



# FC PRIDE & FORT WAYNE UNITED

## THE ECNL





THE ELITE CLUBS NATIONAL LEAGUE WAS FOUNDED TO PROVIDE A TOP CLASS, CLUB-BASED DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND COMPETITION PLATFORM FOR YOUTH FEMALE & MALE SOCCER PLAYERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE MISSION OF THE ECNL IS TO IMPROVE THE LANDSCAPE FOR PLAYERS IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH INNOVATIVE, PLAYER-CENTERED PROGRAMMING THAT RAISES STANDARDS OF QUALITY AND IMPROVES THE PLAYER EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE GAME.



# 2016 ECNL COLLEGE IMPACT (POWER 5)

ECNL ALUMS IN ACC, BIG 10, BIG 12,  
PAC-12, & SEC

49

49 OF 58 ALL-  
FRESHMAN PLAYER  
HONORS

15

PLAYER OF YEAR  
AWARDS (O-POY, D-  
POY, MVP)

147

ALL-CONFERENCE  
HONORS

1,108

ECNL ALUMS ON  
2016 POWER 5  
ROSTERS

5

FRESHMAN PLAYER  
OF THE YEAR  
AWARD IN EVERY  
CONFERENCE

78

ECNL ALUMS  
ROSTERED IN NCAA  
COLLEGE CUP



# 2016 ECNL COLLEGE IMPACT (ALL DIVISION 1)

ECNL ALUMS IN ALL DIVISION 1  
CONFERENCES

150

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM  
HONORS

3,987

ECNL ALUMS ON  
2016 ROSTERS

58

PLAYER OF YEAR  
AWARDS (O-POY, D-  
POY, MVP)

15

FRESHMAN PLAYER  
OF THE YEAR  
AWARDS

160

ALL-CONFERENCE 1st  
TEAM HONORS

187

ALL-CONFERENCE 2nd,  
3rd, HM TEAM HONORS



# ECNL COLLEGE IMPACT

92% of the Class of 2017 will be moving on to play at the collegiate level

**3,900 ECNL Alums in Division I this past fall**

78 ECNL Alums on the final four teams  
in 2016 Women's College Cup Final Four

**ECNL Class of 2017  
Collegiate Soccer Players:  
1,409**



ECNL Class of 2016 accounted for 49  
of the 58 total 2016 All-Freshman  
honors in the Power 5

**2016 Champion USC Trojans  
featured 22 ECNL Alums**

30 of the 40 2017 NWSL draftees were ECNL Alums

**ECNL Class of 2016 Collegiate Soccer Players: 1,224**



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**INNOVATION**

**RESPECT for  
DIVERSITY**

**OPPORTUNITY**

**DEVELOPMENT**

**EXCELLENCE**

**Through player-centered programming**

*A constant focus on raising standards in all aspects of the game*

**Through unique member clubs**

*Diverse styles, systems and structures; unified vision and philosophy*

**Through exposure and showcasing**

*A path to college and beyond*

**Through the daily environment**

*Coaching development, club development, referee development, player development*

