Established in 2009, the Elite Clubs National League has transformed youth female soccer over the past 8 years, and is the highest level of competition in the United States. With thousands of alumni currently playing women’s college soccer, 90% of the league’s graduating classes moving on to college soccer every year, and stars dominating the best conferences in collegiate soccer, the ECNL is the proving ground and development platform for the future. In the 2017-18 season, the collegiate stars of the future will be competing in one of eight conferences across the United States.

While the ECNL National Events Series is the primary destination for scouts and college coaches to recruit elite level players, and are some of the most exciting events in youth soccer, it is ECNL Conference competition that lies at the heart of the ECNL. Conference play is the primary method by which teams qualify for the ECNL Post Season, and conference games feature some of the most heated rivalries in youth soccer. With teams and players that know each other well, and compete against each other every year, winning an ECNL Conference Championship is a matter of huge pride for every player and member club.

The ECNL’s Southeast Conference is comprised of ten member club across three states: Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. The primary competition season is the fall.

The 2017-18 ECNL season marks the addition of two new member clubs in the Southeast Conference: Florida Elite Soccer Academy from Jacksonville and Florida Kraze Krush who adds another competitive club in the Orlando region.

“I am delighted and honored to join the ECNL board. The members of the Southeast conference clubs have given me the opportunity to represent their clubs and my goal is to work for them while the ECNL continues the progress and development of the elite female soccer player. The Southeast is extremely competitive and with the additions of Florida Elite SA and Florida Kraze Krush, I know the Southeast is prepared and excited for the most exciting season yet!” -Campbell Chapman

Southeast Conference Board Member

Campbell Chapman
Southeast Representative
Director of Coaching/ECNL Director for GSA
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
U14 - GSA
U15 - NTH-Tophat
U16 - NTH-Tophat
U17 - NTH-Tophat
U18/U19 - Armada FC

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIERS
U14 - GSA
U15 - Concorde Fire
U16 - Armada WFC
U18/U19 - Armada FC

TOP 25 IN ECNL OVERALL CLUB STANDINGS
3rd - Armada WFC
4th - Concorde Fire
13th - Alabama FC

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
1 - Alabama FC
2 - Concorde Fire
3 - Atlanta Fire United
4 - GSA
5 - NTH-Tophat
6 - Armada WFC Youth
7 - Florida Elite SA
8 - Tampa Bay United
9 - Florida Krush
10 - Orlando City

2016-2017 IN REVIEW
The 2017 ECNL/id2 National Training Camp is a joint effort between the ECNL, U.S. Club Soccer’s id2 National Player Identification and Development Program, and Nike. The camp is open to all players regardless of U.S. Soccer affiliation, or lack thereof, and is sanctioned as an Olympic Development Program by US Soccer and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

The ECNL held the 2017 ECNL/id2 National Training Camp July 27-30, 2017 at the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon. Players were elected based on their performances at ECNL competitions, ECNL PDP events and other events throughout the year. The camp was made up of 97 of the top female youth soccer players across the ECNL, staffed by an elite staff of expert coaches, and included many stars from the Southeast Conference.
ABOUT: Alabama FC is a full service soccer club whose goal is to serve all who want to play soccer within our local communities, the state of Alabama and beyond. It is our goal that through the beautiful game of soccer, that we will teach our players proper life values of hard work, determination, accountability and sportsmanship. It is BUSA’s goal to teach our players to empower, enrich, and excel within their community, and use the life skills learned through soccer to leave the world a better place.

CITY: Birmingham, Alabama  ESTABLISHED: 2006

HOME FACILITY: Rathmell Sports Park & Sportsblast Soccer Complex

# OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 1600

WEBSITE: www.birminghamunited.com  TWITTER: @Bham_United

ALABAMA FC COACHING STAFF

Executive Director - Andrew Brower  ECNL Director - Ben Parks  GK Director - Jeremy Hampton


“Alabama FC is very excited to start the 2017-2018 ECNL Season. We are honored to continue to play and compete against the highest level of competition in the country. Our teams have made massive improvements the past 2 seasons, and we are very excited about the new season kicking off in late August!” -Andrew Brower, Alabama FC Executive Director

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U17 Qualified for Champion’s League Postseason Competition
U16 Qualified for North American Cup Postseason Competition
U15 Qualified for Showcase Cup Postseason Competition
ABOUT: The ECNL Mission at Armada WFC Youth Academy is to provide a program in the state of Florida and southeast region, where players who have demonstrated the ability and commitment to play at the highest level can receive the advanced training and the competitive playing environment required to compete successfully statewide, regionally and at a national level.

