



ECNL Game Rules – Regional/National Games

National Game Scheduling

3.2 The ECNL Board of Directors shall identify the dates and locations of all National ECNL Competitions for each ECNL Season, and the date and location of the ECNL National Championship for each ECNL Season.

3.3 The ECNL Board of Directors shall determine the total number of National ECNL Competitions during the ECNL Season, the number of ECNL National Competitions each ECNL Season, the total number of National ECNL Competitions that each ECNL Club must attend and the number of ECNL Regional Games each ECNL Season.

Regional Game Scheduling

3.31 The ECNL Board of Directors shall identify opponents for each ECNL Club for all ECNL Regional Games.

3.32 The ECNL Board of Directors shall assign the home and away teams for all ECNL Regional Games when appropriate.

3.33 The date and time for all ECNL Regional Games must be agreed upon by the opposing clubs/teams and reported to the ECNL no later than August 1 of each season. Any changes to ECNL Regional Games must be agreed upon by both clubs/teams.

3.34 Each ECNL home team shall be responsible for the payment of referees for each ECNL Regional Game based on the referee pay scale set forth by the ECNL Board of Directors. If any ECNL Regional Game is played at a neutral location, the teams shall agree on which club is responsible for payment of referees. If no agreement is reached, the teams playing at a neutral site shall split the cost of the referees.

3.35 In the event that opposing clubs/teams agree to play an ECNL Regional Game or Games in conjunction with a tournament or other event they may do so under the following conditions:

1. There shall be no entry fee paid to an event for ECNL Regional Games except those that cover the cost of the referees per the ECNL referee pay scale.
2. All ECNL rules related to roster limits, game length, substitutions, etc. must be followed.

3.36 All ECNL Regional Games must be played by June 1 of the ECNL Season. The ECNL Board of Directors reserves the right to extend this date under extreme circumstances at its sole discretion.

Cancelled Games

3.4 If any game at a National ECNL Competition is cancelled, the ECNL Board of Directors shall determine if and how such game shall be rescheduled, in consultation with the relevant ECNL Clubs. If the ECNL Board of

Directors, at its sole discretion, determines that it is impossible to reschedule such cancelled game, the game shall be considered a non-played game, and neither team shall be awarded any points.

3.41 In the event that an ECNL Regional Game is cancelled it shall be the responsibility of the opposing clubs/teams to reschedule the game at a date, time and location agreeable to both parties, unless the ECNL Board of Directors permits such game to be considered a non-played game, at its sole discretion.

Substitution Rules

3.5 Once an ECNL Registered Player is substituted in one half of any ECNL Competition, such ECNL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the duration of the half.

3.6 Once an ECNL Registered Player is substituted in one period of overtime of any ECNL Competition, such ECNL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the duration of such overtime period.

3.7 There shall be a maximum of seven (7) substitutions in any half or in any overtime period of any ECNL Competition.

Points and Standings

3.15 In each ECNL Competition during the ECNL Regular Season, teams shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. A forfeit shall be considered a 3-0 loss for the forfeiting team.

3.15.1 ECNL Regional Games shall carry the same point value as ECNL National Games and shall count toward the record and the standings of each team regardless of their flight.

3.16 The standings in each age group and ECNL Flight shall be determined at the end of the ECNL Regular Season (the "Regular Season Standings"). The Regular Season Standings shall determine seeding in the ECNL National Championship.

3.17 Teams shall be placed in groups of four (4) for the ECNL National Championship based upon the Regular Season Standings (each a "Championship Group"). Upon conclusion of the ECNL National Championship, teams shall be ranked one through four in each Championship Group for determination of the final standings of teams in each ECNL Flight (the "Final Standings").

3.18 At the end of each ECNL Season, based on the Final Standings, the bottom three (3) teams in Challenge A shall be relegated to Challenge B for the subsequent ECNL Season, and the top three (3) teams in Challenge B shall be promoted to Challenge A for the subsequent ECNL Season.

Game Length

3.21 ECNL Competitions shall be played with the following game length:

U15: 2 x 40 minutes

U16: 2 x 40 minutes

U17: 2 x 45 minutes

U18: 2 x 45 minutes