



2010-11 RULES AND REGULATIONS

U14 and U15 Leagues

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***These Northeast Pre-Academy League rules and regulations are intended to provide guidance for administration and competitive purposes for the **U14 and U15 Northeast Pre-Academy Leagues**. Clubs/teams should consult US Club Soccer's bylaws, policies and player rules documents, as necessary. These documents can be found on the members-only Web page at www.usclubsoccer.org.*

ORGANIZATION

I. OVERVIEW

The Northeast Pre-Academy League is for U-14 and U-15 boys' teams in clubs that are part of the USSF Development Academy. The league focuses on player development as opposed to winning trophies and features like-minded clubs committed to that priority.

II. STAFF

US Club Soccer staff is responsible for the organization and administration of the Northeast Pre-Academy League.

III. COMPETITION/DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The Competition/Discipline Committee shall consist of a US Club Soccer senior staff member, the US Club Soccer Northeast Regional Representative, five Northeast Pre-Academy League team representatives as well as a USSF Development Academy Representative. The committee shall have ultimate authority over the league's governance and is responsible for organizing all competition and training rules and procedures as well as any disciplinary issues that arise for the Northeast Pre-Academy League.

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PARTICIPATING CLUBS

I. OVERVIEW

The Northeast Pre-Academy League consists of member clubs of the USSF Development Academy at the U-14 and U-15 boys' age groups. The 2010-11 breakdown is as follows:

U-14

<u>Liberty Division</u>	<u>Mid-Atlantic Division</u>
1. Albertson 2. BW Gottschee 3. FC Westchester 4. Met Oval 5. FC Greater Boston 6. South Central Premier 7. Oakwood 8. Seacoast	1. PDA 2. FC Delco 3. DC United 4. NJSA 5. PA Classics 6. Potomac 7. Match Fit 8. Red Bull

U-15

<u>Northeast Division</u>	
1. BW Gottschee 2. Albertson 3. FCW 4. Met Oval 5. FC Greater Boston 6. South Central Premier 7. Oakwood 8. Seacoast	9. PDA 10. FC Delco 11. NJSA 04 12. PA Classics 13. Potomac 14. Match Fit 15. NY Red Bull 16. DC United

II. WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB OR TEAM

In the event a member club or team withdraws from the Northeast Pre-Academy League without finishing its scheduled games, the competition/discipline committee will handle the issue on a case-by-case basis.

III. TERMINATION

The US Club Soccer staff reserves the right to terminate a team or club's right to play in the Northeast Pre-Academy League should they fail to uphold the terms of the league's rules and regulations document.

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

I. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS

Northeast Pre-Academy Clubs are required to comply with these rules and regulations and any other rules adopted for US Club Soccer's Northeast Pre-Academy League. Should a Northeast Pre-Academy League club be found in violation of any of the requirements outlined in this document, the club's standing as a Northeast Pre-Academy League club will be reviewed by the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee. The penalties will vary based on the type and frequency of the infraction, but the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee reserves the right to deny participation in Northeast Pre-Academy League competitions and refuse access to Northeast Pre-Academy League coaching, referee and media resources.

II. CONDUCT

Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of the members of its club (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the competition and abide by the FIFA Code of Conduct.

II. DEVELOPMENT

Training Days: Each team will be expected to hold at least three training sessions per week during the Northeast Pre-Academy League season (during weeks when there is one game and not two games scheduled)

Rest Days: Each Northeast Pre-Academy League team is expected to provide at least one day of rest per week during the Northeast Pre-Academy League season.

Team Participation in Unapproved Competitions: During the Northeast Pre-Academy League season, teams are only permitted to participate in the non-Northeast Pre-Academy League games and elite tournaments held during the windows listed in the *Permissible Outside Competition Windows* section below. Please note that elite events may only have one game per day. Northeast Pre-Academy League team participation in competitions such as local leagues, state cup, Super Y-League, etc., is not permitted unless specifically permitted under these rules and regulations.

Player Participation in Unapproved Competitions: Northeast Pre-Academy League players must meet all attendance and participation requirements for training and games for

their Northeast Pre-Academy League team during the Northeast Pre-Academy League season. Failure to meet those requirements should result in release from the Northeast Pre-Academy League team. Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs may not permit any full-time Northeast Pre-Academy League player to participate on a non-Northeast Pre-Academy League team affiliated with the club during the Northeast Pre-Academy League season. Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs will be held accountable for the actions of their players. The only permissible soccer-related reasons to miss Northeast Pre-Academy League activities are National Team duty and the players' high school teams. It is noted that high school participation is at the discretion of the individual player and the Northeast Pre-Academy League club. In lieu of high school, Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs may submit a request to substitute another form of competition. Such alternative competition must have a shorter season than high school. All requests are subject to Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee approval.

