registered Player. (The ECNL Registered Player may appear on any number of rosters, in any competition, of the ECNL Club to which she is registered as an ECNL Registered Player.) If an ECNL Registered Player appears on a roster for a different club besides the ECNL Club to which she is registered as an ECNL Registered Player after the date she became rostered as an ECNL Registered Player (“Multiple Club Rostering”), the eligibility of the ECNL Registered Player will be reviewed by the ECNL Board of Directors. If it is determined by the ECNL Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, that the ECNL Club to which the ECNL Registered Player is registered was aware of the Multiple Club Rostering, the ECNL Board of Directors may take any or all of the following actions: (i) declare the ECNL Registered Player ineligible for the remainder of that ECNL Season; (ii) declare all games in which the ECNL Registered Player appeared on the ECNL Roster as forfeits by the ECNL Team on which such player was rostered; and / or (iii) recommend immediate revocation of the ECNL Club’s membership in the ECNL.

2.11.2 Rule 2.11.1 applies to any ECNL Club with franchises in multiple states, affiliates in multiple states, or with agreements licensing use of the trademarks of the ECNL Club to youth soccer clubs in multiple states (such ECNL Club a “Franchise Club”). Each franchisee of the Franchise Club, affiliate of the Franchise Club, or licensee of the Franchise Club, shall be considered a separate and independent club for purposes of Rule 2.11.1.

2.11.3 Rule 2.11.1 does not apply to ECNL Registered Players that participate in the following league competitions with another club: (i) the USL W-League and (ii) the WPSL.

2.11.4 Rule 2.11.1 does not apply to ECNL Registered Players that participate in a tournament as a guest player with another club, provided that the tournament takes place over no more than four (4) days.

2.12 **Discovery Players**

2.12.1 At the Under-15, Under-16, and Under-17 age groups, each ECNL Team may have two (2) Discovery Players on their ECNL Roster at each age group.



- 2.12.2 At the Under-18 age group, each ECNL Team may have four (4) Discovery Players on their ECNL Roster.
- 2.12.3 Discovery Players may only play for the ECNL Team for which they are initially rostered within the ECNL Season. Discovery Players are subject to Rule 2.6, and are club-tied for ECNL Competition during the ECNL Season.
- 2.12.4 A “Discovery Player” is a player that is not a member of the ECNL Club, and is not otherwise currently registered to another US Club Soccer team, and is an exception to Rule 2.11 above. Discovery Players are allowed to participate in ECNL Competition as provided in this Rule 2.12 in order to provide opportunity for additional players to participate in ECNL programming. In order to be considered a Discovery Player, a player must be explicitly designated as such on the ECNL Roster before such player participates in any ECNL Competition. Discovery Players are eligible to participate in the ECNL National Championship.
- 2.12.5 Discovery Players must live either: (i) within 200 miles of the primary training facility of the ECNL Club to which they are registered as an ECNL Registered Player, or (ii) within the same state as the primary training facility of the ECNL Club to which they are registered as an ECNL Registered Player. Compliance with the distance limitation will be determined by using MapQuest to determine the distance between the Discovery Player’s home address and the address of the ECNL Club’s primary training facility.
- 2.12.6 Discovery Players may not be registered with US Club Soccer to another club during ECNL Competitions in which the Discovery Players participate.

3. Competition Rules

- 3.1 **General.** Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, all ECNL Competitions shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game in force at the time of competition as provided by the International Football Association Board.
- 3.2 **Scheduling Competitions.** The ECNL Board of Directors shall identify the dates and locations of all ECNL Competitions for each ECNL Season, and the date and location of the ECNL National Championship for each ECNL Season.
- 3.3 **Number of Competitions.** The ECNL Board of Directors shall determine the total number of ECNL Competitions during the ECNL Season, the number of ECNL National Events each ECNL Season, the total number of ECNL National Events that each ECNL Club must attend, and the number of ECNL Regional Competitions for each ECNL Team.



