



CLUB GUIDE

2022-23 SEASON

BOYS

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WELCOME TO ELITE 64

Elite 64 Players, Families, Club Leaders & Club Staff:

We are very excited to welcome everyone to the inaugural season of USYS National League Elite 64!

We have a great collection of clubs set to compete in Elite 64, and we cannot wait to continue working with like-minded clubs who are looking to put the focus on the player and ensure each young athlete has all the resources needed to reach their potential. After all, the players are what the game is all about and putting them in the best environment to have fun, challenge themselves and make the most of their experience is what Elite 64 is all about.

The USYS National League and Elite 64 are lucky to have some great partnerships in place to help enhance the experience for the players and coaches in Elite 64. You can read through this guide to see how ProScore, STATSports, NCSA and Soccer Profile will help give the clubs, coaches and especially players additional resources to help take their game to the next level. Through the collaborative effort of these partners, Elite 64, and the clubs, we can ensure every single game is a recruitable moment that moves players closer to reaching their aspirations in the game of soccer.

The season will be here before we know it, and we look forward to seeing all the talented players take the field to show why their club holds the distinction of being one of the Elite 64!

Simon Collins

USYS National League Commissioner



ELITE 64 NATIONAL MAP



Elite 64 Northwest

Boise Timbers
NorCal Surf SC
Oregon Premier FC
Rush Select Idaho
Seattle United
Washington Premier FC

Elite 64 Desert

Arsenal Colorado
Colorado Rapids Youth SC
Phoenix Rising FC Youth
Real Colorado
Real Salt Lake - Arizona
SC del Sol
Sparta United SC
Utah Soccer Alliance

Elite 64 Midwest

Chicago FC United
FC 1974 Libertyville
Galaxy SC
Madison 56ers SC
Rockford Raptors FC
SC Wave
Sporting Blue Valley
Toca FC

Elite 64 Northeast

Boston Bolts
Cedar Stars Academy
Coppermine SC
Long Island Slammers
PDA
Princeton Soccer Academy
STA
Phila Ukrainian Nationals

Elite 64 Pacific

AYSO United
East County Surf
Laguna United SC
Las Vegas Surf SC
LAUFA
Legends FC
Los Angeles SC
Slammers FC
Strikers FC North

Elite 64 South

Cap City SC
FC Westlake
Lobos Rush
Locomotive FC
Renegades SC
Rush Select South
Tigres SA

Elite 64 Great Lakes

Beadling SC
Cincinnati United Premier
Indiana Fire Juniors
Kings Hammer SC
LFC Int'l Academy - MI
Michigan Jaguars FC
Michigan Tigers
Ohio Galaxies FC

Elite 64 Southeast

AFC Lightning
Charlotte Soccer Academy
Concorde Fire
IMG Academy
Jacksonville FC
North Carolina FC Youth
Orlando City Seminole
Southern Soccer Academy
United Futbol Academy

REGULAR SEASON LEAGUE FORMAT

YOUNGER AGE GROUPS

For the 13U and 14U age groups, the Elite 64 league season will offer a minimum of 14 league games (per group of 8) that can be scheduled and managed by the clubs over a full 10-month period, as players of this age are generally unaffected by high school soccer.

OLDER AGE GROUPS

For the 15U, 16U, 17U and 18/19U age groups, the Elite 64 league season will offer a minimum of 14 league games (per group of 8) over a 10-month period. The schedule will be created and managed by the clubs to aid players' periodization and involvement in high school soccer.

SCHEDULING OPTIONS

Multiple scheduling options are available to accommodate travel concerns and allow for clubs to complete their league season in the most sensible way possible.

- **Home/Away** - Each club hosts the other clubs in its group one time and travels to each of the opposing clubs in its group one time.
- **Event-based** - Multiple clubs come together in a single city and/or venue to compete against two or more other clubs from within their group.
- **Hybrid** - Clubs fulfill their matchups with select opposing clubs in a home/away format, while facing other clubs in an event-based format.

WITH ELITE 64
LEAGUE SCHEDULES...

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EVERY GAME IS A RECRUITABLE MOMENT



Every USYS National League Elite 64 league game provides every player with a ‘recruitable moment.’ Elite 64 has partnered with world leaders in individual player data and team analysis. Our partners at STATSports, ProScore and NCSA have come together to revolutionize recruiting. Elite 64 provides the players with a greater opportunity to present their soccer bio to college and professional scouts by sharing real-time game stats, highlights and achievement from every game — league, showcases and National Finals. Each piece of recruitable data can be seen by every college scout in an instant while saving the players, teams, clubs and recruiters time and money.

Once the final whistle is blown on each game and the player’s data is recorded, the performance information can be added to their individual NCSA player profiles and shared with every college coach, enhancing the player’s ability to find the right school that meets their needs both athletically and academically.



ELITE 64 CLUBS & USYS RECRUITING PARTNERSHIP

COLLEGE COACH OUTREACH

The overall success and strength of Elite 64 is contingent upon league *and* club outreach in promoting Elite 64 games and national events to college programs.

In the interest of assisting every player reach their potential goals, Elite 64, the league and the clubs involved are required to participate in active college coach outreach.

