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**ECNL BOYS ANNOUNCES NEW ECNL REGIONAL LEAGUE - GREAT LAKES ALLIANCE  
IN OHIO VALLEY**

**RICHMOND, VA (May 13, 2022)** – ECNL Boys is excited to announce the launch of the new ECNL Regional League - Great Lakes Alliance (GLA) for the 2022-23 season with 16 clubs from Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Western New York.

“The development of an ECNL Regional League in the Ohio Valley has been a priority for us during this past year, in response to both strong desires of our member clubs for additional competition and from quality clubs performing in the GLA to have an established pathway to ECNL,” said ECNL Boys Commissioner Jason Kutney. “Partnering with the Great Lakes Alliance allows us to align more clubs and leadership within the ECNL and US Club Soccer pyramid and to provide more players with tremendous experience and opportunities throughout their youth careers.”

“The primary reason for creating the Great Lakes Alliance was to produce a predictable and logical next-step environment focused on the players and their development,” added Ed Bernstein, Great Lakes Alliance League Executive Director. “We are very excited about the new opportunities that the ECNL Regional League - Great Lakes Alliance creates for our clubs and players.”

The 16 clubs competing in the ECNL Regional League - Great Lakes Alliance are as follows:

- Barca Academy Columbus (Columbus, OH)
- Blast FC Soccer Academy (Columbus, OH)
- Cincinnati Elite FC (Cincinnati, OH)
- Cleveland Force (Cleveland, OH)
- Club Ohio (Dublin, OH)
- Flash Central (Rochester, NY)
- Kings Hammer (Covington, KY)
- Louisville City (Louisville, KY)

- Michigan Wolves (Livonia, MI)
- Nationals SC (Detroit, MI)
- Ohio Elite SA (West Chester, OH)
- Ohio Premier (Dublin, OH)
- Pittsburgh Riverhounds (Pittsburgh, PA)
- SCS United (Pittsburgh, PA)
- SPIRE FC (Geneva, OH)
- WNY Flash (Buffalo, NY)

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### **About the ECNL:**

The ECNL is the nation's leading youth soccer development platform. The ECNL respects and celebrates the unique individuality of every youth soccer player and club, supporting and enabling them to unleash their unfettered passion and fierce tenacity in striving to achieve their potential.

The ECNL's mission to Raise the Game is a total commitment to create the best possible environment for players, coaches, referees and administrators, with a determination to constantly question convention and challenge the status quo in youth sports.

The ECNL Commitment:

We will lead, set our eyes on new horizons, and pursue them relentlessly. Born out of the belief in a better way. Continued in the ever-evolving pursuit of excellence.

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