

TOP LOCAL COMPETITION. NATIONAL CONNECTIVITY.



# OVERVIEW GUIDE

NEW FORMAT // 2022-2023



# Be a part of something **bigger.**

- The Pacific Conference is **one of 13 conferences** within the **USYS National League**
- The National League features **3,000+ teams** each season
- Opportunity for **direct advancement** into US Youth Soccer's top **regional and national competitions**
- The ONLY way to **earn automatic qualification** into USYS **National League P.R.O.**



# PACIFIC CONFERENCE

## OVERVIEW

### WHO COMPETES?

The Pacific Conference includes play for boys and girls teams in Cal North and Cal South within the 12-and-Under through 19-and-Under age groups.

### WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

Brackets of up to 10 teams each will feature double round robin play with home and away fixtures, giving teams about 14 games per conference seasonal year.

### WHEN ARE THE GAMES?

A 10-month scheduling window allows for teams to play games in both the fall and spring seasons while providing flexibility to enable players to play high school soccer and in other competitions.

### WHY THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE?

In addition to high-level competition within California, the Pacific Conference provides **national connectivity**. Teams have the opportunity to advance directly to the current season's USYS Far West Regional Championships, as well as to qualify for the following USYS National League P.R.O. season.

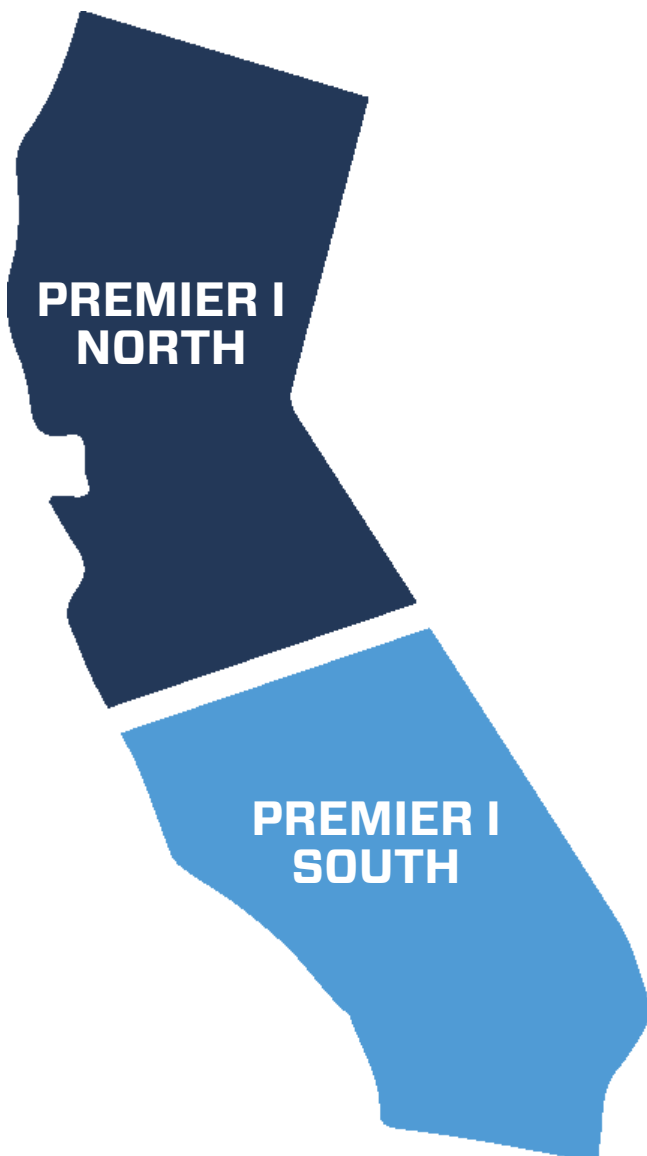
*(See page 6 for more information on National League P.R.O.)*

### HOW IS IT MANAGED?

USYS National League staff manages the Pacific Conference and has direct oversight of the league's operations.