Through a collaborative effort between the USYS National League staff, club staffs and Elite 64 players, Elite 64 competitions will be on the radar of every college coach looking to find future members of their program.

COLLEGE RECRUITING EDUCATION

The USYS National League will provide resources to Elite 64 participants to assist in their outreach to college coaches. Additionally, the partnership with NCSA will provide players with *webinars* that touch on *tips and advice* for navigating the college recruiting process, along with *best practices* that can be used when contacting college coaches ahead of league games and national events.

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

As players at each Elite 64 club commit to play soccer at their future college programs, please provide that information to the USYS National League so that the players' accomplishments can be highlighted.

A submission form will be created to provide clubs with an easy way to submit their latest college commitments to the USYS National League staff.



NATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

ELITE 64 SHOWCASES

Current (or most recent) group standings will influence national event bracketing to maintain high-level cross-group competition.

Dates	Location	Age Groups
Nov. 11-14, 2022	Round Rock Multipurpose Complex Round Rock, TX	13U and 14U
Feb. 10-13, 2023	Tournament SportsPlex of Tampa Bay Tampa, FL	13U and 14U

Teams in the 13U & 14U age groups may attend both of the above national events, which are included in league fees. **Teams play 3 games over 3 days at the showcase events.**

Dates	Location	Age Groups
Dec. 1-5, 2022	Complex TBA Central Florida	15U thru 18/19U
Jan. 22-24, 2023	Legacy Sports USA Mesa, AZ	15U thru 18/19U
March 24-27, 2023	Bryan Park Soccer Complex Greensboro, NC	15U thru 18/19U

Teams in the 15U-18/19U age groups have the option to attend two of the three above showcases, which are included in league fees. Clubs will rank their showcase preferences, and USYS will make the final showcase assignments. **Teams play 3 games over 3 days at the showcase events.**

ELITE 64 NATIONAL FINALS

Dates	Location	Age Groups
July 5-11, 2023	SoCal Sports Complex Oceanside, Calif.	13U thru 18/19U

See Pg. 10-12 for more details on the format of the Elite 64 National Finals.

ELITE 64 SHOWCASES

The Elite 64 Showcases present an unmatched recruiting opportunity for college coaches and scouts, as the best players from the National League's top club-centric model (Elite 64) play each other in a single event alongside league games from the National League's top team-centric model (National League P.R.O.).

The quality of players across the events, combined with the Elite 64 clubs' reputations for drawing college interest and placing players into college programs, are sure to make these national showcases cannot-miss recruiting events for college coaches.

- Play at **best-in-class facilities** from across the country.
- Compete in **diverse matchups** featuring Elite 64 clubs from other areas of the country.
- Recent Elite 64 league performances are used to create matchups that promote a **high level of competition**.
- With data in hand from Elite 64 league games, college coaches can focus on priority players at showcases and add in-person evaluations that help coaches **develop a complete profile of each recruit**.



ELITE 64 NATIONAL FINALS

BRACKETS

Based on regular season standings from each of the eight Elite 64 groups, teams will be placed into one of four bracket tiers:

- **Finals Bracket**
- **Tier 2 Bracket**
- **Tier 3 Bracket**
- **Tier 4 Bracket**




Each team in every tier is guaranteed three games at the Elite 64 National Finals.

Note: USYS has the right to alter format and brackets, as needed.

Regular Season Standings
1st-Place Team (Finals)
2nd-Place Team (Finals)
3rd-Place Team (Tier 2)
4th-Place Team (Tier 2)
5th-Place Team (Tier 3)
6th-Place Team (Tier 3)
7th-Place Team (Tier 4)
8th-Place Team (Tier 4)

EVENT SCHEDULE

For each gender, the 16U, 17U and 18/19U age groups will play early in the event, and the 13U, 14U and 15U age groups will play later in the event. Each team will compete over three days (three games). The teams that advance to the title match in the Finals Bracket will play their final match (fourth game) on their fifth day of the event following a rest day.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
 16U, 17U, 18/19U Boys Group Play	 16U, 17U, 18/19U Boys Group Play	 16U, 17U, 18/19U Boys Group Play	 16U, 17U, 18/19U Rest Day (Finalists)  13U, 14U, 15U Boys Group Play
Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
 16U, 17U, 18/19U Boys Finals  13U, 14U, 15U Boys Group Play	 13U, 14U, 15U Boys Group Play	 13U, 14U, 15U Rest Day (Finalists)	 13U, 14U, 15U Boys Finals

-  Older Boys
-  Younger Boys

**Final matches apply only to the Finals Bracket.*

***The above schedule is an example and subject to change.*

NATIONAL FINALS TEAM CHAMPION



FINALS BRACKET

Featuring the top two regular season teams from each group, the Finals Bracket allows teams to compete to become the Elite 64 Team Champion in each age group.

FORMAT

The Finals Bracket follows a format similar to the World Cup knockout rounds, beginning with a Round of 16, followed by Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals.

Teams who do not advance past the Round of 16 (Day 1) or Quarterfinals (Day 2) play games on the subsequent days against equivalent competition that count toward Club Champion points (giving them 3 games total).

