



## Register now for National League Showcase Series and National League Playoffs

**FRISCO, Texas (Aug. 7, 2020)** — The team registration period is now open for the 2020-2021 US Youth Soccer National League Showcase Series, as well as the USYS National League Playoffs. Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020.

The National League Showcase Series is open to USYS National League Conferences' teams in the 14U-19U Boys and Girls age groups. Each showcase offers a unique opportunity for teams to compete within a national platform that provides diverse cross-Conference matchups against teams from differing parts of the country.

Taking place alongside select Showcase Series events, the [National League Playoffs will feature teams in the 14U-19U Boys and Girls age groups](#) who previously qualified to compete based on recent league performances. The Playoffs provide these participating teams with a chance to qualify for the 2021 USYS National Championships.

For each event, there is a single application form that can be filled out by any team interested in participating in that event. For events that include both showcase games and playoff games, teams in both formats will fill out the same form.

### National League Showcase Series

Teams interested in competing in any one of the National League Showcase Series events can access the application by [clicking here](#) and selecting the appropriate link next to their preferred event. Dates, locations and attending age groups for each event are provided on that webpage.

Each team should apply for only their top choice of event. While filling out the application form, there will be options to select preferred backup events and to note if the team wishes to attend multiple showcases.

The Showcase Series will feature all 14U-19U teams in the top divisions of the National League Conferences. Teams in other divisions of the Conferences, as well as [non-Conference teams](#), are also welcome to apply. Teams will be evaluated and accepted to each showcase event, based on event availability.

Teams will be notified at or around the end of the registration period if they are accepted to participate in a showcase, and will be informed of the event to which they are assigned.

### National League Playoffs

Each team that has accepted a spot in the 2020-21 National League Playoffs must fill out a registration form for its previously determined event. Teams can access the forms by [clicking here](#) and choosing the link next to their specific event. When filling out the form, there is a designated spot for teams competing in the Playoffs to note they have been accepted to participate in the Playoffs.

Any team that is competing in the Playoffs, and is also interested in playing in the showcase portion of a separate event, can note that fact on their registration form.

*Please note: All [Playoff spots](#) have been filled and participating teams were notified prior to the start of this registration period. Should any Playoff spot become open, USYS will contact the next eligible team to fill that spot.*

Any questions regarding the registration process for the National League Showcase Series or the National League Playoffs can be directed to [nationalleague@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:nationalleague@usyouthsoccer.org).

**About the US Youth Soccer National League:** The restructured USYS National League operates its primary league play across 13 Conferences that operate at a multi-state tier and provide high-level competition at a targeted local level, as well as a pathway for advancement into the regional and national stages of the USYS National Championship Series. The new National League Showcase Series and National League Playoffs represent the national tier of the National League, providing a platform for teams to compete in cross-conference matches.

For more information on the National League and each of its competitions, including the National League Showcase Series and the National League Playoffs, [click here](#).

**Please note:** *For the 2020-21 youth soccer season, players born on or after Jan. 1, 2001 will be eligible to compete in the 19U age group in US Youth Soccer competitions. This one-year change is in place to allow players to participate in one additional year of eligibility due to the missed programming as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.*