- 3.4 **Cancelled Competitions.** If any ECNL Competition is cancelled during any ECNL National Event, the ECNL Board of Directors shall determine if and how such ECNL Competition shall be rescheduled. If the ECNL Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, determines that it is impossible to reschedule such cancelled ECNL Competition, the ECNL Competition shall be considered a non-played game, and neither team shall be awarded any points. In the event that games are cancelled pursuant to this Rule 3.4, the ECNL Board of Directors may alter the method by which ECNL standings are determined for impacted age groups (for example to change to a point-per-games basis).
- 3.5 **Regional Competition Scheduling.** The ECNL Board of Directors shall identify opponents for each ECNL Club for all ECNL Regional Competitions. The ECNL Board of Directors may assign the home and away teams for all ECNL Regional Competitions. The date and time for all ECNL Regional Competitions must be agreed upon by the opposing ECNL Clubs and reported to the ECNL Board of Directors no later than August 1 of each ECNL Season. Any changes to ECNL Regional Competitions after August 1 must be agreed upon by both ECNL Clubs. No changes to ECNL Regional Competitions may be made within 72 hours of kick-off, except due to bad weather or as permitted by the ECNL Board of Directors. ECNL Regional Competitions shall carry the same point value as ECNL National Games and shall count toward the record and the standings of each team regardless of their ECNL Flight.
- 3.6 **Regional Competition Referee Fees.** Each ECNL Team playing at home shall be responsible for payment of referee costs for each ECNL Regional Competition based on the pay scale set forth by the ECNL Board of Directors in the attached **Exhibit E**. If any ECNL Regional Competition is played at a neutral location, the ECNL Clubs shall agree on which ECNL Club is responsible for payment of referee costs. If no agreement is reached, the ECNL Teams playing at a neutral site shall split the cost of the referees.
- 3.7 **Regional Competitions in Conjunction with Other Events.** In the event that ECNL Clubs agree to play an ECNL Regional Competition in conjunction with a tournament or other non-ECNL competition they may do so under the following conditions: (i) there shall be no entry fee paid for the ECNL Regional Competition except a fee that covers the cost of the referees per the ECNL referee pay scale (if agreed to by the visiting teams); and (ii) all ECNL Competition rules related to roster limits, game length, substitutions, etc. must be followed.
- 3.8 **Deadline for Regional Competitions.** All ECNL Regional Competitions must be played by June 1 of the ECNL Season. The ECNL Board of Directors reserves the right to extend this date under extreme circumstances at its sole discretion.
- 3.9 **Substitutions.** Once an ECNL Registered Player is substituted in one half of any ECNL Competition, such ECNL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the duration of the half. Once an ECNL Registered Player is substituted in one period of overtime of any ECNL Competition, such ECNL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the



duration of such overtime period. There shall be a maximum of seven (7) substitutions in any half or in any overtime period of any ECNL Competition.

- 3.10 **Yellow and Red Cards (Players).** Any ECNL Registered Player receiving a red card in an ECNL Competition will be suspended for the remainder of that ECNL Competition and also for the next day on which any ECNL Competition is played by her ECNL Club. For purposes of clarification, if an ECNL Registered Player receives a red card in an ECNL Competition, the ECNL Registered Player will not be eligible to participate in any ECNL Competition on the next day of ECNL competition for any team within the ECNL Registered Player's ECNL Club.
- 3.11 **Yellow and Red Cards (Coaches).** Any coach receiving a red card in an ECNL Competition will be suspended for the remainder of the ECNL Competition and for that ECNL Team's next ECNL Competition.
- 3.12 **Yellow and Red Card Carryover.** Red card suspensions will carry over into subsequent ECNL Seasons if the red card is received in the final ECNL Competition of the current ECNL Season.
- 3.13 **Accumulation.** There shall be no yellow card accumulation policy for ECNL Competitions.
- 3.14 **Player Transfers.** An ECNL Registered Player may not play for more than one ECNL Club during the ECNL Season, unless the following conditions are satisfied: (i) the ECNL Registered Player's family moves to a new geographic area; (ii) the Director of Coaching of both the prior ECNL Club and the proposed new ECNL Club consent to the transfer in writing; (iii) the new ECNL Club has an available spot on an ECNL Roster; and (iv) the ECNL Board of Directors, at its sole discretion, consents to such transfer in writing (such player referred to as a "Transferred Player"). A Transferred Player shall be removed from the ECNL Roster(s) of the "old" ECNL Club.
- 3.15 **Points.** In each ECNL Competition during the ECNL Regular Season, teams shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. A forfeit shall be considered a 3-0 loss for the forfeiting team and a 3-0 win for the non-forfeiting team.
- 3.16 **Standings.** The standings in each age group and ECNL Flight shall be determined at the end of the ECNL Regular Season (the "Regular Season Standings"). The Regular Season Standings shall determine seeding in the ECNL National Championship.
- 3.17 **Tie-Breakers.** The following tie-breakers will be used for resolving ties between ECNL Teams in determining the Regular Season Standings, in the following order:



