

US Youth Soccer Far West National League & National Director's Cup

If your competitive level team is looking for more games, and a broader range of competitive experience, the Far West National League is for you. This competition for Boys and Girls teams in ages U-13 through U-18 was conceived with player development and expanded playing opportunities at its core. Culminating in a National Director's Cup Final event to be held the weekend of August 1, this spring league will include a Region IV Final, and a series of weekend matches that will challenge and excite all participants.

In the interest of maintaining parity of play, the Far West National League and the National Director's Cup features two Divisions:

The "**Premier Division**" is reserved for those upper-tier teams who compete at the highest level of competition within their state's league hierarchy, and who have demonstrated success in Cup competition.

"**Division I**" is open to all other teams who want additional challenge and growth through more games and a new array of opponents.

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This announcement is meant to clarify questions that have come up regarding venue site selection and play dates.

Venue Site Selection: Once all entries have been received, a common venue will be selected in each zone that is most convenient for all teams to drive to for games the first two weekends of league play in March and April. All teams will be informed via email of the playing site by January 30th, one week after the closing of the registration period. Teams will then have 48 hours to respond if they wish to have their entry returned because the playing site does not meet their team's travel criteria.

Playing Dates: Because the Board of Directors did not formally approve this league until after the 2003-2004 seasonal year had begun, most states had already established their play dates for State Cup. The Far West National League Committee reviewed all of the cup dates provided by the states and tried to pick weekends that would have the least conflict. It was understood that not all states would be able to complete in the Far West League. The BOD has given assurances that with an early publication of playing dates for the Far West League in 2004-2005, state associations will make every effort to schedule cup games on alternate weekends.

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