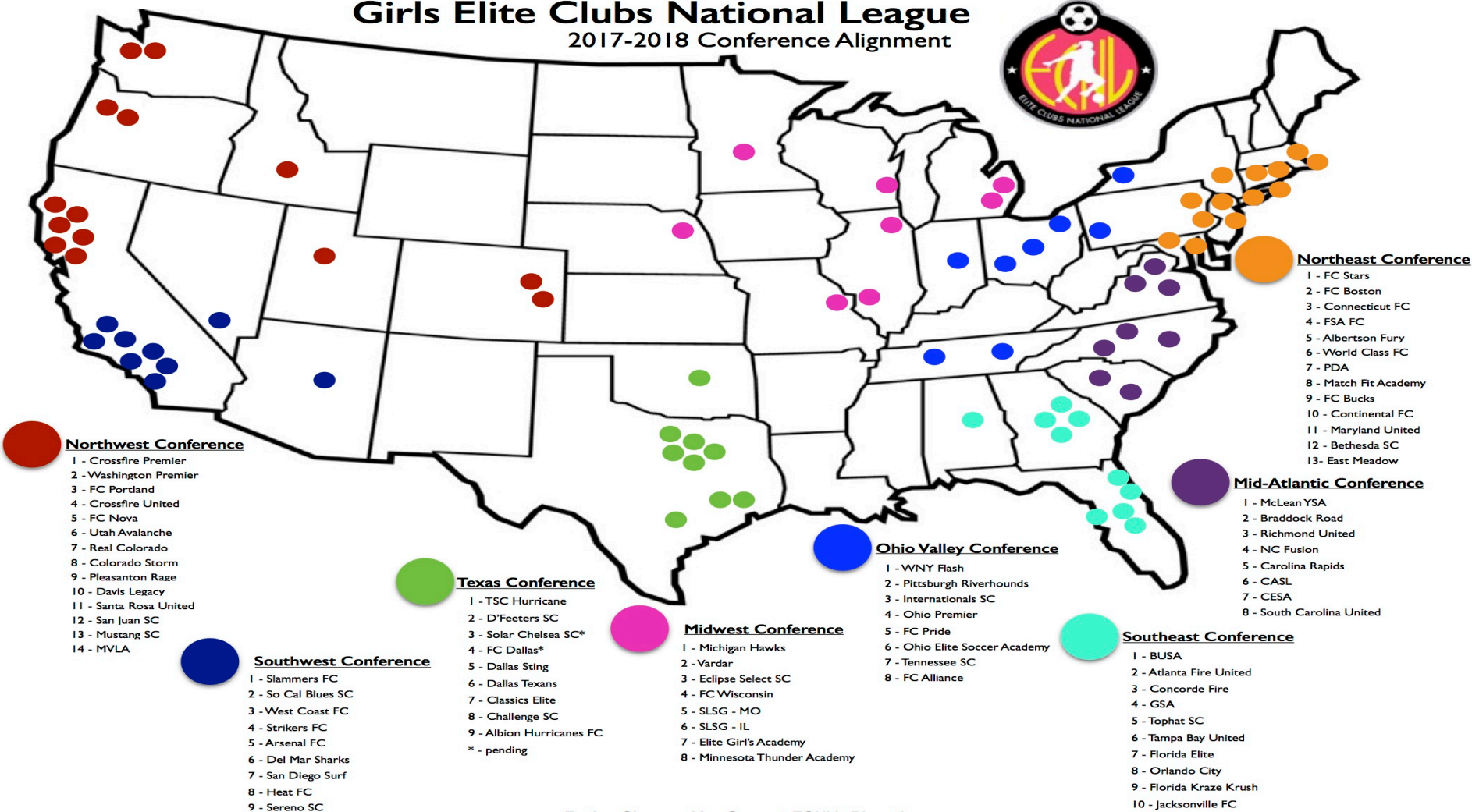
**Across the youth experience**

*The ECNL look, feel, and experience*



# Girls Elite Clubs National League

## 2017-2018 Conference Alignment

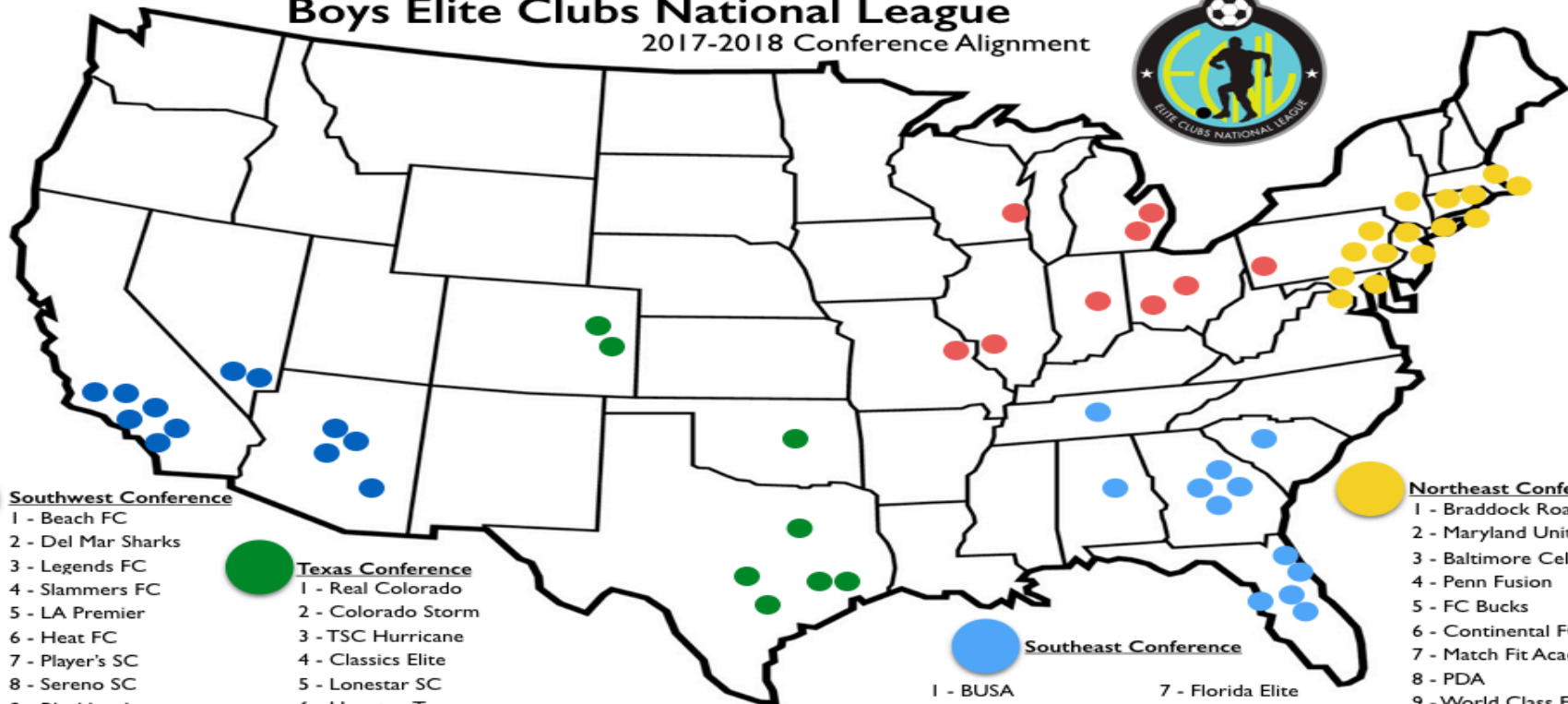


Further Changes May Occur at ECNL's Discretion



# Boys Elite Clubs National League

2017-2018 Conference Alignment



## Southwest Conference

- 1 - Beach FC
- 2 - Del Mar Sharks
- 3 - Legends FC
- 4 - Slammers FC
- 5 - LA Premier
- 6 - Heat FC
- 7 - Player's SC
- 8 - Sereno SC
- 9 - Blackhawks
- 10 - West Coast FC
- 11 - Arizona Arsenal
- 12 - Tuscon SA

## Texas Conference

- 1 - Real Colorado
- 2 - Colorado Storm
- 3 - TSC Hurricane
- 4 - Classics Elite
- 5 - Lonestar SC
- 6 - Houston Texans
- 7 - Albion Hurricanes
- 8 - Liverpool FC - Dallas

## Midwest Conference

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 - SLSG - MO                 | 6 - Ohio Premier           |
| 2 - SLSG - IL                 | 7 - Vardar                 |
| 3 - FC Pride                  | 8 - Michigan Wolves        |
| 4 - Ohio Elite Soccer Academy | 9 - Pittsburgh Riverhounds |
| 5 - FC Wisconsin              |                            |