Note: Any game with advancement implications in the Finals Bracket that ends in a tie after regulation will go straight to kicks from the mark to determine the advancing team.

FINALS BRACKET DAY-BY-DAY

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 5
Team A Team B	Quarterfinal 1 Winner A/B Winner C/D	Semifinal 1 Winner QF 1 Winner QF 2	Final Winner SF 1 Winner SF 2
Team C Team D	Quarterfinal 2 Winner E/F Winner G/H	Semifinal 2 Winner QF 3 Winner QF 4	
Team E Team F			
Team G Team H	Quarterfinal 3 Winner I/J Winner K/L		
Team I Team J	Quarterfinal 4 Winner M/N Winner O/P		
Team K Team L			
Team M Team N	<i>Teams that lost on Day 1 play against each other on Day 2 in games that count toward Club Champion point totals.</i>	<i>Teams that lost on Day 1 or Day 2 play against each other on Day 3 in games that count toward Club Champion point totals.</i>	<i>The finalists play in this Final match following a rest day on Day 4.</i>
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***The above is an example and subject to change.*



NATIONAL FINALS CLUB CHAMPION

The Club Champion recognizes the club with the best cumulative performance across all age groups at the Elite 64 National Finals. All tiers (Finals, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4) contribute to the overall Club Champion point totals — adding meaning to each game played at the Elite 64 National Finals.

FORMAT

For each game, teams can earn 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; and 0 points for a loss. Those points will be added to the Club Champion point totals.

A multiplier will be applied to points earned in each tier:

- Finals Bracket..... 4x points earned
- Tier 2..... 3x points earned
- Tier 3..... 2x points earned
- Tier 4..... 1x points earned

The multiplier gives added weight to the higher tiers and adds importance and meaning to every regular season game, as each individual spot in the group standings matters.

Once all games are complete, the overall point totals will be compiled and the club with the highest cumulative point total across all age groups will be crowned the season's Elite 64 Club Champion.

***The above information is subject to change.*





PRO SCORE

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US Youth Soccer has paid for **FREE** elite-level team analysis from our partners at ProScore following each Elite 64 game. *(Optional further charges for players)* Thanks to this working partnership, Elite 64 players get game analysis from the same professionals behind the platform that is currently being used by professional European clubs to inform coaches and scouting departments!

Through a unique categorization and scoring process, ProScore identifies the most important actions from players across all aspects of the game, including on-the-ball and off-the-ball actions. In addition to the game breakdowns, ProScore provides custom video highlights to its bank of 2,000 college coaches through proscore.soccer.

Click on the image below to view a sample video from ProScore.



Get video clips of key moments in games that highlight the positive actions of players, including intelligence, effort, link-up play, passes, shots and more.





FEATURES INCLUDE...

- Auto-generated highlights with overlays of each positive action within the game made available to college scouts (see video on previous page). *This allows college coaches to target the key moments in games, and adds efficiency and convenience to their recruiting efforts of Elite 64 players.*
- Filter clips that demonstrate particular areas of the game (positive actions, areas for development, intelligent actions, crosses and many more)
- Comparison of performance levels with other teams within Elite 64 on a match and season basis
- Expected goals (xG) progression throughout each game

In the coming weeks, you can contact ProScore representatives at info@proscore.soccer to arrange an introductory call to the platform, and to onboard your roster in preparation for the start of the Elite 64 season.



WHO IS STATSPORTS?

STATSports is the world's leading provider of athlete tracking GPS technology, partnering with 600+ elite sports teams across the globe. These clients include: USMNT, USWNT, NWSL, Brazil FA, England, Liverpool, Arsenal, Man City and the majority of MLS teams. The STATSports APEX System is a customer-driven platform, made by Sports Scientists for Sports Scientists with player welfare and progression at the forefront of our product.

HOW IT WORKS

Each Elite 64 Player will get a STATSports Vest, GPS Tracker and Apex App download. The bluetooth-enabled GPS device relies on the same core technology as the professional product but scales down the complexity to make the offering more accessible to individual athletes. Athletes have a choice of 16 metrics to track, including speed and distance, and can compare their performances across leagues and leaderboards.

PLAYER BENEFITS

Data is in the only way to monitor your physical performance, that in turn will improve your game. APEX Athlete Series will allow all players to:

- Use the same technology as the best teams in the world.
- Improve performance and reduce injury risk.
- Rank all metrics, and benchmark against the best of your age category, so you can see what is required to get to the next level.
- Get a holistic measurement of physical performance. Training and matches mean progression can be shown consistently rather than reliance on one-off “showcase” events.
- Support player résumés with this data across scouting and Talent ID programs

COACH BENEFITS

Data will be available to coaches in a more accessible way than ever before, including:

- Making players responsible for data sync to phone, which then syncs directly into Coach Series App
- Giving full oversight of squad data
- Putting no restriction on number of coaches per squad
- Making data available on PC, laptop or tablet, and exportable into Excel, csv
- Notify players of practice and matchday schedule through the app

CLUB BENEFITS

Clubs will benefit from STATSports technology with:

- A custom-built Elite 64 app
- Ability to compare against entire Elite 64 player base
- Benchmark Elite 64 players against:
 - *Men/women professionals*
 - *International players*
 - *English Premier League*
 - *NCAA*
 - *Champions League*
- USYS leaderboards by:
 - *Age, gender, position, club*
- Compare to STATSports brand ambassadors
- Elite 64 exclusive drills from English Premier League Clubs
- Hear from STATSports ambassadors
 - *Interviews*
 - *Drills*
 - *Meet and greets*
- Unique content for USYS players and wider community
 - *Fastest players*
 - *Total distance*
- Coach seminars with coaching staff from:
 - *Major League Soccer*
 - *National Women's Soccer League*
 - *English Premier League*

PLAYERS WILL IMPROVE

Regularly proven to improve player performance — use of GPS has been cited in countless scientific papers, with one independent 6-week study showing:

Max Speed +9.4%

High-Speed Running +13.6%

Intensity +12.3%

[CLICK TO VIEW A FULL OVERVIEW](#)



Through the National League’s partnership with Next College Student Athlete (NCSA), combined with integration of ProScore and STATSports data, Elite 64 players can be ensured their recruiting profiles have an unprecedented ability to give college coaches and scouts a full view of what they bring to the next level of their soccer careers.

HOW IT WORKS

NCSA brings three main components to the recruiting landscape:

- **Player Profiles** - Players can build their player profiles to showcase all their on-field and off-field accomplishments.
- **Team Edition** - Elite 64 coaches can access their players’ profiles and track activity of their players and college coaches who view their players’ profiles.
- **Coach Packet 3** - College coaches use this app to access Elite 64 schedules and player profiles, giving them all the tools they need to evaluate the Elite 64 players.

INTEGRATING STATSPORTS & PROSCORE

A collaboration between National League partners NCSA, STATSports and ProScore will seamlessly pull objective data and evaluations into the NCSA profiles for Elite 64 players.

ProScore - Scores and video highlights of in-game actions provide qualitative analysis of the technical, tactical and mental abilities of players.

STATSports - GPS performance data provides a quantitative analysis of players that highlights key metrics and how players improve over the course of a season or the course of multiple years.

WEBINARS

NCSA will provide webinars and seminars to help guide athletes through the recruiting process and make sure they take advantage of all available tools at their disposal.

CONTACT

For general questions regarding NCSA, please contact recruitinghelp@ncsasports.org.

For questions about NCSA’s Team Edition, please contact teamedition@ncsasports.org.

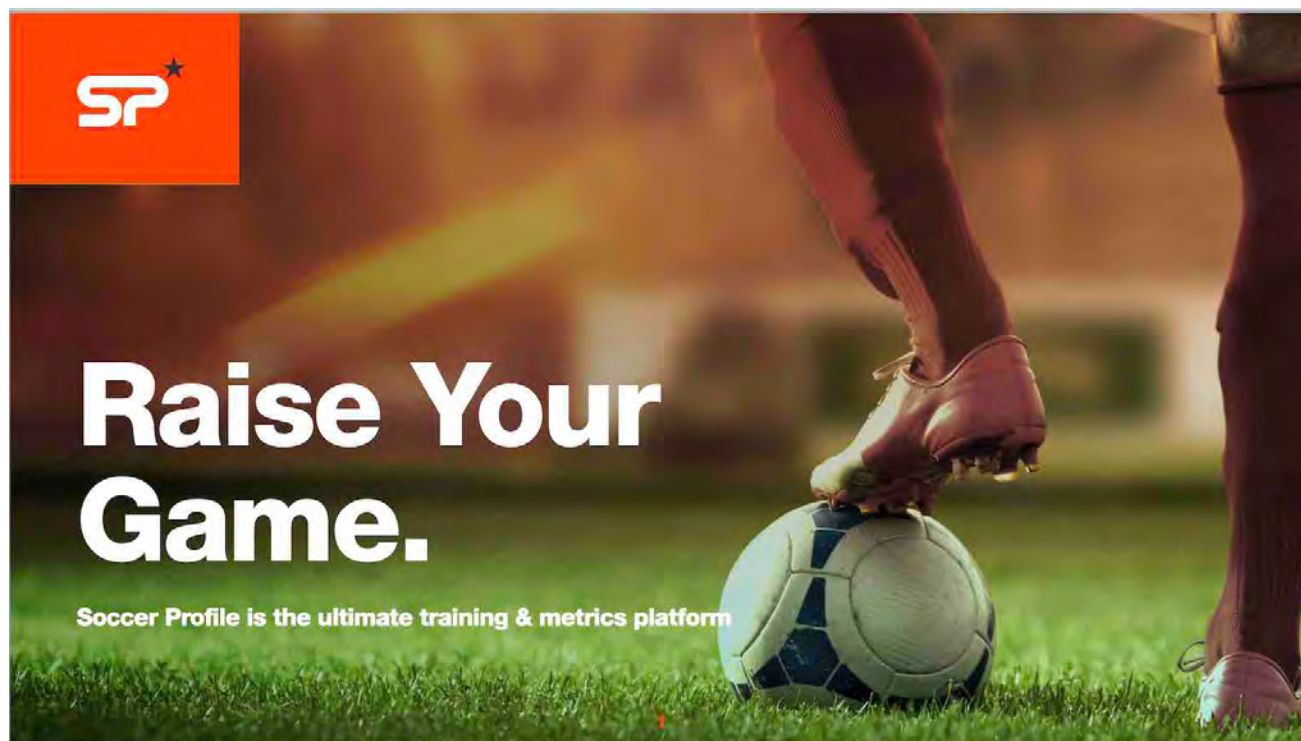
INDIVIDUAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Founded by brothers Garry Monk (former English Premier League manager) and Stuart Monk (an innovative coach and scout), Soccer Profile was launched in 2018 with subscribers to the platform now spanning six continents, from grassroots to professional academies.