1. Most Points
2. If Two Teams are tied, head to head. If more than Two Teams are tied, this tie-breaker shall not apply.
3. Goal Difference
4. Goals For
5. Goals Against
6. Coin Toss

There shall be no cap on goal difference in any ECNL Competition.

3.18 **Game Length.** ECNL Competitions shall be played with the following game length:

U15: 2 x 40 minutes

U16: 2 x 40 minutes

U17: 2 x 45 minutes

U18: 2 x 45 minutes

4. **ECNL National Championship**

4.1 **National Championship Play-Off Groups.** All ECNL Teams in the Under-15, Under-16, and Under-17 age groups must participate in the 2011 ECNL National Championship. At the Under-18 age group, only the top 8 ECNL Teams in Challenge A based upon the Regular Season Standings will participate in the ECNL National Championship. Teams shall be placed in play-off groups for the ECNL National Championship based upon the Regular Season Standings (each a “Championship Group”) according to the provisions in **Exhibit C**. Upon conclusion of the ECNL National Championship, teams shall be ranked one through twenty-six in each ECNL Flight for determination of the final standings of teams in each ECNL Flight (the “Final Standings”).

4.2 **Promotion / Relegation.** At the end of each ECNL Season, based on the results of the Promotion / Relegation Group as described in **Exhibit C**, up to four (4) teams from the Promotion / Relegation Group shall be placed into Challenge A and up to four (4) teams from the Promotion / Relegation Group shall be placed into Challenge B for the subsequent ECNL Season.

4.3 In the ECNL National Championship, each ECNL Team will be placed in an ECNL Play-off Group based upon the Regular Season Standings, and according to the structure provided in **Exhibit C**.

4.4 In the event of a tie at the end of regulation of any ECNL Competition at the ECNL National Championship played as part of the Championship Group, two (2) ten-minute overtime periods shall be played. If the ECNL Competition remains tied at the end of the overtime periods, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks. The winner shall then be the ECNL Team that scores the most penalty kicks in five (5) kicks. If the game



remains tied after five (5) kicks, the winner shall be determined by sudden death in rounds of one (1) kick per team.

- 4.5 At the end of the ECNL National Championship, an overall ECNL National Club Champion will be determined based upon the Final Standings. Each ECNL Club will earn points towards the ECNL National Club Championship based upon the final position of each ECNL Team in the ECNL Club in the Final Standings of each age group, from first place in Challenge A through last place in Challenge B. Points will be awarded in each age group according to **Exhibit B** hereto. The ECNL Club with the most total points from its ECNL Teams, as determined pursuant to this Rule 4.5, shall be crowned the ECNL National Club Champion. Each ECNL Club will be ranked based upon the Final Standings in each age group (the “ECNL Club Rankings”).

5. Game Day Procedures

- 5.1 An official ECNL Game Report must be completed for each ECNL Competition.
- 5.1.1 For ECNL Regional Competition, the ECNL Game Report must be provided by the home team. The ECNL Game Report may be accessed via the Demosphere website at www.eliteclubsnationalleague.com.
- 5.1.2 For ECNL National Competition, the ECNL will provide ECNL Game Reports for each game. Each ECNL Team is responsible for completing the ECNL Game Report and signing the ECNL Game Report at the conclusion of the ECNL National Competition.
- 5.2 The names of any younger players playing up in an ECNL Competition pursuant to Rule 2.8 must be written on the ECNL Game Report. Regardless of the number of players listed on an ECNL Game Report, no more than 18 players shall be eligible to appear in the ECNL Competition.
- 5.3 For ECNL Regional Competition, the ECNL Game Report must be completed in full, signed by both teams, and submitted by the home team to the designated ECNL contact within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the ECNL Regional Competition.
- 5.4 For ECNL National Competition, the ECNL Game Report must be completed in full and signed by both teams upon conclusion of the game. The referee for the ECNL National Competition will submit the ECNL Game Report to the designated ECNL contact immediately upon conclusion of the ECNL National Competition.

