



TO: National League Teams  
FROM: Tom Condone, US Youth Soccer CEO  
DATE: July 2025  
RE: **The National League 2025-26 Season**

*Please feel free to share this letter with your schools.*

On behalf of the US Youth Soccer National League, we would like to request the release of all National League players that are members of teams attending our national events and/or league weekends during the 2025-26 season. We realize the importance of a player's education and strive to accommodate the academic calendar — which varies from state to state — as much as possible, while also being cognizant of the financial impact that participating in a national program has on families. Regrettably, our schedule may result in a limited number of days missed from school.

The National League provides top-level teams and players with extraordinary opportunities to showcase their talents in front of numerous college coaches and scouts. The opportunity provided to the players is great both on and off the field. As we all know, players at the elite level are striving to extend their educational and soccer-playing careers to the college level. Entering the 19th year of our program, we have already seen the benefit that the National League has provided its players in achieving these goals. Most recently, our graduating Class of 2025 saw more than 1,000 players committed to play college soccer.

Additionally, US Youth Soccer, as the manager and operator of the USYS Olympic Development Program (ODP), recognizes the National League as an official player evaluation environment for all levels of the USYS Olympic Development Program (national, regional and state). All National League events are sanctioned and work with USYS ODP for the purpose of talent identification to provide players with an opportunity to elevate their game. All players that are Identified as potential ODP players receive written notification along with invitation to the next ODP event.

Please allow for one or more travel days before and after the competition days.

For more information on the US Youth Soccer National League, visit [thenationalleague.com](http://thenationalleague.com).

Thank you for your understanding regarding the absence of National League players from school during our events. Please feel free to contact our staff with any questions. We can be reached at [nationalleague@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:nationalleague@usyouthsoccer.org).

Sincerely,

*Tom Condone*

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