## Southeast Conference

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - BUSA                | 7 - Florida Elite        |
| 2 - Atlanta Fire United | 8 - Orlando City         |
| 3 - Concorde Fire       | 9 - Florida Kraze Krush  |
| 4 - GSA                 | 10 - Jacksonville Armada |
| 5 - CESA                | 11 - Tampa Bay United    |
| 6 - NASA Tophat SC      | 12 - Tennessee SC        |

## Northeast Conference

- 1 - Braddock Road
- 2 - Maryland United
- 3 - Baltimore Celtic
- 4 - Penn Fusion
- 5 - FC Bucks
- 6 - Continental FC
- 7 - Match Fit Academy
- 8 - PDA
- 9 - World Class FC
- 10 - East Meadow SC
- 11 - Albertson Fury
- 12 - FSA FC
- 13 - Connecticut FC
- 14 - FC Boston
- 15 - FC Stars



# COMPETITION (Conference)

## Girls Conference Games

- Vs. Internationals, Ohio Premier, Ohio Elite, Pittsburgh Rivershounds, WNY Flash, Tennessee Soccer Club, FC Alliance (Home and Away)

## Boys Conference Games

- Vs. Scott Gallagher (MO), Scott Gallagher (IL), Eclipse Select, FC Wisconsin (Home and Away)
- Vs. Ohio Elite, Ohio Premier, Michigan Wolves, Vardar, Pittsburgh Rivershounds (Home or Away)



# COMPETITION (Showcases)

## Girls Showcases

- ECNL Sanford (FL) – January
- ECNL Texas (TX) – February
- ECNL New Jersey (NJ) - May

## Boys Showcases

- ECNL Sanford (FL) – January
- ECNL San Diego (CA) – April
- ECNL Philly (PA) - May



# WHY THE FC PRIDE/FWU PARTNERSHIP?

- TRUST/OPEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CLUBS
- PHILOSOPHY/DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING PARALLELS
- ACCESS TO ECNL FOR PLAYERS IN THE FW AREA WHERE THERE IS NO ECNL/DA
- LOW COST MODEL FOR FWU PLAYERS THAT ARE SELECTED
- ABILITY FOR PLAYERS TO PLAY ECNL IN ADDITION TO MRL/STATE CUP
- CONSTANT EVALUATION/IDENTIFICATION, NO DEADLINE



# WHY THE ECNL?

## Restrictions

ECNL – No High School restrictions

DA - No High School Soccer for players born in 2001 and younger

## Fees

ECNL Lower Club Fee **vs.** Development Academy Cost = \$5,500

## Substitution Policy

ECNL - familiar substitution rules, open in showcases vs

DA - FIFA Substitution policy (3 stoppages, max of 5 substitutions, no re-entry)

## Travel

ECNL – Conference realignment set to reduce travel

DA - Potential single game weekends, despite the travel distance (New York x 2 and Minnesota)



# FC PRIDE ECNL NON HIGH SCHOOL SEASON (U15-U19)

FC Pride Soccer Club will offer an **OPTIONAL** developmental focused Fall Season program for those players who want to opt out of High School Soccer.

- Optional for all ECNL players
- Coached by FC Pride ECNL Staff
- Season will run August-October (OP Invitational & FC Pride Cup)
- Will attend non ECNL events



# A STRONGER FUTURE FOR THE ECNL

- 85% of ECNL members returning for 2017/2018 with only 13 clubs declining membership renewal

## ECNL CLUBS DECLINED USDA MEMBERSHIP/APP

Challenge SC  
Dallas Sting  
Tulsa Hurricanes  
Albion Hurricanes  
Match Fit Academy  
Heat SC  
FC Portland  
Ohio Premier  
Ohio Elite

GSA  
FSA  
Strikers FC  
Mustang SC  
Western NY Flash  
Sereno SC  
CASL  
FC Bucks  
Arsenal FC

Connecticut FC  
Jacksonville Arm.  
Minnesota Thunder  
McLean SC  
East Meadow  
Richmond United  
Albertson Fury  
Scott Gallagher MO  
Scott Gallagher IL

