



Appendix 1: Competition Rule Supplement

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National Premier League: Great Lakes Alliance Scope and Order of Precedence:

The rules in this Appendix 1 "Competition Rule Supplement" are supplemental rules, that are specific or unique to the Great Lakes Alliance National Premier League (GLA) designated above. In the event of a conflict between the rules in this Appendix 1 and rules in the base NPL Competition Rules and Regulations, this Appendix shall prevail for this National Premier League.

Rule Changes:

With respect to the National Premier League designated above, the following rules shall replace the rules in the NPL Competition Rules and Regulations document with respect to this NPL.

Bracket Freeze Dates

Any Bracket changes after July 15th for U10 to U14 prior to scheduling will be a \$500 fee.

Any Bracket changes after October 1st for U15 to U19 prior to scheduling will be a \$500 fee.

All games must be scheduled (time and location) by the deadline provided by the GLA.

The deadline for the 2025-2026 season is as follows;

U10 to U14 - All games Fall and Spring must be scheduled and reported to the GLA no later than Sept. 15, 2025

U15 to U19 - All games must be scheduled and reported to the GLA no later than December 1, 2025

Schedule Freeze Dates

Fall Schedule: Frozen on September 15

Games Scheduled to be played before Dec. 31, 2025 must be agreed and entered before this date.

Spring Schedule: Frozen on February 15

Games Scheduled to be played after January 1, 2026 must be agreed and entered before this date.

Game Change Policy

After schedules are frozen, both teams must agree on any game changes. All changes must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the scheduled match. Game Change Fee: \$50 per game.

Cancellations or No-Shows

1. A team cancelling a game under 14 days will be assessed a \$250 fee and will also be liable for any field rental cost as well as referee fees).
2. A team cancelling a game within 72 hours of the match will be assessed a \$500 fee and will also be liable for any field rental cost as well as referee fees.
3. A team cancelling a game within 48 hours of the match will be assessed a \$750 fee and will also be liable for any field rental cost as well as referee fees.
4. A team cancelling a game within 24 hours of the match or is a No-Show will be assessed a \$1000 fee and will also be liable for any field rental cost as well as referee fees. This match will be considered a forfeit. Payment

Reminder

All fees must be paid in full before the schedule is updated.

Weather Postponements

In case of weather or field closure, the home team must reschedule. The league must be notified on the day of postponement. Both teams must agree on a new date, time, and location. If not rescheduled within 10 days, each team will be charged \$125. If one of the teams is non-responsive to rescheduling the match, that team will be responsible for the \$250.

Teams unwilling or unable to attend games will be fined and may be removed from GLA. Any unplayed games will be documented by league officials and may result in a club being removed from GLA. An unplayed game is a game that is not able to be rescheduled for reasons that are uncontrollable by the club. An unplayed game is not automatically a forfeit.

Play-Offs and Finals Commitment. All clubs participating in the NPL are required to complete all scheduled competitions for which they are scheduled or for which they qualify in the post-season, including without limitation participation in post-season play-offs and the NPL Finals. Not participating in the GLA Playoffs or the NPL Finals may result in a 1-year suspension to the GLA.

All GLA leagues, ECNL RL, GLA_NPL, GLA_Premier, MDL_NPL, pre-ECNL, and Ohio River Leagues are all sanctioned by US Club.

A player is limited to playing for a single US Club Soccer club during a seasonal year.

NPL Game Day Roster. A maximum of eighteen (18) NPL Registered Players from a NPL Team's NPL Roster will be eligible for each game in NPL Competition (the "NPL Game Day Roster"). If more than eighteen (18) NPL Registered Players appear on a NPL Roster, the "active" players for the NPL Competition must be identified on the NPL Game Report. An NPL Game Day Roster may include NPL Registered Players from any age group for which the player is age eligible.

As a US Club Sanctioned league, all teams must have their Official US Club roster, US Club soccer passes for its players and team officials with photos as well as a completed game card from GotSport at each match.

All matches will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game except unlimited substitution is permitted during the regular season. Substitutions will be limited in the GLA Playoffs. Substitutions are to be made in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

Substitutions for GLA 10U and 12U Semi-Final or Final Competition will be played with unlimited substitution.