Completion of Northeast Pre-Academy League season: All Northeast Pre-Academy League teams are required to participate in the entire Northeast Pre-Academy League season. ***A club will be fined \$250 per game for any missed game.*** Any scheduled changes must be made on a Game Change Request Form within three weeks of the scheduled game, but it is stressed that games should not be rescheduled. ***Once the schedule is set by US Club Soccer that schedule should be considered final, unless a cancellation is caused by weather.***

Training and Game Expectations: Clubs should make efforts to acquire the best facilities possible. All players, coaches, parents and representatives are expected to display professionalism and class on and off the field. The home team shall be responsible for providing the game report form and starting lineups. Each team shall provide its own Gatorade and/or water.

Recruiting Players/Territories: Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs do not have exclusive territory rights. Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs must train and play home Northeast Pre-Academy League games within reasonable geographic proximity to their club's home location unless mutually agreed upon by the visiting team. The Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs may recruit players for participation on Northeast Pre-Academy League teams from any geographic region and at any time during the year (subject to roster rules, regular attendance at team training and the schedule for adding players). ***However, clubs should not recruit a player from another member Pre-Academy League club once that player is registered to his original club until the particular season ends.*** Clubs should note that coaches and administrators may be subject to the rules of USSF organization members regarding recruiting for non-Northeast Pre-Academy League teams.

Coaching Requirements: U-14 and U-15 Northeast Pre-Academy League coaches should meet the same licensing requirements as coaches in the U-16 and U-18 U.S. Soccer Development Academy program.

Permissible Outside Competition Windows: Northeast Pre-Academy League teams shall be permitted to participate in elite tournaments and international travel during specific windows set by Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee, corresponding to the time periods listed below. Northeast Pre-Academy League teams will only be permitted to participate in tournaments that play one (1) game or less per day. Each year, Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee will identify specific dates for the following three windows:

- 1) Winter (late December through early February)
- 2) Spring (for periods near Easter week)
- 3) Summer (for periods after the end of the Northeast Pre-Academy League season)

Teams can request special exemptions to participate outside of these windows if opportunities to participate against international opponents arise. All exceptions are subject to approval by Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee.

IV. RELEASE

Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs shall discharge US Club Soccer from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against US Club Soccer or its representatives for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organization, administration or activity of the Northeast Pre-Academy League.

CLUB FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

I. APPLICATION FEE

Each club is required to submit a \$500 application fee for each participating team at the beginning of each season. Payment must be made to the US Club Soccer office at the address on page 3.

II. TRAVEL COSTS

All costs associated with travel to competitions are the responsibility of the individual member clubs. Should US Club Soccer obtain favorable travel-related rates, the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee will attempt to make these rates available to member clubs.

III. TRAINING/COACHING COSTS

All costs associated with the training and coaching of participating teams are the responsibility of the member club.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

All costs associated with running a Northeast Pre-Academy League team are the responsibility of the individual member clubs.

V. REGISTRATION COSTS

All Northeast Pre-Academy League players and coaches must register with US Club Soccer in order to participate in the league. Registration fees are \$16/player and \$15/coach or staff member (two-year coach/staff pass). All such fees must be paid to US Club Soccer before passcards will be issued.

V. EQUIPMENT COSTS

Unless provided by the Northeast Pre-Academy League, all costs associated with equipment are the responsibility of the individual member clubs.

VI. FACILITY COSTS

All costs associated with securing a facility are the responsibility of the individual member clubs.

VII. REFEREE FEES

US Club Soccer will cover all referee assignor fees. Referees are to be paid \$120 (\$60 from the home team and \$60 from the visiting team) for a three-man crew on-site prior to each game.

VIII. OTHER

Unless otherwise indicated in these rules and regulations, all expenses related to a Northeast Pre-Academy League team are to be covered by the individual member club.

US CLUB SOCCER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

I. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

US Club Soccer will provide administration for the Northeast Pre-Academy League.

II. LEAGUE WEB SITE

US Club Soccer is responsible for providing the Northeast Pre-Academy League Web site.

III. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

US Club Soccer will provide general liability insurance for each Northeast Pre-Academy League club. This general liability insurance shall cover all activities in which the team is utilizing US Club Soccer passcards.

IV. PLAYER MEDICAL INSURANCE

US Club Soccer will provide secondary medical insurance for each Northeast Pre-Academy League player. This medical insurance shall cover all activities in which the team is utilizing US Club Soccer passcards.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

I. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Each Northeast Pre-Academy League club shall ensure the following when selecting its representative Northeast Pre-Academy League team:

- 1) All players shall be subject to the US Club Soccer jurisdiction
- 2) All players shall be eligible for participation in accordance with the relevant US Club Soccer, USSF and FIFA regulations
- 3) U-14: Players born on or after January 1, 1996
- 4) U-15: Players born on or after January 1, 1995

Players are always eligible to play in older age groups, but are not eligible to play in younger age groups. Players cannot play in two different games for two different teams (i.e. a player cannot play in the U-14 game and then play in the U-15 game on the same day)

II. MASTER ROSTER

Any player registered with and issued a passcard for a US Club Soccer member club/team is eligible to be listed on the official US Club Soccer master roster.

US Club Soccer shall set a date of Sept. 1, 2010 for the U14s and November 1, 2010 for the U15s, by which each club must provide an initial Northeast Pre-Academy League team roster.

There is a minimum of 18 full-time players per Northeast Pre-Academy League team (to be declared on November 1) and a maximum limit of 26 full-time players on the roster. Teams can also roster up to 12 developmental players per team and those players after November 1 can play in a maximum of six (6) games. Prior to November 1, players from both the full-time and developmental roster can be used on the full-time roster. Rosters will be frozen on April 1. No players may be added as full-time or development after that time.

Only 18 players from the team roster will be eligible to participate in each game and these players must be placed on the official match report of the game (showing players that will start, are substitutes and are suspended).

The official match report shall be presented to the referee prior to the game and should also include team officials. Northeast Pre-Academy League teams are responsible for verifying accuracy. Northeast Pre-Academy League teams using players before they have been properly cleared to compete by the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline

Committee will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary actions. There is no limit to the number of players on the roster that do not have United States citizenship. For a player who comes to the United States on or after the player is 12 years of age, the player must request and receive an international clearance from U.S. Soccer. However, an international clearance is not required of a player who is 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16 years of age if the player and the player's parent or guardian signs a statement that the player has not signed a professional contract or received money from any team for playing soccer.

III. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Players listed on the official US Club Soccer roster who meet the age requirement for their Northeast Pre-Academy League team, have paid the registration fee and have supplied proof of their age (necessary to obtain passcards), are properly registered to a Northeast Pre-Academy League club and are not subject to suspension are considered eligible players.

IV. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Players listed on the master roster that are not eligible to play, due to reasons such as missing registration materials, proof of age, etc., shall be considered ineligible players.

V. ILLEGAL PLAYERS

Players that do not appear on the official US Club Soccer roster are considered illegal players. Any Northeast Pre-Academy League club using an illegal player shall be subject to a fine as determined by the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee, a deduction of three (3) points in the Northeast Pre-Academy League standings as well as a forfeit (by a 0-3 margin) of any Northeast Pre-Academy League games in which the illegal player participated.

VI. PLAYER REGISTRATION CARDS (PASSCARDS)

Passcards will be issued for each player and staff member that registers with US Club Soccer. All players and coaches participating in Northeast Pre-Academy League games must hold current passcards, and these passcards must be brought to each game.

All Northeast Pre-Academy League players and coaches must present their US Club Soccer passcards to the referee prior to each game. If the individual's picture is not on the card, the individual will not be eligible for the game. Additionally, a player is not considered registered until the team receives a US Club Soccer passcard from the US Club Soccer staff. Other organization passes may not be used as a form of identification. The only accepted identification for a Northeast Pre-Academy League game is a Northeast Pre-Academy League/US Club Soccer passcard. US Club Soccer will be responsible for setting up the procedures for issuing passcards and notifying Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs regarding this procedure.

VII. ROSTER

Initial Roster: Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee shall set a date for setting the official Northeast Pre-Academy League team rosters prior to each team's first game.

Full-time Player Additions: At any time during the season prior to April 1, Northeast Pre-Academy League teams may add a full-time player to its official team roster.

Limitations on Additions: Northeast Pre-Academy League teams shall be permitted a maximum of eight (8) additions of players per season to their Northeast Pre-Academy League team roster.