CITY: Jacksonville, Florida ESTABLISHED: 1977

HOME FACILITY: Patton Park # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 1700

WEBSITE: www.armadafcyouth.com TWITTER: @armadafcyouth

ARMA D A W FC COACHING STAFF

**Director of Coaching** - Eric Dade  **ECNL Director** - Mike Walker  **GK Coach** - Gerrit de Boer


2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

“**The Armada Youth Academy is looking forward to the upcoming season. The Southeast Conference is one of the most diverse in style of play and toughest in the country. We credit the league for creating an extremely competitive atmosphere which has translated well within our players. We plan to grow and achieve even more this year as we always strive for excellence.”**

-Mike Walker, Armada WFC Youth ECNL Director

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:

U14 & U18/U19 Made the Final Four in their respective age groups

U18/U19 Southeast Conference Champions

U14, U15, U16 & U18/U19 Qualified for Champion’s League Post Season Competition

U17 Qualified for North American Cup Post Season Competition
ABOUT: Atlanta Fire United Soccer Association is a youth organization which offers all levels of play for young people from 4 to 19 years of age. Promotes an active, healthy lifestyle and love for the “beautiful game.” Atlanta Fire United SA develops complete soccer players with key core values which we believe provide our players the best opportunity to succeed at the next level whether that is high school, college, professional soccer or life outside of competitive sports.

CITY: Duluth, Georgia  ESTABLISHED: 1980

HOME FACILITY: Scott Hudgens Park  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 1400

WEBSITE: www.atlantaunitedsoccer.com  TWITTER: @atlanauitedsa

ATLANTA FIRE COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching/ECNL Director - Mirza Mustafic
U13 - Vince Hayes  U14 - Guy Valcourt  U15 & U16 - Nadine Kazebou
U17 - Judas Kinchen  U18/U19 - Dom Martelli

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

“We are extremely exited about the 2017-18 ECNL season. Our coaching staff is committed to development of our players and to their long term success on and off the field.”

- Mirza Mustafic, Atlanta Fire Director of Coaching

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U17 Qualified for Showcase Cup Post Season Competition
CONCORDE FIRE

ABOUT: Since 1982, Concorde Fire has had success in many areas of the game of soccer from the early teaching of young people to play the game through the development of teams to be state champions. Concorde Fire strives to achieve excellence through outstanding coaching, outstanding fields, special programs and a competitive spirit. We are proud of the success of each player, each team, each coach, each parents and each friend that contributes to that success.

CITY: Atlanta, Georgia  ESTABLISHED: 1982

HOME FACILITY: Georgia Soccer Park  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 700

WEBSITE: www.concordefire.com

CONCORDE FIRE COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Ken Kurilec  ECNL Director - Gregg Blasingame
U13 - Mike Muller  U14 - Nick Mantha  U15 & U17 - Adam Halliday
U16 - Sue Patberg  U18/U19 - Jamiel Johnson

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

U18/U19 - Shanel Hutton  U18/U19 - Haley Lawson  U16 - Brooke Hart
U13 - Riley Jackson  U13 - Siani Jones  U13 - Vienna Lundstedt  U13 - Shania Spriggs

“We are excited and looking forward to another great year with the ECNL.”
- Gregg Blasingame, Concorde Fire ECNL Director

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U16 Made the ECNL Final Four, Placed 3rd Nationally in their age group
U15, U16, U17 & U18/U19 Qualified for Champion’s League Post Season Competition
FLORIDA ELITE SOCCER ACADEMY

ABOUT: Florida Elite Soccer Academy pledges to be a Full Service Soccer Organization dedicated to the growth and enrichment of its participating members. A player-centric approach fosters individual confidence along with team success. These goals will be achieved through hard work, dedication and the complete commitment to every level of player from Recreational to Elite. Florida Elite SA teaches players a style of soccer emphasizing passing and possession of the ball. The philosophy is consistent throughout the club so every team and individual learns a similar style of play. This leads to team success while promoting the continual growth and development of our players.