Substitutions for GLA_NPL Semi-Final or Final Competition. Once a GLA_NPL Registered Player is substituted in one half of any GLA_NPL Semi-Final or Final Competition, such GLA_NPL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the duration of the half. Once an GLA_NPL Registered Player is substituted in one period of overtime of any GLA_NPL Semi-Final or Final Competition, such GLA_NPL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the duration of such overtime. There shall be a maximum of seven (7) substitutions in any half or in any overtime period of any GLA_NPL Semi-Final or Final Competition.

The winning team is responsible for reporting game scores. In the event of a tie, the responsibility belongs to the home team.

All players 13U and older are limited to 1 game a day. Once a player enters a game, that is the only game he or she may play that day.

A player within your club may play on both an NPL and Premier level team in the same age group. However, if your club has 2 teams in the same age group division (NPL or Premier), a player may not play for more than one team in the same age division any time during the season. (Remember, players are still limited to one game in each day.)

Younger Players Playing Up. A NPL Registered Player may play for any NPL Team in the NPL Club for which the player is age eligible. However, each player is limited to only 1 match per day.

Player Transfers. A NPL Registered Player may not play for more than one GLA_NPL Club during the GLA_NPL Season, unless the following conditions are satisfied: (i) the Director of Coaching of both the prior GLA_NPL Club and the proposed new GLA_NPL Club consent to the transfer in writing; (ii) the new GLA_NPL Club has an available spot on a GLA_NPL Roster; and (iii) the GLA_NPL General Manager consents to such transfer in writing (such player referred to as a “Transferred Player”). A Transferred Player shall be removed from the NPL Roster(s) of the “old” GLA_NPL Club.

All NPL Rules as well as rules unique to the GLA as described in this document, apply to the NPL Division as well as the Premier Division.

Game Length. NPL Regular Season Competitions shall be played with the following game lengths:

- 10U: 2 x 30 minutes
- 11U: 2 x 30 minutes
- 12U: 2 x 30 minutes
- 13U: 2 x 40 minutes
- 14U: 2 x 40 minutes
- 15U: 2 x 40 minutes
- 16U: 2 x 40 minutes
- 17U: 2 x 45 minutes
- 18U: 2 x 45 minutes

New for the 2025-2026 Season – Home Team is responsible for all referee fees.

Below is the minimum referee payscale.

<u>GLA Referee Fees for 2025-2026</u>		Center	A/R	A/R	Total
10U 1 Referee	30 Minute Halves 7v7	\$60			\$60.00
11U-12U	30 Minute Halves 9v9	\$70	\$45	\$45	\$160.00
13U-14U	40 Minute Halves 11v11	\$80	\$50	\$50	\$180.00
15U-16U	40 Minute Halves 11v11	\$90	\$55	\$55	\$200.00
17U-19U	45 Minute Halves 11v11	\$100	\$65	\$65	\$230.00

Overtime (if needed): No overtime will be played except for GLA semi-finals and finals. When an overtime period is required for 10U through 12U playoffs, overtimes will be 2 5-minute halves (five minutes between halves) and then, if necessary, kicks from the mark. When an overtime period is required for 13U and older, it shall consist of two 10-minute halves (five minutes between halves) and then, if necessary, kicks from the mark.

Failure to complete league schedule -\$100 for the first game per club and \$250 for each additional game.

Cancelled Competitions. If a GLA_NPL Competition is suspended by weather and at least the first half was played, the game will be considered a full game. If any GLA_NPL Competition is cancelled, the participating clubs shall attempt to reschedule the GLA_NPL Competition. If the participating clubs cannot agree on a reschedule date, the GLA General Manager shall determine if and how such GLA Competition shall be rescheduled. If the GLA General Manager finds that it is impossible to reschedule such cancelled GLA_NPL Competition, the GLA_NPL Competition shall be considered a non-played game, and neither team shall be awarded any points. In the event that any games are cancelled, the GLA General Manager shall alter the method by which GLA_NPL standings are determined for impacted age groups (for example to change to a point-per-games basis)

Deadline for Regular Season Competitions. All regular season NPL Competitions must be played by May 24, 2026 of the GLA_NPL Season. The GLA_NPL Administrator may extend this date under extreme circumstances at the GLA_NPL Administrator's sole discretion.

GROUND FOR TERMINATION. Great Lakes Alliance Member Clubs or teams may have their Membership in Great Lakes Alliance terminated for failure to pay its financial obligations to Great Lakes Alliance timely, willful disregard of the Great Lakes Alliance Rules and Policies, conduct which is adverse to the best interests of soccer or Great Lakes Alliance, or other unlawful conduct.