Soccer Profile is a series of age-specific assessments consisting of multiple levels of difficulty, which combined with the power of the internet provides players and coaches of all ages, genders and ability an affordable opportunity to measure and support the long-term development of a player's technical and physical ability.

The platform has been endorsed by leading figures within the professional game, such as Brendan Rodgers (Leicester City FC, Manager), Roberto Martinez (Belgium National Soccer Team Manager), and Ryan Maye (Head of Coach Development at Aston Villa FC) to name a few.

If you would like further information on this platform, please contact Soccer Profile's Managing Director, Stuart Monk, via email: stuart.monk@soccer-profile.com (Subject line: 'USYS') or alternatively please visit www.soccer-profile.com.

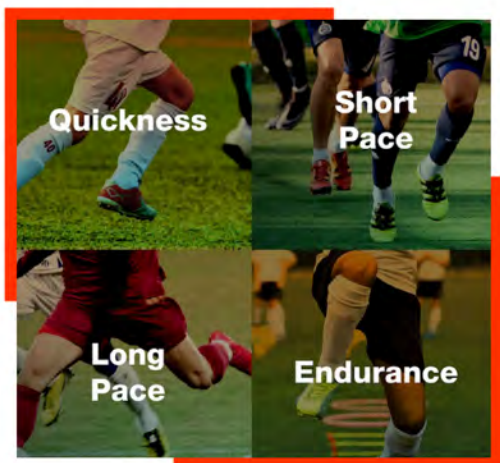


Click on the image to view the idea behind Soccer Profile

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Soccer Profile has developed four match realistic age specific technical assessments that consist of multiple levels of difficulty, aimed at challenging players through their long-term development.

Each assessment comes with a demonstration video of how the assessment should be completed, and an instructional PDF on how to set up and score the assessment.



Four physical assessments have been developed, guided by the advice and expertise of former Liverpool FC head of fitness and conditioning, Ryland Morgans.

Ryland has also provided sport science support behind the assessments to help players fully understand their physical development potential.

Click on the images below to view the benefits of each account...



Players
Individual Account Benefits

Individual Player Account Benefits



Coaches
Individual Account Benefits

Individual Coach Account Benefits



Teams & Clubs
Account Benefits

Team / Club Account Benefits

COACH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

In addition to Soccer Profile's platform, and in partnership with USYS, Soccer Profile will host a series of coach educational webinars throughout the year. These webinars will provide direct contact with high-level, well-respected professionals from around the world providing attendees with a great insight into the game.

Please find below details of confirmed presenters and titles for upcoming webinars (dates to be confirmed) that will provide continued education for coaches with a passion for learning.

Further webinars to be announced in the coming months.

Presenter: Garry Monk, Former English Premier League Player and Manager
Title: Transition from Player to Manager

Presenter: Ryan Maye, Head of Coach Development at Aston Villa FC
Title: All Things Coach Development

Presenter: Lee Dykes, Director of Recruitment at Brentford FC & FC Midtjylland
Title: All Things Recruitment

Presenter: Dave Lawrence, Director of Football at West Bromwich Albion Women FC
Title: Looking Through The Coaching Mirror

Presenter: Ryan Needs, Former English Premier League Tactical Analysis
Title: Influencing The Coaching Process



OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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US Youth Soccer recognizes the National League and Elite 64 as an official recruiting platform for the USYS Olympic Development Program.



National League events are sanctioned and work with US Youth Soccer ODP for the purpose of talent identification.

WHAT IS THE US YOUTH SOCCER OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM?

Purpose

To identify and provide opportunities for high potential players, facilitate their development, and expose them to the next level of their chosen pathway.

Goal

To be a nationally recognized youth identification and development pathway for U.S. soccer players.

How do I participate?

Contact your local USYS State Association office to find out more about getting involved with US Youth Soccer ODP.

Or, simply contact the US Youth Soccer National Office at nationaloffice@usyouthsoccer.org.

What are the benefits of participating in US Youth Soccer ODP?