6. ECNL Player Identification Program

- 6.1 **Scouting Nominations.** Each ECNL Club must recommend three (3) coaches from the ECNL Club as scouts for the ECNL Player Identification Program by August 1, 2010.



An ECNL Scouting Nomination Form (as provided in the attached **Exhibit F**) must be provided for each such nominated scout. The ECNL reserves the right to accept or reject any nominated scout. Unless the ECNL rejects a nominated scout, the scout shall be deemed to be an “Official ECNL Scout.” The ECNL Club’s ECNL Director, or the ECNL Club’s Director of Coaching must be one of the nominated scouts.

- 6.2 **Scouting Participation.** Each ECNL Club will be assigned to scout one (1) game per day at each ECNL National Competition at which they are participating, for the first two (2) days of the ECNL National Competition event. One of the Official ECNL Scouts from the ECNL Club must scout the assigned game. The Official ECNL Scout must wear apparel (head to toe) provided by the ECNL while scouting for the ECNL Player Identification Program.
- 6.3 **Scouting Data:** Each Official ECNL Scout will receive a confidential log-in to the ECNL scouting database for purposes of identifying and evaluating players for the ECNL Player Identification Program. Data for each assigned game must be inputted into the ECNL scouting database within 48 hours after completion of the game.
- 6.4 **Violations.** Failure of an Official ECNL Scout from the assigned Member Club to scout an assigned game shall constitute a violation of Rule 6.2. Violations of Rule 6.2 are punishable by, at the sole discretion of the ECNL Board of Directors, without limitation: (i) fines; (ii) ineligibility of players for “All Event Teams”; and / or (iii) revocation of ECNL Membership.
7. **JR ECNL Competition**
- 7.1 **Age Groups.** JR ECNL Competition consists of games between ECNL Clubs at the Under-13 and Under-14 girls age groups.
- 7.2 **Sanctioning and Passes.** All players in JR ECNL Competition must be carded with a US Club Pass, unless such player is also on an ECNL Roster, in which case an ECNL Permanent Pass or ECNL Temporary Pass will be accepted.
- 7.3 **Optional Participation.** It is not mandatory for ECNL Clubs to participate in any JR ECNL Competition in 2010-2011.
- 7.4 **Roster Rules.** The roster rules set forth in Rule 2 above do not apply to players participating in JR ECNL Competition. Players participating in JR ECNL Competition may be from any youth soccer club, so long as they are on the ECNL Club’s US Club Roster, with a US Club Pass, during the JR ECNL Competition.
- 7.5 **Competition Format.** JR ECNL Competitions may take a variety of formats, provided such formats are pre-approved by the ECNL Board of Directors in writing.



Notwithstanding the foregoing, JR ECNL Competition may only take place between ECNL Clubs.

- 7.6 **Game Lengths.** JR ECNL Competitions at the U-13 age group must be played with two (2) thirty (30) minute halves. JR ECNL Competitions at the U-14 age group must be played with two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves.