Player Transfers: Transfer of a player from one Northeast Pre-Academy League team to another shall be treated like any other addition. A player who wishes to transfer to a new Northeast Pre-Academy League team must obtain a release from his original Northeast Pre-Academy League club before transferring. Releases must be sent to US Club Soccer staff via e-mail to region1@usclubsoccer.org. Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee shall have the authority, upon a written request by the player, to approve a transfer of a player without club approval, or after the April 1 deadline, in extraordinary circumstances (such as, a change in residence by the player).

Developmental Players: Each Northeast Pre-Academy League club may submit a list of developmental players for each Northeast Pre-Academy League team to participate in Northeast Pre-Academy League games. *A developmental player must be a currently-registered player on a Northeast Pre-Academy League club's non-Northeast Pre-Academy League team and must have been registered with that Northeast Pre-Academy League club between August 1 and December 31 of the currently Northeast Pre-Academy League seasonal year.* Developmental players may not be registered with any two different clubs at the same time during the Northeast Pre-Academy League seasonal year. The developmental player will not be subject to the minimum start requirement. A player can only be designated a developmental player before **May 1**. Not including games prior to November 1, a developmental player must be requested ten (10) days before the first game in which he will appear. A developmental player may appear in a maximum of six (6) Northeast Pre-Academy League games per season.

Minimum Start Requirement: All Northeast Pre-Academy League players, including goalkeepers, are required to start in at least 25% of their team's Northeast Pre-Academy League games during the season. A team's failure to comply with this requirement may result in a fine and the potential expulsion of a club from the Northeast Pre-Academy League. Developmental players are not included in the minimum start requirement. If a player is dropped by the club, the club must submit a signed written explanation if that player failed to start 25% of the Northeast Pre-Academy League matches for the season. The Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee reserves the right to refuse to accept the drop if they believe that the drop was to avoid the 25% rule. If a

player is added, the player must start at least 25% of the team's remaining Northeast Pre-Academy League games during the season. The Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee will have the authority, upon request by the club, to allow exceptions to this rule in special circumstances (for example, a serious injury suffered by a player). The Northeast Pre-Academy club is responsible for keeping track of starts by Northeast Pre-Academy League players and must notify the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee about potential exceptions as soon as possible.

VIII. REGISTRATION

All Northeast Pre-Academy League players, coaches and staff members must register with US Club Soccer online at www.usclubsoccer.org.

Procedure to submit application for new membership:

Visit www.usclubsoccer.org, mouse-over the "registration" tab, and select "apply now."

Further instructions are available on the "apply now" Web page.

Coaches and club administrators must complete the online background check process via www.usclubsoccer.org every two (2) years.

COMPETITION

I. SCHEDULE

The Northeast Pre-Academy League schedule will run from September through early June for the U14s and November 15 through early June for the U15s each year. Any proposed schedule changes (date, time, location, etc.) must be submitted to US Club Soccer for approval at least 21 days in advance of the currently-scheduled game utilizing the "Game Change Request Form." This form can be found on the Northeast Pre-Academy League Web page.

II. VENUE/KICK-OFF TIMES

The Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs are responsible for obtaining venues and setting kick-off times for all games. All venues and kick-off times are subject to the approval of US Club Soccer. Games may be played in daylight or under floodlights. Evening games may only be played at venues with appropriate lighting installations.

III. FACILITY SET-UP

The home team shall be responsible for setting up its venue to include the appropriate lines, goals, nets, corner flags and benches.

IV. POSTPONEMENT

Whenever a game is postponed or cancelled, the home team must provide US Club Soccer with a written notice of why the game was not played within 24 hours. Games should ONLY be postponed as a result of weather, unsafe conditions or other very serious issues at the referee's discretion.

In the event of a postponement, the home team shall notify US Club Soccer and the visiting team by BOTH phone and e-mail. US Club Soccer will follow up with the referee assignor.

V. RESCHEDULING A POSTPONED GAME

The two teams must consult regarding the rescheduling of any postponed game, and the rescheduled game should be determined within five (5) days of the original game date. If a game is not rescheduled within five days, the game may be rescheduled by US Club Soccer.

As soon as a consensus is achieved, the home team shall notify US Club Soccer's Daniel Allen at dallen@usclubsoccer.org of the rescheduled game information (date, time, location, etc.).

