

NESL Administration Information

NESL - NEW ENGLAND SOCCER LEAGUE

PURPOSE

The league is for US Youth Soccer teams from ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT. - All clubs/teams must be affiliated with a state in USYSA

The league is for those teams who are:

Looking for higher level competition as well as a variety (higher level teams from New England states).

Not selected or not interested in a Region I Premier league due to further travel and more state cup conflicts with NY and NJ.

If a club has a strong second team in an age group, they are welcome as well.

2008 NESL TIMELINE

12-Jan Deadline to submit an application to participate in the league on a club basis (one application per club) - see application form.

12-Jan Deadline to submit a registration fee - one check per club at \$200 per team entered made payable to NESL along with the application.

19-Jan Final notification of teams and age groups will occur one week after the Region I sub-regional league selections (01-11-08).

26-Jan Teams selected to the Region 1 Premier league or Northeast sub-regional league will receive a full refund of their NESL registration fee.

26-Jan NESL age groupings set.

16-Feb Age group coordinators selected.

16-Feb Teams submit all availability dates (see availability tab) for games (home or away) and dates and times for fields (hosting) at home.

23-Feb Schedule is complete.

FIELD NEEDS

Clubs entering the league should expect to provide sufficient quality home field game space.

Clubs/teams without sufficient field space looking to play the majority or all of their games away will not be considered.

Clubs should strive to reserve enough field time per date based on the number of teams in the league.

Example:

# Teams Entered from Club	# Fields	Saturday
4	1	10A-6P
5	1	10A-6P
6	1	10A-6P
7	1	10A-6P
8	2	10A-6P
9	2	10A-6P
10	2	10A-6P
11	2	10A-6P
12	2	10A-6P

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AGE GROUPS

NESL seeks to establish a minimum of 6 teams per gender/age group.

An age group may include a single age year, e.g. U14 or combined age years, e.g. a U14 group consisting of U13 and U14 teams.

If age years are combined to make one group, there will be no greater than two year combinations, e.g. U13/U14 is fine but U13/U14/U15 is not.

If age years are combined to make an age group, their must be at least 4 teams of the same age year within the age group.

No more than 2 teams within an age year can be from the same club.

No more than 3 teams within an age group can be from the same club in a combined age group; e.g. U13/U14.

Each gender/age group will have an age group coordinator who will be responsible for:

1. Coordinate the initial schedule within the gender/age group.
2. Act as the point person to reconcile an issues within the gender/age group.
3. Collect game scores for posting standings.

ROSTERS AND PLAYER PASSES

The team's official state association stamped roster will be used for league play.

All player's must have stamped valid and current US Youth Soccer player pass.

Each team and player must meet the state rostering rules for the club - team they play for within the state that club - team resides.

A minimum of seven (7) players in 11v11 games constitutes a team to play.

Loaned or guest players:

1. For games to count toward standings, there will be no loaned or guest players.
2. If a team needs loaned or guest players to have a sufficient number of players just to play the game, loaned or guest players may be used:
 - a. Any loaned or guest player must have a USYSA player pass and must be from within the same club.
 - b. Any loaned or guest player must be written onto the roster prior to the game.
 - c. Any team using a loaned or guest player will forfeit the game for standings purposes but will not be fined if the game is played.

U12 (8v8) teams may have 14 players eligible on the roster

U13 - U16 teams may have 18 players eligible on the roster.

U17 and older teams may have 22 players eligible on the roster but no more than 18 may play in any single game.

A copy of the team roster must be provided to the officials prior to each game.

Rosters and player passes must be checked by the officials prior to each game.

GAMES

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Referee fees will be shared equally by the two teams playing in the game.						
Age	Referee	Asst 1	Asst 2	3 Official System Cost Per Team	One Referee and No Assts* Cost Per Team	One Referee and One Asst* Cost Per Team
U12 (8v8)	\$30	\$15	\$15	\$30		
U13-14	\$50	\$25	\$25	\$50	\$25	\$37.50
U15-18	\$60	\$30	\$30	\$60	\$30	\$45.00

* Home team provides club linesman to cover one missing assistant if necessary.

* Visiting team provides club linesman to cover second missing assistant if necessary.

STANDINGS (on hold for 2008 season due to paired age group/divisions):

Scores and standings will be kept in each age group even though strength of schedule may or may not be balanced.

Tie scores will stand in regulation games.

The main purpose of the league is for continued development of players and teams through higher levels of competition.

Scores will be emailed to the age group coordinators by the end of the day on game day.

Point system:

3 points for a win.

1 point for a tie.

0 points for a loss.

Minus 1 point for a forfeit loss when a team uses ineligible loaned players from within their own club to play the game and officials are paid.

Minus 3 points for a forfeit loss when a team is unable to play in addition to a \$150 fine to cover the full cost of administration and officiating.

NESL PLAY DATES SPRING 2008 (Saturday in the primary game day):

Sat March 22	turf fields - if open
Sunday, March 23	Easter Sunday