8. Miscellaneous

- 8.1 **Incoming Under-15 Age Group Placement.** The incoming Under-15 ECNL Team for each ECNL Club will be placed into either Challenge A or Challenge B for their first season in the ECNL based upon the final ECNL Club Rankings from the previous ECNL Season. For purposes of clarification, if an ECNL Club finishes in the top twenty-six (26) of the ECNL Club Rankings from the previous ECNL Season, the incoming Under-15 ECNL Team in the following ECNL Season shall be placed in the Challenge A ECNL Flight.
- 8.2 **Disciplinary Matters.** Any disciplinary matters brought before the ECNL Board of Directors through submission of an Incident Report shall be addressed and responded to at the discretion of the ECNL Board of Directors. Before any disciplinary action is taken by the Board of Directors the impacted coach, player, or administrator will be provided the opportunity for a hearing, either in-person or via teleconference. Testimony will be allowed by principal parties, eyewitnesses, and authorities on the subject at hand. Other rules regarding the hearing will be as provided in US Club Soccer and US Soccer Federation policies and procedures, available at <http://www.usclubsoccer.org/Files/Disciplinary%20Procedures.pdf>
- 8.3 **Protests and Appeals.** There will be no protests or appeals of decisions made in ECNL Competitions or by the ECNL Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any decision by the ECNL Board of Directors that results in a suspension of a player or coach that is not due to a red card is appealable to US Club Soccer, and then to the US Soccer Federation. Any hearing for such appeal shall be conducted pursuant to US Club Soccer and US Soccer Federation policies and procedures, available at <http://www.usclubsoccer.org/Files/Disciplinary%20Procedures.pdf>.
- 8.4 **Matters Not Provided For.** Any matter not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the ECNL Board of Directors. All such decisions are final.



Exhibit A:
ECNL Age Group Eligibility

ECNL age groups for the 2010-2011 ECNL Season are provided below:

U18 Age Group: Born between 8/1/1992 and 7/31/1993

U17 Age Group: Born between 8/1/1993 and 7/31/1994

U16 Age Group: Born between 8/1/1994 and 7/31/1995

U15 Age Group: Born between 8/1/1995 and 7/31/1996

Players may play for their own age group and for “older” age groups.

A Trapped U18 Player, as provided in Rule 2.9, may participate in U18 ECNL Competition.



Exhibit B:

Determining the ECNL National Club Champion

Points for the ECNL National Club Championship will be awarded in each age group as follows:

1st Place in Challenge A = 65 Points
2nd Place in Challenge A = 60 Points
3rd Place in Challenge A = 55 Points
4th Place in Challenge A = 50 Points
5th Place in Challenge A = 48 Points
6th Place in Challenge A = 47 Points
7th Place in Challenge A = 46 Points
8th Place in Challenge A = 45 Points
9th Place in Challenge A = 44 Points
10th Place in Challenge A = 43 Points
11th Place in Challenge A = 42 Points
12th Place in Challenge A = 41 Points
13th Place in Challenge A = 40 Points
14th Place in Challenge A = 39 Points
15th Place in Challenge A = 38 Points
16th Place in Challenge A = 37 Points
17th Place in Challenge A = 36 Points
18th Place in Challenge A = 35 Points
19th Place in Challenge A = 34 Points
20th Place in Challenge A = 33 Points
21st Place in Challenge A = 32 Points
22nd Place in Challenge A = 31 Points
23rd Place in Challenge A = 30 Points
24th Place in Challenge A = 29 Points
25th Place in Challenge A = 28 Points
26th Place in Challenge A = 27 Points

1st Place in Challenge B = 26 Points
2nd Place in Challenge B = 25 Points
3rd Place in Challenge B = 24 Points
4th Place in Challenge B = 23 Points
5th Place in Challenge B = 22 Points
6th Place in Challenge B = 21 Points
7th Place in Challenge B = 20 Points
8th Place in Challenge B = 19 Points
9th Place in Challenge B = 18 Points
10th Place in Challenge B = 17 Points
11th Place in Challenge B = 16 Points
12th Place in Challenge B = 15 Points
13th Place in Challenge B = 14 Points
14th Place in Challenge B = 13 Points
15th Place in Challenge B = 12 Points
16th Place in Challenge B = 11 Points
17th Place in Challenge B = 10 Points
18th Place in Challenge B = 9 Points
19th Place in Challenge B = 8 Points
20th Place in Challenge B = 7 Point
21st Place in Challenge B = 6 Points
22nd Place in Challenge B = 5 Points
23rd Place in Challenge B = 4 Points
24th Place in Challenge B = 3 Points
25th Place in Challenge B = 2 Points
26th Place in Challenge B = 1 Point



Exhibit C
National Championship Structure

The ECNL National Championship shall include all ECNL Teams in the Under-15, Under-16 and Under-17 age groups. The ECNL National Championship shall include the top 8 teams in the Under-18 age group based on the final Regular Season Standings.