VI. RESCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS

US Club Soccer shall have the authority to review all the facts (including fault on the part of either team, unavoidable conditions, expense for both teams and requests by a team to take a particular action in the best interests of the Northeast Pre-Academy League, its clubs and its teams) in determining whether and when a game should be rescheduled, who should bear the financial burden as a result of cancellation or rescheduling and whether the game should be forfeited or cancelled permanently. The integrity of the Northeast Pre-Academy League and the home team's schedule shall be given considerable weight in the resolution of these matters. Unless the sanction or remedy is set forth specifically in the Northeast Pre-Academy League rules and regulations document, US Club Soccer shall decide what action to take, and that decision shall be final.

VII. FACILITY CLEARANCES

Once the Northeast Pre-Academy League schedule is released, US Club Soccer assumes that a team's home facility is cleared for all dates on its schedule. If not available, an alternative location must be provided. US Club Soccer will not automatically accept a postponement or cancellation of a game after schedules have been approved because a field is no longer available.

VIII. STANDINGS

US Club Soccer assumes the responsibility of posting the official Northeast Pre-Academy League standings on the Northeast Pre-Academy League Web page. Official standings include wins, losses, ties, goals scored, goals against and total league points. All standings are generated by the "Game Report Form" submitted by the referee within 48 hours of the completion of the game. ***In addition, the home team shall call in the score after each game within 12 hours of the game's completion using the procedure on page 17.***

Points: Three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point will be awarded for a tie, and zero (0) points will be awarded for a loss. Points awarded for forfeit wins will be determined by the competition/discipline committee.

Tie-breakers:

1. Total points
2. Head-to-head points
3. Total goal differential
4. Total goals scored

LAWS OF THE GAME, DISCIPLINARY MATTERS, DISPUTES, PROTESTS & APPEALS

I. LAWS OF THE GAME

General: Unless otherwise provided in these rules and regulations, all Northeast Pre-Academy League games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the competition and as laid down by the International Football Association Board. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall be authoritative.

Game length: All Northeast Pre-Academy League games will consist of two 40-minute halves. Extra time in each half is kept by the referee. No overtime will be played. **If a game is suspended by weather and at least the first half was played, the game will be considered a full game.**

Substitutions: No re-entry per half for all Northeast Pre-Academy League games.

All players reporting into the game will provide a player pass to the referee prior to entering the field. The referee will return all player cards at halftime to both teams for the second half.

Red Card Suspensions: Red cards (including double-yellow cards in the same game) awarded to players or substitutes during a Northeast Pre-Academy League game or dismissals of team officials shall result in that player or team official being suspended for the remainder of the current game and the next Northeast Pre-Academy League game. The Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take further disciplinary action should they deem it necessary.

Yellow Card Suspensions: There shall be no yellow card accumulations. A sendoff after two yellow cards will result in the delinquent player or team official being suspended for the remainder of the current game and the next Northeast Pre-Academy League game.

II. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Disciplinary incidents are dealt with in compliance with US Club Soccer's Northeast Pre-Academy League Disciplinary Code, which will be identical to the code for the U-16 and U-18 U.S. Soccer Development Academy code. The players and clubs participating in the Northeast Pre-Academy League agree to comply with the Laws of the Game, the USSF Bylaws and Policies, these rules and regulations and the disciplinary code.

III. DISPUTES

Parties shall try to resolve all disputes in connection with the Northeast Pre-Academy League by negotiation. In compliance with USSF Bylaw 707, member clubs, players and other officials may not take disputes to an ordinary court of law. If a decision is subject to appeal, it shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee.

Decisions made by the referee or the Northeast Pre-Academy League competition/discipline committee in all matters related to the field and the game itself shall be final. There shall be no disputes, protests or appeals of any decision or game result.

IV. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Overview: For the purpose of these regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on games, including but not limited to the eligibility of players, the state of the field, accessory game equipment, crowd behavior and stadium installations.

Time: Unless otherwise stipulated in these rules and regulations, protests shall be submitted in writing to the referee or faxed to the attention of the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee at (843) 614-4146 within 12 hours of the conclusion of the game in question and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest. These requests must be sent in writing to the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee; otherwise, they will be disregarded.

Eligibility: Protests regarding the eligibility of players nominated for games shall be submitted in writing to the staff no later than 24 hours after the game.

Field Conditions: Protests regarding the state of the field, its surroundings, and markings or accessory items (e.g. goals, flag posts or soccer balls) shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the game by the Northeast Pre-Academy League coach or the Northeast Pre-Academy League team manager lodging the protest. If the field's playing surface becomes unplayable during a game, the referee shall have the sole right to determine whether to delay or postpone the game.

