



This information is for all teams registered to play in the National League hosted event weekend at Rantoul Family Sports Complex, Rantoul, IL, March 6-8, 2026. Contacts have frequently changed so please make sure you forward this on to your coaches, DOC's and managers to make sure this message gets to where it needs to be as there is a lot of important information regarding the upcoming weekend.

Rantoul Family Sports Complex is the location that will host the games in Rantoul, IL. The address is 744 Murray Rd., Rantoul, IL, 61866. The website can be found at <https://www.rantoulsportscomplex.com/> and attached [here](#) is the field map of the location.

SCHEDULES

Please double check your game schedules, go to the NL Team based Midwest website at <https://www.thenationalleague.com/nl-team/#resources> click on Scores, Standings & Schedules and then select your specific age group and division. Schedules have now been finalized; all referees have been assigned, and changes cannot be made to NL-hosted weekends once the schedule has been published.

Please account for the time zone listed next to a game time when viewing the schedule in GotSport. The time zone listed pulls from the time zone setting on your GotSport account. If you are not logged into GotSport, the time displayed will pull from the time zone of the venue the game is being played.

TEAM PAPERWORK

There will NOT be an in-person check-in. You do not need to turn in any forms or referee pay to a check-in location. **All event fees and referee fees will be collected prior to the event by credit card** (payment details seen below). Then Game Cards for each game will be turned into the referee at your game field prior to kick off. ALL Player pass cards, game cards, medical releases and copies of your official state stamped roster (for the opponent if requested) are brought to the field.

EVENT FEES & REFEREE FEES

Be sure to read **ALL** the information below carefully regarding Event and Referee Fees. All event and referee fees **MUST** be paid prior to the event, we will not have an in person check in and we will not accept cash for event fees or referee fees. These fees must all be paid ahead of time. Once the schedule has been posted, all participating teams will receive an email notifying them of an event invoice in GotSport. This invoice will be specific to each team for the number of games they are playing and their subsequent referee fees. To pay your invoice, whether it be credit card or check, please see the walkthrough on the NL Team website under the NL Team Midwest Hosted Weekends drop-down. These fees must be paid prior to the weekend.

Please note that all event fees for NL-Hosted Event Weekends were listed in our Team Midwest Operating Procedures before schedules were created, and all teams agreed to these fees during the application process when they schedule games in these events. The event fee for each participating team is \$250. If a team is playing a 3rd match, there is an additional extra \$100 fee for the 3rd match. See note below from the COP's:

1.14 The National League-Hosted Weekends

Spring Locations

Rantoul, IL*	Up to 8 fields (turf)	\$250 per team (3rd match extra \$100)
Rockford, IL*	Up to 15 fields (turf and grass)	\$200 per team (3rd match extra \$100)
St Louis, MO*	13 turf fields	\$300 per team (3rd match extra \$100)

*Denotes a Stay to Play weekend. We are required to use the housing companies in order to use these state-of-the-art facilities on these weekends. Housing information will be posted on the NL Team Based Midwest website after the scheduling meetings have been completed.

The fees associated with these NL-hosted event weekends are to cover additional facility fees, staff, medical coverage and equipment needed to run these events safely and effectively. These fees are in addition to your league entry fee. All other events are optional, but you accept the fees if you schedule matches on any of these weekends. These event weekends have been added to enhance the showcase opportunities for the teams in our league and to enhance their overall experience. ANY team that withdraws from a NL-hosted event after the scheduled dates (not times) have been posted MUST still pay the event fee for that specific event.

NL Team Midwest shall have the sole authority to determine game times played at NL-Hosted Weekends.)

STAY TO PLAY RULE FOR TEAM HOUSING

Housing information can be found on the NL Team Based Midwest website and has already been sent to all teams. The housing links can be found in the NL Hosted Weekends drop down for each event weekend.

PLAYER UNIFORMS

When there is a conflict in uniform color, it is expected that the first team listed on the match schedule is to wear light/white color jerseys and socks. When there is a conflict in uniform color, the team listed second on the NL Team Based Midwest schedule must change its jerseys and socks, except in situations where the team listed first is wearing dark colored jerseys and/or socks, then the team listed first must change to light/white color jerseys and socks. The Referee shall define what constitutes light and dark color jerseys and socks. If any player/s on the roster are club pass carded players with the same player number as another player on their team, then the number must be edited with tape and the game card should be edited to match. This is not permissible at the National Tier of National League but is permissible at the NL Team Based Midwest level.

SEND OFFS-RED CARDS

Remember that anyone receiving a Red Card or Sent Off is automatically suspended from the team's next NL Team Based Midwest game. The referee's decisions on the field are final.

19.03 Racial / Spitting / Discriminatory Incident – Automatic Suspension

Any official reports from a referee or league official involving a racial, spitting, or discriminatory incident will be subject to a minimum suspension as follows: at least a five (5) game suspension for making racist or discriminatory remarks at or about any person; at least a five (5) game suspension for spitting at a person.

All official reports of racial or discriminatory behavior shall be subject to review by the National League Management Group who may impose additional sanctions. USYS has a strict no tolerance policy on this issue.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Some additional notes about this weekend:

- Pets are NOT allowed onsite
- No Dynamic Warm-ups at all on the Grass Fields

- **Game Scores are to be submitted by the teams directly themselves.** ALL match scores must be entered by the winning team. In the event of a tie, the team listed as Team A (home) on the schedule should be the team that enters the score and submits the game card. This **MUST** be done before leaving the facility.
- Concessions are available throughout the site
- We expect to play through rain, although severe weather may delay games