



**LEAGUE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

USYS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PATHWAY

2022-2023 SEASONAL YEAR

USYS League Championship Overview



USYS League Championship Benefits

The USYS League Championship platform provides EPYSA member clubs and teams with a direct pathway to the USYS Eastern Regional Championships while maintaining the league's commitment to high-quality, competitively-appropriate games with reasonable travel and cost.

DIRECT REGIONAL PATHWAY

The USYS League Championship platform provides APL teams the opportunity to **qualify for regional level play through their local league.**

LOWER COST

APL continues to offer a **quality league experience at a reasonable cost.** With the League Championship platform, teams can gain still access to the USYS Eastern Regional Championships while spending thousands less in league fees.

LESS TRAVEL

Teams competing at the regional level usually spend hours traveling to and from games. With this new platform, teams can gain **access to same regional pathway with less overall travel.**

MORE CHOICE

High-school aged teams struggle with balancing high school soccer with a competitive club schedule. We help alleviate this pressure by allowing U15-19 teams choose their schedule. We **build a custom schedule** that both satisfies their desire to earn at spot at the regional level while also **helping teams manage their overall player output.**

MORE FLEXIBILITY

For U13-19 teams, we give teams **early access to schedule games through our online platform that best fits their team needs.**

USYS League Championship (LC) Pathway

**APL SUPER GROUP DIVISION
WINTER 2022 - SPRING 2023**

U13-19 APL Super Group division winners move on to compete at the League Championship Playoff. For the 2022-23 seasonal year, Super Group play with occur during the winter / spring season only.

**USYS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP (LC) PLAYOFF
~LATE MAY 2023**

U13-19 winners from each participating league meet for League Championship (LC) Playoff. The current participating leagues are NCSL, CCL, Long Island Junior Soccer League (LIJSL), and Atlantic Premier Soccer League (APL). The winner moves on to Eastern Regional Championships.

**USYS EASTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
~LATE JUNE 2023**

USYS League Championship (LC) playoff winner joins State Cup winners & USYS Conference winners to compete for the USYS Eastern Regional Champion crown.

**USYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
~LATE JULY 2023**

The (4) Regional Champions, including the Eastern Region Champion, compete for the USYS National Champion crown.

U13-U19 Super Group Timeline

FALL 2022 SEASON

The top (1) finisher in Fall 2022 Division (U13-U14) automatically qualify for the Winter 2022 / Spring 2023 Super Group. To be considered, a team must play in their state's USYS State Cup. See FAQ section for more details.

LATE FALL 2022

Between the Summer 2022 and Fall 2022 seasons, teams submit applications to the Super Group. Any team within an EPYSA member club may apply, regardless of league. The application deadline is October 31, 2022.

The APL Committee will review applications and notify teams of their Super Group status by mid/late November.

WINTER/SPRING 2022-23 SEASON

Teams selected to their respective age group's Super Group will compete in Winter / Spring 2022 Division. Super Group winner goes to League Championship playoff in late May.

U13-U19 Super Group Structure

WINTER 2022 / SPRING 2023 SUPER GROUP

- Super Group will only occur during winter / spring season.
- Super Group games will be played within Division 1.
- Super Group will consist of no more than 10 teams.

U13 / U14 AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS*

APL Fall 2022 Division 1
ICSL Fall 2022 Elite Division (Top Division)



AT-LARGE BIDS*

Applications accepted for any team within USYSA club, regardless of league (APL, ICSL, LVYSL, GA, ECNL, etc.)

*If teams apply and must participate in USYS State Cup

FAQs

- **Q | What is the Super Group cost?**
A | U13/U14: The fee is \$400
U15-U19: The fee is \$750
- **Q | What does the Super Group fee cover?**
A | This fee covers the league's basic expense to participate in the League Championship pathway. It also covers the Super Group winner's entry fee to the League Championship playoff and USYS Easter Regional Championships (if they advance).
- **Q | How do you choose Super Group teams?**
A | Teams are selected based on their league and tournament results.
- **Q | Does a team need to play USYS State Cup to be considered?**
A | Yes, a team must play in the current year state-sanctioned USYS State Cup to be considered.
- **Q | Can any team apply to the Super Group?**
A | Any team within an EPYSA member club can apply regardless of league.
- **Q | What if my team is not accepted into the Super Group?**
A | Teams not accepted are strongly encouraged to still play in the league divisional format.

FAQs

- **Q** | When is the registration deadline to apply to Super Group?

A | The deadline is the by October 31.

- **Q** | Is this pathway for both boys and girls?

A | Yes, this pathway is for both boys and girls teams.

- **Q** | What are the roster restrictions during APL and League Championship playoffs?

A | For APL Super Group play, teams will abide by APL rules. For APL games, teams are allowed unlimited club pass players per game. For League Championship playoff games, Super Group winning teams abide by USYS National Championship rules.

*If you have any additional questions, please contact Joe Levan, APL Executive Director, at jlevan@sidelinesoccersolutions.com