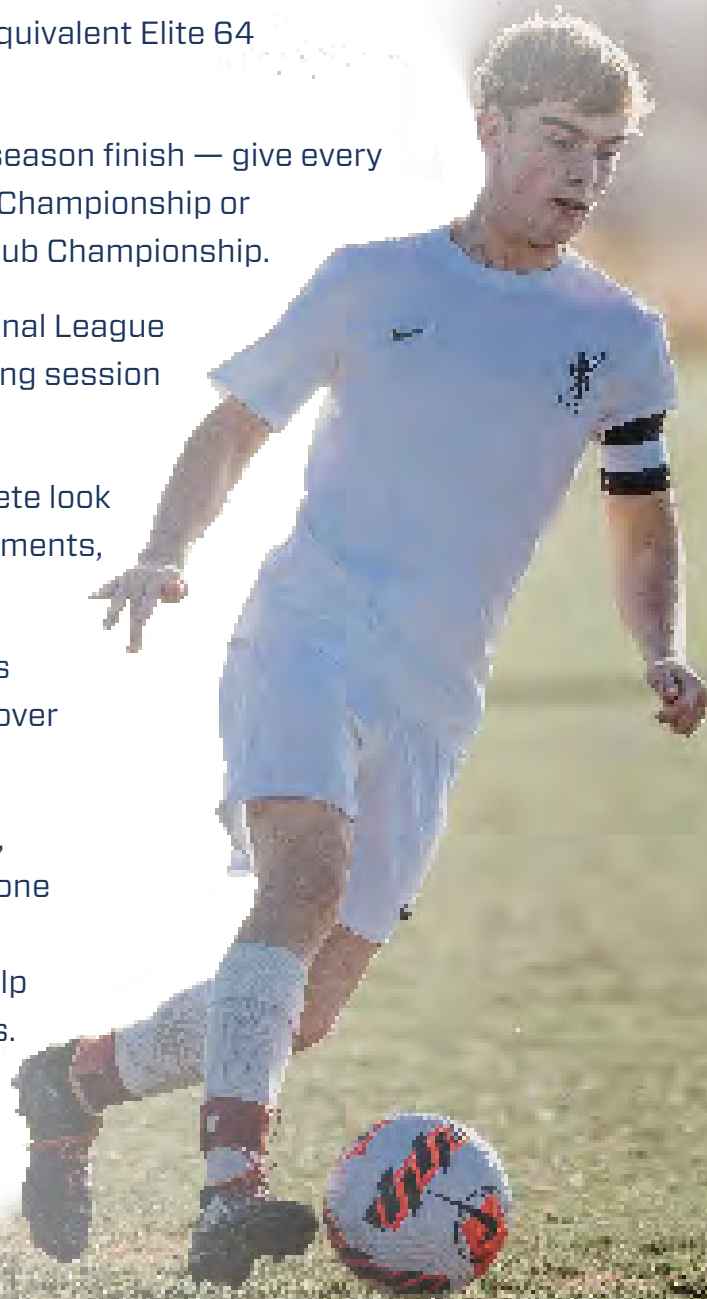
1. Development as a player. Opportunity to train & play with the best players in one's age group.
2. Quality instruction from nationally licensed coaches.
3. Quality competition. Games against other state association ODP teams.
4. Exposure to regional and national team coaches.
5. The opportunity to represent one's state, region, or country in competition.
6. Exposure to college coaches.



ADVANTAGES FOR THE PLAYER

WHAT DO I GET AS A PLAYER?

- Meaningful regular season games in a safe, high-level environment that impact placement at the Elite 64 National Finals and the ultimate race for the title of Elite 64 Club Champion.
- Highly-competitive showcase matches against equivalent Elite 64 competition from other areas of the country.
- Elite 64 National Finals that — based on regular season finish — give every team the chance to compete for either the Team Championship or contribute to their club's pursuit of the Elite 64 Club Championship.
- State-of-the-art performance analysis from National League partners that can make every league game, training session or other soccer activities a recruitable moment.
- **ProScore** - Qualitative analysis through a complete look at each game, including on-ball and off-ball movements, passing, game intelligence, tenacity, and more.
- **STATSports** - Quantitative analysis that provides unbiased performance data to track key metrics over the course of a season or multiple years.
- **NCSA** - The ability to compile all recruitable data, highlights, academic information, and more, into one profile that is accessible by college coaches. Plus, webinars with recruiting professionals to help highlight best practices for the recruiting process.



ADVANTAGES FOR THE CLUB

WHAT DO WE GET AS A CLUB?

STATSports

- Coach Series provides an intuitive custom-built app to monitor team and individual player performance in a streamlined way
- Coach education provided by professionals for Elite 64 clubs
- Discounted Elite 64 pricing for all members of the clubs, including non-Elite 64 players
- Dedicated STATSports account managers for Elite 64 clubs

ProScore

- Complete game analysis that gives a full view of players' quality of performance in all areas of the game — helping to highlight coachable moments and areas for improvement

NCSA Team Edition

- Elite 64 coaches can access their players' profiles and track activity of their players and college coaches who view their players' profiles
- NCSA webinars to help guide increase coaches and players' knowledge of best practices for the college recruiting process

And More...