Every ECNL Team in the Under-15, Under-16, and Under-17 age groups shall be placed into one of the following competition groups for their age group (each an “ECNL Play-off Group”):

The Championship Group:

The top 8 teams in Challenge A

The Promotion / Relegation Group:

The teams in 3rd and 4th place in Challenge B, and the teams in 23rd and 24th place in Challenge A.

The Challenge A Field:

All remaining teams in Challenge A

The Challenge B Field

All remaining teams in Challenge B

Games in each ECNL National Play-off Group shall be played as follows:

The Championship Group: (Applies to U15 – U18)

The top 8 teams in Challenge A based upon the Final Standings shall be placed in the ECNL Championship Group. The teams shall be seeded one (1) through (8). The ECNL Championship Group shall crown the ECNL National Champion at each age group through three games played in a quarter-final, semi-final, and championship format (including other placement games) scheduled as provided in the attached **Schedule 1**.

Promotion and Relegation and the Promotion / Relegation Group: (Applies to U15 – U17)

The top 2 teams in Challenge B, and the bottom 2 teams in Challenge A, based on the Final Standings will be automatically promoted and relegated (respectively) for the subsequent ECNL Season. These 2 Challenge B teams will play in the Challenge B Field at the ECNL National Championship, and these 2 Challenge A teams will play in the Challenge A field at the ECNL National Championship.

The teams in 3rd and 4th place in Challenge B, and the teams in 23rd and 24th place in Challenge A shall be placed in the ECNL Promotion / Relegation Group. The ECNL Promotion / Relegation Group shall determine flight placement for these four teams at each age group for the subsequent ECNL Season. Each ECNL Team will play the other 3 teams in the ECNL Promotion and Relegation Group. At the conclusion of the round-robin, the top 2 teams in the ECNL Promotion and Relegation Group will be placed in Challenge A for the following ECNL Season, and the bottom two teams will be placed in Challenge B for the following ECNL Season. Points and tie-



breakers for the ECNL Promotion and Relegation Group will be as provided in Rule 3.15 and 3.17 above.

The Challenge A Field: (Applies to U15 – U17)

Teams that finish in 9th – 22nd place, and in 25th and 26th place, in Challenge A shall be placed into the Challenge A Field Group. These teams shall play three (3) games at the ECNL National Championship as scheduled by the ECNL Board of Directors. Scheduling for these games will be done based on the following objectives: (i) to schedule teams from different regions against each other, and (ii) to schedule teams to play teams they have not played during that ECNL Season.

The Challenge B Field: (Applies to U15 – U17)

Teams that finish in 5th – 26nd place, and 1st or 2nd place, in Challenge B shall be placed into the Challenge B Field Group. These teams shall play three (3) games at the ECNL National Championship as scheduled by the ECNL Board of Directors. Scheduling for these games will be done based on the following objectives: (i) to schedule teams from different regions against each other, and (ii) to schedule teams to play teams they have not played during that ECNL Season.



Exhibit D:

Registration; Player and Staff Passes; Roster Add Process and Deadlines

Types of Player and Staff Passes for ECNL Clubs and ECNL Competition

There are 2 types of passes that will be accepted at ECNL Competitions: (i) an ECNL Permanent Pass and (ii) an ECNL Temporary Pass. *These are the only passes that will be accepted for ECNL Competitions.* A third type of pass (a “US Club Pass”) will be used by players U12 and above in ECNL Clubs who are not currently participating in ECNL Competition, but who do participate in other competitions on a US Club Roster, including JR ECNL Competition, with the ECNL Club.