# PACIFIC CONFERENCE STRUCTURE



## PATHWAYS WITHIN THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE

### PREMIER I TEAMS

- Top-performing Premier I Division teams can advance to the Far West Regionals (*A North-South Playoff may be required*)
- Top-performing Premier I Division teams can qualify for the following season of National League P.R.O.

### PREMIER II TEAMS

- Teams can qualify for Premier II Divisions via open application or qualifying leagues
- Premier II Divisions are grouped to reduce travel through local competition
- Top-performing Premier II Division teams can earn promotion into Premier I

# STRUCTURE

## BUILT FOR OPPORTUNITY

### DIRECT CONNECTION TO TOP NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMPETITIONS



**NL P.R.O.**  
TOP TEAMS  
ADVANCE  
DIRECTLY TO  
USYS NATIONALS

**REGIONALS**  
WINNERS  
ADVANCE  
DIRECTLY TO  
USYS NATIONALS



**\*PLAYOFF**



### PREMIER I DIVISIONS

- ONE PREMIER I NORTH DIVISION
- ONE PREMIER I SOUTH DIVISION
- TOP LEVEL OF TEAM-BASED COMPETITION IN PACIFIC CONFERENCE

### PREMIER II DIVISIONS

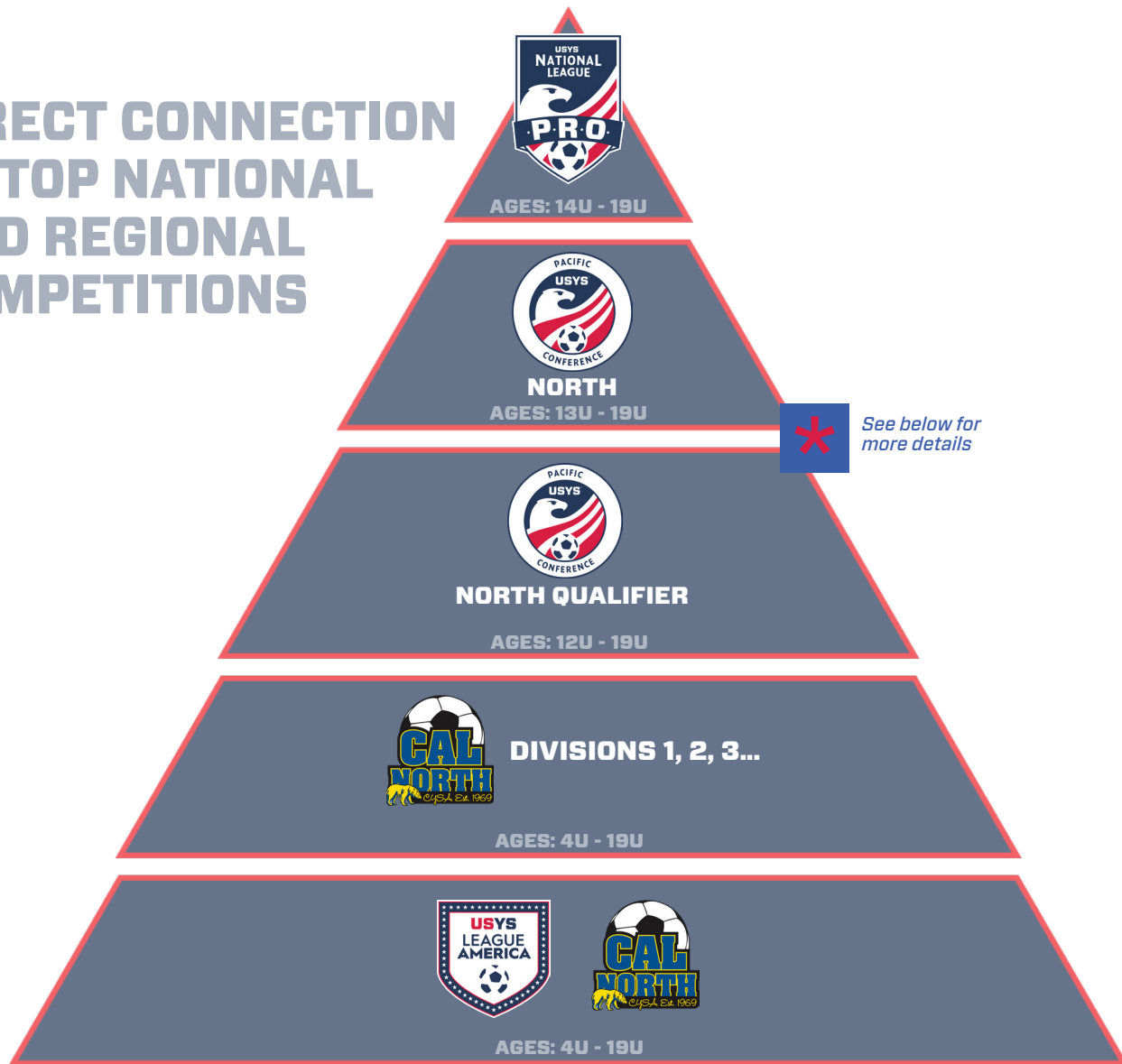
- PROMOTION-RELEGATION WITH PREMIER I
- MULTIPLE PREMIER II DIVISIONS ALLOW FOR LOCALIZED COMPETITION
- DESIGNATED NORTH & SOUTH PREMIER II DIVISIONS