CITY: Jacksonville, Florida   ESTABLISHED: 2014

HOME FACILITY: Veterans Park   # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 1757

WEBSITE: www.floridaelitesa.com   TWITTER: @FloridaEliteSA

FLORIDA ELITE SA COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Sean Bubb   ECNL Director - Terry Foley
U13, U14 & U15 - Terry Foley   U16 & U17 - Mike Pickett
U18/U19 - Brad Schmidt   U18/U19 Composite - Terry Foley & John Scotty

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

U18/U19- ABBEY NEWTON   U18/U19- KIRSTEN PAVLISKO   U17- TORI GRAMBO   U17- AVERY PATTERSON   U16- PAIGE CREWS
U15- GRACE GRECH   U15- JORDAN FOLLENWEIDER   U14- REECE GORDON   U14- KAMRYN TOWERS   U13- AVERY ROBINSON

“This is a tremendous reward for our players, parents, and coaching team for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence. Florida Elite’s drive to bring opportunities of the highest level for its players and parents runs parallel to everything ECNL has stood for and built over the past decade. We are delighted to become part of the number one youth soccer league in the country.”

-Sean Bubb, Florida Elite Director of Coaching
FLORIDA KRAZE KRUSH

ABOUT: Florida Kraze Krush Soccer (FKK) is the premier youth soccer organization in Central Florida, providing unparalleled soccer training and playing opportunities. We emphasize full player development. It’s not just about winning – it’s about developing a lifelong set of skills to help players succeed both on and off the field. Florida Kraze/Krush provides the highest level of soccer instruction to children of all ages and at all skill levels. From our youngest soccer enthusiasts to premier-level athletes, FKK is devoted to helping children dream big and realize their goals.

CITY: Oviedo, Florida ESTABLISHED: 2013

HOME FACILITY: Central Winds Park # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 448

WEBSITE: www.floridakrazekrush.com TWITTER: @flkrazekrush

FLORIDA KRUSH COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Joe Avallone  ECNL Director - Mark Hansen
U13 - Kerry Brimmo  U14, U17 & U18/U19 Composite - Hue Menzies
U15 & U18/U19 - Mark Hansen  U16 - Joe Avallone

“OUR FLORIDA KRUSH GIRLS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGES THAT THE ECNL BrINGS AND KNOW THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AHEAD OF THEM TO PERFORM.”
-Joe Avallone, Florida Kraze Krush Director of Coaching

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH
ABOUT: GSA is the largest youth soccer club in Gwinnett county. Our goal is to provide a quality program for all levels of play. GSA’s mission is to instill a love and joy for the game which will give players the desire to improve on a daily and weekly basis and to model and demand good sportsmanship and a respect for all around them with creating club loyalty and a successful organization.

CITY: Lilburn, Georgia  ESTABLISHED: 1976

HOME FACILITY: GSA Soccer Complex  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 700

WEBSITE: www.gsasoccer.com  TWITTER: @GSASoccer

GSA COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching/ECNL Director - Campbell Chapman

U13 - Rusty Staggs  U14 - Judson Hamby  U15 & U16 - Campbell Chapman  U17 - Drew Prentice
U18/U19 - Andy Trevers  U18/U19 Composite - Rusty Staggs

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

“GSA is ‘all-in’ and we are proud to continue our membership with the ECNL. We are looking forward to the 2017-18 season as we welcome our new members to the Southeast Conference”

-Campbell Chapman, GSA Director of Coaching

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U14 Southeast Conference Champions
U14 Qualified for Champion’s League Post Season Competition
U15 Qualified for North American Cup Post Season Competition
U16 Qualified for Showcase Post Season Competition
ABOUT: At Tophat we do our best to foster a high level of accountability with our players and teams in which the girls have a responsibility to improve, work hard and support their teammates as well as the other players (younger and older within the club). The players know that they are ultimately responsible for their performance and the accolades that come with success or the admonition that comes with failure. They are also encouraged to understand that there is individual and collective growth/progress that comes from both. Our mission is to create a competitive, educational soccer environment that teaches soccer and life lessons that will help our girls develop into confident successful young women.