- National Leaderboards highlighting standout clubs for developing the top players and those whose players are getting the most attention from professional scouts & college coaches
- National registration and administrative support from the USYS National League staff
- League management support and oversight from USYS National League staff
- Preferred pricing on co-branded field signage



REGISTRATION OVERVIEW

COACH REGISTRATION

- Registration portal through US Youth Soccer
- Background check and team assignment
- Registration reporting to the USYS State Association

TEAM REGISTRATION

- Creation of team account by GotSport
- Team naming conventions for Elite 64 will be... “**(Club Name) Elite 64 (Age)B**”
- Automatic GotSport registration into Elite 64

PLAYER REGISTRATION

- Registration portal through US Youth Soccer opens in mid-June
- Uploading player medical release
- Uploading birth certificate
- Roster to appropriate Elite 64 team
- Approved and verified by US Youth Soccer



CLUB AND TEAM REGISTRATION

1

The Elite 64 club provides director and registrar contacts.

2

GotSport creates all Elite 64 teams within the club account and assigns director and registrar to each team.

3

GotSport registers each Elite 64 team for the upcoming Elite 64 season.

4

Club registrar assigns two team officials (coach and manager) to each team in GotSport.

5

Coach, Team Manager and/or Club Registrar registers players and builds the Elite 64 team player pool in GotSport.



REGISTRATION FAQs

What is the process to register Elite 64 coaches and team officials with USYS with regards to risk management?

USYS will be conducting background checks through JDP at the registered coach's expense. Given the nature of Elite 64, JDP highly recommended the Pro Package to properly cover individuals located across the United States. The Pro Package includes:

- SSN ID Search
- JDP National Criminal Search + Developed Names – All hits confirmed at county level included
- Alternate Criminal Search – All hits confirmed at the county level included
- JDP National Sex Offender Records Search + Developed Names
- U.S. Center for SafeSport Public Facing Disciplinary Database
- County Criminal Records Search – 7-year residence history – provided name and developed names – unlimited counties
- Federal Criminal Records Search – 7-year residence history of States, including all Districts within the States – provided name and developed names

*Pro Package includes a one-time re-screen of JDP National Criminal Database and JDP National Sex Offender Records Search of 12-month anniversary of initial screen.

**Pro Package includes all applicable jurisdictional out-of-pocket fees with the exception of those that require a NYOCA search. [All New York counties that have independent county searches available will run. Counties where NYOCA is the only option, it will not be run.] The price for those Reports requiring a NYOCA search will incur an additional amount equal to the NYOCA fee, where applicable, as provided by the [JDP Platform User Guide](#).

***Pro Package is being utilized by all major national organizations.

REGISTRATION FAQs

How will parents/guardians sign the State Association Medical Release?

We will require the parent(s)/Guardians to sign a USYS Medical Release. This information will then be forwarded to the State Associations.

Who will be providing player insurance and health coverage?

The broker for player insurance and health coverage will be [Player's Health](#), which will provide...

- General Liability
- Medical
- Process for Filing Claims

How will player transfers/releases be communicated to the State Association?

Any player transfer releases must be sent to both USYS and their State Associations. Most transfer releases will need to be done in accordance with the respective State Association's rules and processes, however, Elite 64 to Elite 64 specific transfers will be handled by USYS.

When can a player be added to a club's Elite 64 player pool?

An Elite 64 club can add players to its Elite 64 player pool at any time during the seasonal year. In order to maintain the high level of competition, Elite 64 clubs may host talent identification sessions at any time during the seasonal year and recruit players from non-USYS-affiliated clubs at any time during the seasonal year.

Elite 64 does not mandate player/talent identification take place at specific times of the year.

RULES, STANDARDS & CLUB EVALUATION

RULES

Overarching rules of play are being developed by USYS with input from the Elite 64 Advisory Group.

A complete rules document is coming soon.

PROCEDURES

Procedures and processes will be developed by each Elite 64 Advisory Group, tailored to fit the needs of the member clubs.

Complete procedures documents are coming soon.

GENERAL CLUB STANDARDS

All clubs must meet the following summary of minimum standards:

- Fulfillment of the 3-year requirement for each club
- Commitment to a safe and challenging game day and environment
- Capture all league game footage and upload to Elite 64 video server
- Host club covers referee and field fees for league games
- Commitment to sportsmanship, both on and off the field

CLUB EVALUATION

Over the course of each 3-year cycle, clubs will be evaluated based upon criteria that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Administration & communication
- On-field performance
- STATSports data
- ProScore data
- Fulfilling fixtures
- Commitment to Elite 64 National Finals and showcases
- Commitment to enhancing Elite 64 events via college coach outreach

FIELD BRANDING & MARKETING

CO-BRANDED SIGNAGE ORDERS

The USYS National League provides each Elite 64 club with \$1,200 in credit (shipping not included) that can be used to make field signage purchases with ExpandaBrand ahead of the first Elite 64 season (2022-2023).



AMPLIFYING A UNIFIED MESSAGE

The USYS National League will promote Elite 64 through its digital channels (website, social media) and traditional means (media outreach). Elite 64 clubs should share and extend the outreach of any messaging to help increase the overall marketing efforts for Elite 64.

MARKETING ASSETS

The USYS National League will continue to add marketing assets to the tool kit shared with Elite 64 members clubs upon acceptance. Assets will include a variety of general graphic templates, travel/event graphics, technology partner content, and more.