ECNL Permanent Passes are plastic cards and are only used by ECNL Registered Players or staff on an ECNL Roster. Permanent Passes are issued by the US Club Soccer office and mailed to ECNL Teams during the pass issuance windows set forth below. *ECNL Permanent Passes are required for participation in ECNL National Competition.*

ECNL Temporary Passes are passes validated by US Club Soccer, and then printed and laminated by the ECNL Team. ECNL Temporary Passes are used by ECNL Registered Players and staff who register for an ECNL Team outside of the pass issuance windows set forth below. Players with ECNL Temporary Passes will be issued ECNL Permanent Passes during the next subsequent pass issuance window. *ECNL Temporary Passes or ECNL Permanent Passes are required for participation in ECNL Regional Competition.*

US Club Passes are passes validated by US Club Soccer on the Demosphere website, and then printed and laminated by the ECNL Club for use in non-ECNL Competition. *US Club Passes should be used for all players and staff registering with an ECNL Club who may not compete in ECNL Competition but who will compete in other competitions on a US Club Soccer roster.* Any ECNL players playing with these players in a non-ECNL competition shall be placed on the US Club Roster for that team for that non-ECNL competition.

Whenever a player is added to an ECNL Roster and therefore becomes an ECNL Registered Player, the player will need to have either an ECNL Permanent Pass or an ECNL Temporary Pass in order to participate in ECNL Competition. A US Club Pass will not be sufficient to allow a player to participate in ECNL Competition.

All female players at U12 and above within an ECNL Club will register through the Demosphere site, and will receive one of the above three types of passes.

CLARIFICATION: A player may receive all three types of passes over the course of a season. For example, a player on a “second” team would be issued a US Club Pass at the time of registration, would receive an ECNL Temporary Pass if they are added to an ECNL Roster outside of a pass issuance window, and then would receive an ECNL Permanent Pass at the next pass issuance window.



Initial Roster Submission Date

August 15, 2010: Every ECNL Team must have a minimum of 15 ECNL Registered Players.

Player Add Process

ECNL Regional Competition: ECNL Registered Players may be added to an ECNL Roster for ECNL Regional Competition at any time, provided that they appear on the official ECNL Roster prior to the game. An ECNL Temporary Pass will be provided for ECNL Registered Players added to an ECNL Roster for ECNL Regional Competition outside of the pass issuance windows set forth below. No player may participate in ECNL Regional Competition without either an ECNL Permanent Pass or an ECNL Temporary Pass.

ECNL National Competition: Only ECNL Registered Players with an ECNL Permanent Pass (not an ECNL Temporary Pass) may participate in ECNL National Competition. ECNL Registered Players added to an ECNL Roster after the Initial Roster Submission Date will be issued ECNL Permanent Passes during the following pass issuance windows only:

- November 15 – 26
- December 6 – 17
- February 7 – 18
- April 18 – 30

ECNL Registered Players with ECNL Temporary Passes will be issued ECNL Permanent Passes during the next subsequent pass issuance window.

2010-2011 Player and Staff Fees and Expiration Dates

Player Passes: For the registration season ending August 1, 2011, individual player fees for players registered to ECNL Clubs (at any age group) shall be as follows:

U12 and Above: Registered on the Demosphere website at \$17.50/player

U11 and Below: Registered only on the US Club Soccer website at \$13/player

Staff Passes: Staff passes for any staff member in an ECNL Club shall be issued for a two year period (expiring August 1, 2012). For staff registration purposes, all coaches who will coach an ECNL Team, as well as the ECNL Team manager, shall be required to have a staff pass. All staff shall submit to a background check every two years.

Staff pass fees for the two year period shall be \$17.50.



Exhibit E

ECNL Regional Competition Referee Pay Scale

The minimum pay scale for ECNL Regional Competitions in the 2010-2011 ECNL Season shall be as follows:

Center Referee: \$75

Assistant Referee: \$50

Assistant Referee: \$50

Fees for referee assignors for ECNL Regional Competition will be the responsibility of the home team.



Exhibit F:
ECNL Player Identification Program Scouting Nomination Form

ECNL PLAYER IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM SCOUTING NOMINATION

Member Club: _____

Recommended Scout: _____

License Level: _____

Highest Playing Experience: _____

Years with Member Club: _____

Previous Coaching Experience: _____

General Comments Regarding Recommended Scout (if any):

Contact Information for the Recommended Scout:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Individual Completing This Nomination Form:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____