*\*A playoff, featuring the Premier I North winners vs. Premier I South winners, may be needed to determine the Pacific Conference's rep to Far West Regionals*

# CAL NORTH PATHWAY

## BUILT FOR OPPORTUNITY

DIRECT CONNECTION  
TO TOP NATIONAL  
AND REGIONAL  
COMPETITIONS



### A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE...

TEAM-BASED  
**PREMIER I**

CLUB-BASED  
**CLUB vs. CLUB**

CAL NORTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE  
**NORTH QUALIFIER**

- Top tier divisions (Premier I & Club vs. Club) have direct qualification into National League P.R.O.
- Top tier divisions include team-based (Premier I) and club-based (Club vs. Club) competition
- Promotion and relegation between Premier I and Qualifier divisions

# PACIFIC CONFERENCE TEAMS COMPETE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O.



## QUALIFY

Top-performing teams, plus wildcards, qualify for National League P.R.O.

## ADVANCE

Top 2 teams per NL P.R.O. group advance to Nationals

## CONTEND

The 12 NL P.R.O. reps join the four Regional Champions to play for the National Championship

## FORMAT

For both boys and girls, teams are placed in groups of 8 and play every team within their division one time. Each team plays at two national events (three games each) and in one local game to complete its seven-game season. For Pacific Conference teams, the local game will likely be played against a fellow Pacific Conference team or a relatively local cross-conference opponent.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The 48 teams in each gender age group are populated by the top finishers from the previous season's National League Conference standings (from the top tier Team vs. Team and Club vs. Club divisions). Each USYS region qualifies 12 teams, and open spots are filled by the National League staff with a team application process.

# PLAYER. RECRUITMENT. OPPORTUNITY.

# E A R N Y O U R P L A C E

# CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE



**250+**

Teams from California have competed in the top tier of the National League, more than any other state.

**46**

Teams from California have won National League division titles.

**16**

Teams from California played in the National League en route to winning the USYS National Championship.

## CLUBS WITH MULTIPLE NL TITLES

THESE CLUBS USED SUCCESS IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE TO HELP  
INCREASE THEIR NATIONAL PROMINANCE



(Formerly  
Carlsbad Elite)



(Formerly  
Fullerton Rangers)



*Info above covers only the national tier of the National League (currently National League P.R.O.).*



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