For general marketing inquiries, contact Ryan Loy at rloy@usyouthsoccer.org.

ADVISORY GROUPS DIRECTORY

Each Elite 64 club has chosen a single representative to take part in Elite 64 Advisory Groups to discuss league matters and help move the league forward in a positive direction.

(The information below has been provided by each club and may not be complete.)

DESERT		
Arsenal Colorado	Dave Shaffer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director • USSF A License; USC Advanced National Diploma
Colorado Rapids Youth SC	Jair Vasquez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching • USSF A License
Phoenix Rising FC Youth	Mike Cudmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSF C License • Played indoor (CISL AZ Sandsharks & PASL AZ Inferno)
Real Colorado	Shawn Comegys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director
Real Salt Lake - Arizona	Brent Erwin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical/Executive Director
SC del Sol	Pete Leebrook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Director of Coaching • USSF A License; FA. Youth License
Sparta United Soccer Club	Marco DeRuiter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Sparta United SC • UEFA A License
Utah Soccer Alliance	Dennis Burrows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching • USSF A License

GREAT LAKES		
Beadling SC	Ron Wilcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSF C License • Pennsylvania Soccer Hall of Fame
Cincinnati United SC (CUP)	Scott Bower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director
Indiana Fire Juniors	Phil Presser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director; Sporting Director, Indy Eleven • USSF A License
Kings Hammer Academy	Daniel Ensley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy Director, KHA Bluegrass • USSF A License
Liverpool FC Int'l Academy - MI	Ben Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director • USSF A License; USC Premier Diploma
Michigan Jaguars FC	James Renton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching • USSF B License
Michigan Tigers	Barry Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching • USSF A License; USC Advanced National Diploma
Ohio Galaxies FC	Nancy Shields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Operations

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MIDWEST

Chicago FC United	Andrew Parry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Soccer Operations USSF A License; USC Premier Diploma
FC 1974 Libertyville	Srgjan Smileski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Coaching USSF B License; USC DOC Diploma
Galaxy Soccer Club	Brett Strang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director USSF A License
Madison 56ers SC	Tony Wright	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Coaching USSF A License
Rockford Raptors FC	Frank Mateus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Coaching
SC Wave	Shan Amini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director of Soccer Operations
Sporting Blue Valley	Gareth Hughes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director USSF C License
Toca FC	Matt Gow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Executive Director

NORTHEAST

Boston Bolts	Brian Ainscough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Executive Officer
Cedar Stars Academy	Kieran Patrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Coaching
Coppermine SC	Yassine Iguidre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Boys Soccer
Long Island Slammers	Tommy Lips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Manager
Players Development Academy	Brian Grazier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Director, PDA Hibernian Coached 2014 USSF U18 DA National Champions
Phila Ukrainian Nationals	Dan Harmon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Soccer
Princeton Soccer Academy	Ollie Hilliker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director
STA	Matty Farrell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director of Coaching UEFA A License

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NORTHWEST

Boise Timbers	Gavin Kempe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director • USSF A License
NorCal Surf Soccer Club		
Oregon Premier Football Club	Alex Hockborn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy Director
Rush Select Idaho	Jens Haustein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director
Seattle United	Kyle Rodeheaver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching
Washington Premier FC	Kevin Skinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys and Girls Director • USSF A License (in progress); USC Premier Diploma

PACIFIC

AYSO United	Artur Jozkowicz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching
CDA Slammers FC	Alex Camargo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director • USSF C License
East County Surf	Jason Aldous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director of Football • USSF C License; USC National Diploma
Laguna United SC	Sam Nicholson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching
Las Vegas Surf SC	Boris Gujic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching
LAUFA	Jose Aguilar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSF C License; UEFA B License
Legends FC	Neil Powell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USSF A License
Los Angeles Soccer Club	Brian Waltrip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director/Technical Director • USSF A License; UEFA A License
Strikers FC North	Steven McManus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director

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SOUTH

Cap City SC	Kai Gockell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director
FC Westlake	Andy McClelland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching, Elite/Competitive
Lobos Rush	Mark Forrest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Director
Locomotive FC	Andrew Forrest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Manager
Renegades Soccer Club	Glen Waudby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director of Coaching & Operations • UEFA B License, USC Premier Diploma
Rush Select South	Michael Ritch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Technical Director
Tigres SA	Mariano Lobos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer Operation Consultant

SOUTHEAST

AFC Lightning	Jon Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Director of Coaching
Charlotte Soccer Academy	Brad Wylde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director • UEFA A License
Concorde Fire	Ken Kurilec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director
IMG Academy	Joe Walejko	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Manager of Soccer, IMG Academy • USSF C License
Jacksonville FC	Tommy Krizanovic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Technical Director
North Carolina FC Youth	Rich Flaim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Director
Orlando City Seminole	David Dir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director
Southern Soccer Academy	Gareth Evans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Coaching • USSF A License; UEFA B License
United Futbol Academy	Bryan Waltenburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branch Director, UFA Norcross • USSF A License

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