Clubs Announced for Club vs. Club Division in Great Lakes Conference

FRISCO, Texas (Aug. 9, 2019) — The US Youth Soccer Great Lakes Conference, one of the 13 Conferences within the US Youth Soccer Leagues Program, is excited to introduce Club vs. Club Divisions, beginning in the Spring 2020 season.

The standards-based Club vs. Club Divisions are available to top clubs in the 15U-19U age groups, with play being held in the Spring 2020 season for boys and girls teams in the Great Lakes Conference.

Girls Clubs | Great Lakes Conference – Spring 2020 Club vs. Club Division

Beadling SC (PA-W)
Century V (PA-W)
Cleveland Everest Futbol Club (OH-N)
Cleveland Force Soccer Club (OH-N)
Cincinnati United Premier (OH-S)
Empire United Soccer Academy (NY-W)
Kings Hammer Academy (OH-S)
Pacesetter Soccer Club (OH-N)

Boys Clubs | Great Lakes Conference – Spring 2020 Club vs. Club Division

Beadling SC (PA-W)
Cincinnati United Premier (OH-S)
Kings Hammer Academy (OH-S)
Michigan Jaguars FC (MI)
Nationals Union (MI)
Team Challenger FC (OH-N)

The clubs selected to participate in the Club vs. Club Divisions within the Great Lakes Conference have all proven to be successful in top US Youth Soccer competitive programs, including the US Youth Soccer Conferences, US Youth Soccer National League and US Youth Soccer National Championship Series.

“Each club that is participating in the inaugural season of Club vs. Club Divisions within the Great Lakes Conference has proven to meet a high standard in the philosophy, coaching and resources it applies to developing youth soccer players,” said Marc Frankland, league manager for the Great Lakes Conference. “The Club vs. Club Divisions provide a great environment to match up like-minded clubs in a competitive league structure, which meets specific club standards, with advancement opportunities to the National League and National Championship Series that are typical of the top divisions of the US Youth Soccer Conferences.”

The Club vs. Club Divisions will allow the first place teams in the 15U-17U age groups to qualify for the following season’s National League — the national tier and highest level of play in the US Youth Soccer Leagues Program.

In the 15U through 19U age groups, the top team in the Club vs. Club Divisions (that is not a State Cup Champion) will have the opportunity to qualify for the current seasonal year's US Youth Soccer Regional Championships, either through direct qualification or through a wildcard selection process.

For more information on the US Youth Soccer Leagues Program, including the Great Lakes Conference and National League, visit USYouthSoccer.org/leagues.

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About the US Youth Soccer Leagues Program – The US Youth Soccer Leagues Program is for the nation's top teams in the 13U through 19U boys and girls age groups, offering additional exposure to collegiate, professional and U.S. National Team coaches. The program includes the national tier called the National League, which will hold its 13th year of competition in the 2019-20 season. The Leagues Program also includes a multi-state tier with a network of 13 high-level competitive conferences throughout the country. The conferences provide opportunities for qualification into the US Youth Soccer Regional Championships, as well as the following season's National League.

About the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer) – US Youth Soccer is the largest youth sports organization in the country and largest member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body of soccer in the United States. US Youth Soccer registers more than 3 million players annually, ages 5 to 19, and over 900,000 administrators, coaches and volunteers in 55 member State Associations. US Youth Soccer programs provide a fun, safe and healthy environment for players at every level of the game. For more information, visit www.USYouthSoccer.org.