During a Game: Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a game shall be made to the referee by the Northeast Pre-Academy League coach or Northeast Pre-Academy League team manager immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed.

Referee's Decisions: No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play.

Frivolous Protests: If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Northeast Pre-Academy League Competition/Discipline Committee may dismiss the protest.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Please see "Attachment A" in the US Club Soccer Policies document for the complete US Club Soccer Risk Management Policy. This document is available via the members-only section of the US Club Soccer Web site at www.usclubsoccer.org.

EQUIPMENT

I. UNIFORMS

Northeast Pre-Academy League teams are required to have one white (or similarly light-colored) uniform and one dark uniform. Home teams will choose their uniforms and visiting teams will be required to wear their contrasting uniforms.

II. BALLS

The home team is to supply high-quality match balls.

III. GOALS, NETS, CORNER FLAGS AND BENCHES

Northeast Pre-Academy League clubs are responsible for ensuring the safety of all involved by ensuring proper set-up. All goals MUST be properly anchored.

PLAYER INSURANCE

I. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

US Club Soccer will provide general liability insurance for each Northeast Pre-Academy League club. This general liability insurance shall cover all activities in which the team is utilizing US Club Soccer passcards.

II. PLAYER MEDICAL INSURANCE

US Club Soccer will provide secondary medical insurance for each Northeast Pre-Academy League player. This medical insurance shall cover all activities in which the team is utilizing US Club Soccer passcards.

III. HOW TO FILE A CLAIM

To file an accident insurance claim, go to Bollinger Insurance's Web page (<http://www.bollingersoccer.com/site/claimforms.aspx?id=20>) and follow the instructions under the appropriate "US Club Soccer" section.

IV. STEPS TO PROCESSING INSURANCE CLAIMS

Complete insurance information, including detailed steps to processing claims, is available on the “Members-Only” section of the US Club Soccer Web site at www.usclubsoccer.org.

REFEREEING AND GAME INFORMATION

I. OVERVIEW

US Club Soccer, in conjunction with local assignors, will assign referees and assistant referees (three-person crew) for each game.

II. FEES

The fees for referees and assistant referees shall be a total of \$120 per game, which is to be paid on-site and split equally between the home and visiting teams. US Club Soccer will cover all referee assignor fees.

III. PROCEDURES (PRE-GAME, IN-GAME, POST-GAME)

- I. **Pre-Game:** The referee shall obtain the Game Report Form from the home team. Both teams shall fill in their game-day roster on the Game Report Form, and then provide the referee with the completed form and a copy of the team’s US Club Soccer official roster.

The referee shall check the US Club Soccer player passcards with the teams’ official US Club Soccer roster to ensure that both match.

All players and coaches of both teams are required to provide the referee with their US Club Soccer passcard.

In-Game: During the game, the referee is responsible for recording misconducts (player and reason) and goals scored (including the player who scored and time of the goal). This information shall be recorded on the Northeast Pre-Academy League Game Report Form.

Post-Game: After each game, the referee shall complete the official Game Report Form and return it to US Club Soccer (Attn: Northeast Pre-Academy League) via e-mail at dallen@usclubsoccer.org or fax at (843) 614-4146 within 24 hours of completion of the game. Referees are to ensure that the Game Report Form is completely filled out. ***In addition, the home team shall call in the score after each game within 12 hours of the game’s completion using the procedure below:***

1. Dial the toll free number **1-866-334-6294**.
2. When asked, say or enter the pin number of the event, and the code of the game. Your code for the *Northeast Pre-Academy League 2010-11* is **6758**.
3. You will then be told the division, teams playing, and field location - if this is the correct game, confirm by saying yes.

4. When asked, say or enter the score for each team, then confirm.
5. You can do more games in the same call, or just say goodbye when done.

IV. RECOMMENDED PLAYERS

After each game, each team is responsible for providing two recommended players from the opposing team for consideration in player identification camps. The Northeast Pre-Academy League Recommended Players Form can be found on the Northeast Pre-Academy League Web page and is to be returned to Daniel Allen at dallen@usclubsoccer.org.

**COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS TAKEN BY
US CLUB SOCCER/NORTHEAST PRE-ACADEMY LEAGUE**

All players and officers of participating clubs shall undertake to comply fully with the regulations and decisions taken by US Club Soccer and the Northeast Pre-Academy League competition/discipline committee.