



## ECNL Player Identification Program Summary

**Objective:** The objectives of the ECNL Player Identification Program (the “Player ID Program”) are: (i) to identify those players competing in the ECNL with the potential ability to participate in US Soccer Youth National Teams; (ii) to provide opportunities for these identified players to compete and train with other elite players in front of US Soccer National Staff; and (iii) to measure and track the performance of identified players over time.

### **Player ID Program Assumptions:**

- Players are most comfortable playing in their “regular” environment – with the coaches and teammates that they train with on a regular basis. On average, evaluating a player in her regular environment will provide a more accurate assessment of the player’s ability level than an evaluation obtained while the player is in an unfamiliar environment.
- The feedback and information provided by the “every-day” coaches of a player is usually the most accurate source of information regarding the player’s ability level, personality, and potential. As such, the opinions and feedback of these coaches must be solicited when evaluating their players in order to obtain a complete profile.
- The performance of players should be tracked and monitored over time to insure accurate evaluations are obtained and to measure improvements and drops in form.

### **Responsibilities of Participants in the Player ID Program:**

**ECNL Member Clubs:** At every ECNL event at which an ECNL Member Club participates, each ECNL Member Club will be required to provide 1 coach to the ECNL Player ID Program to scout 1 ECNL game each day of the competition. The ECNL Member Club may provide the same coach to scout games on 3 consecutive days, may assign a different coach for each day of the ECNL event, or may provide any combination of coaches – so long as 1 coach is available each day to scout the game assigned by the ECNL Player ID Program staff.

**ECNL Player ID Program Staff:** The ECNL Player ID Program staff will assign each ECNL Member Club that is participating in the ECNL event to scout 1 game each day of the ECNL competition. Assignments will be made at the discretion of the ECNL Player ID Program Staff.

**ECNL Scout:** The ECNL Scout assigned to an ECNL game will be responsible for scouting the entire game and for performing the following tasks:

- Introducing themselves to the coaches of both teams prior to the game.
- Collecting a team profile of each team prior to the game, listing the roster and contact information of each team.



- Identifying any player in the game with the potential ability to participate in the US Soccer Youth National Teams.
- Completing the ECNL Scouted Player Form for each player with the potential ability to participate in the US Soccer Youth National Teams.
- Returning the team profiles and the ECNL Scouted Player Form to the designated ECNL administrative contact at the end of the game.

### **The Player ID Program Process:**

Assignment: The ECNL Player ID Program Staff will assign ECNL Member Clubs to scout specific games at the ECNL event approximately 10 days prior to the event. Scouting assignments will be made with the following objectives: (i) to scout games involving players that have been previously recommended to the ECNL Player ID Program Staff; (ii) to insure that at least one 1 game of each participating Member Club at each event is scouted; (iii) to avoid conflicts with the ECNL games of the ENCL Scout's Member Club; and (iv) to avoid games involving a club that the ECNL Scout's Member Club will compete against at the event.

Team Profiles and Scouted Player Forms: The ECNL Scouted Player Forms will be distributed to each ECNL Member Club at check-in of the ECNL event. Each ECNL Scout must return the team profiles and the completed ECNL Scouted Player Form at the conclusion of the game to which they are assigned.

Database Update: The ECNL Player ID Program staff will collect the team profiles and ECNL Scouted Player Forms at the conclusion of the event, and will input all identified players into the ECNL Player ID Program Zoom Reports database within five (5) days of the conclusion of the event.

### **ECNL Player of the Game Form:**

Every ECNL coach must nominate an ECNL Player of the Game Form at the conclusion of each ECNL game. The Player of the Game nomination will be on the ECNL Game Report. Each coach will recommend 1 player from their own team as the Player of the Game. The ECNL Player of the Game nominations will be the basis for selection of the ECNL All-Event Team at each event. If an ECNL Member Club fails to provide these nominations, the Member Club will not have players represented on the ECNL All-Event Team. The ECLN Player of the Game nominations will also include the ability for the ECNL coach to recommend the Player of the Game as a Regional or National Team level player. Any players that are recommended as the Player of the Game, and who also are noted as performing at a Regional or National Team level, will be recommended to the ECNL Player ID Program Staff for future scouting.



## ECNL Player ID Program Information Flowchart