CITY: Atlanta, Georgia  ESTABLISHED: 1982

HOME FACILITY: Tophat Soccer Complex  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 2200

WEBSITE: www.tophatsoccerclub.com  TWITTER: @NTH_Tophat

NTH-TOPHAT COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching/ECNL Director - Troy Garner  Director of Goalkeeping - Ashley Veljovic


2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U16 & U18/U19 Made the Final Four
U15, U16 & U17 Southeast Conference Champions
U15, U16, U17 & U18/U19 Qualified for Champion’s League Post Season Competition

"Tophat is excited to enter our 3rd season of play in the ECNL. We are looking forward to participating in an incredible league that provides a great framework to develop our players while giving them unrivaled visibility to showcase their talents in front of numerous college coaches.” - Troy Garner, NTH-Tophat Director of Coaching
ORLANDO CITY
YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

ABOUT: A 501 (3)(c) non for profit youth club serving the Central Florida region. OCYSC is the preeminent youth club with core values of player development, parent education & guidance, coach development and community outreach. The philosophy of Orlando City is to educate the young players how to play the “Orlando Way” (attacking and attractive soccer).

CITY: Sanford, Florida ESTABLISHED: 1981

HOME FACILITY: Seminole Soccer Complex # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 550

WEBSITE: www.orlandocitysc.com/youth TWITTER: @OCYouthSoccer

ORLANDO CITY COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Paul Shaw  ECNL Director - Sam Mitchell  GK Coach - Louis Liberatore
U13 & U16 - Sam Mitchell  U14 - Dan Nolan  U15 & U17 - Robbie Gobble  U18/U19 - Randy Belli
Assistant Coaches - Bryan Green & Owen McCarthy

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

U18/U19 - AMANDA MARTIN
U18/U19 - JULIA MARTIN
U18/U19 - MARY PEACE
U16 - LEXI OCAMPO
U15 - BRIYAH DRAYTON
U15 - SOPHIA NGUYEN
U14 - ALEKSANDRA PEKANY
U13 - TIA WYNN

“We are excited to begin yet another season in the country’s best league for girls soccer. ECNL is the proven pathway for developing young female soccer players to reach their highest goals. We are looking forward to building on a highly established ECNL program here at Orlando City Youth.”

-Sam Mitchell, Orlando City ECNL Director

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U17 Qualified for Champion’s League Post Season Competition
U15 Qualified for North American Cup Post Season Competition
TAMPA BAY UNITED ROWDIES

ABOUT: Tampa Bay United Soccer Club is dedicated to the development of the sport of soccer from the youth player through adult levels. We are devoted to the principles of maximum effort and fair play and to impart knowledge, respect and a life-long love for the game. We strive to teach, develop and enhance the fundamentals of the sport at all levels so players can reach their full potential in the game. We offer opportunities to participate and advance in the sport for youth recreational and competitive players, adult players, and semi-professional players.

CITY: Tampa Bay, Florida  ESTABLISHED: 2010

HOME FACILITY: Waters Sportsplex  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 700

WEBSITE: www.tbusc.com  TWITTER: @tbusoccer

TAMPA BAY UNITED COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - George Fotopoulos  ECNL Director - Adrian Bush  GK Director - Tim Mann


U17 - Peter Gutsche  U18/U19 - Jim Cote  U18/U19 Composite - Edmundo Rodriguez

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U15 & U17 Qualified for North American Cup Post Season Competition

“We are happy with the progress in year one for our club as members of the ECNL. ECNL has been the best platform for girls soccer in the USA for the last 10 years and we are excited about our future in the ECNL.”

- Adrian Bush, Tampa Bay United ECNL Director