

D'Feeters Soccer Club ECNL Program



Why D'Feeters SC and the ECNL?



Elite Clubs National League

- **Level of Stability**
 - 85% of league returns with 13 new Elite Members
- **Allows High School Choice**
 - Families decide what is best
 - Non-High School program
- **College Showcases**
 - Stated emphasis of ECNL
- **Substitution Rule**
 - No re-entry in each half
- **Mandatory 3 days of training**
 - Optional for 4 days
 - School work and travel considerations



US Development Academy

- **Level of Uncertainty**
 - Nearly 30 ECNL clubs declined application or membership
- **No High School Sports Choice**
 - No sports options/choice other than DA soccer
- **College Showcases**
 - Deemphasized focus
- **Substitution Rule**
 - No re-entry in game
- **Mandatory 4 days of training**
- **More Travel and Higher Cost**
 - CO and MO added to conference with 2 STX and 3 NTX Clubs
 - Fewer local games with more flights required

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Elite Clubs National League

- **Player-Centric Model**
 - Policies allow collaboration between coaches and players
- **Club Autonomy and Trust**
 - Club determines best path for their players based on market and local challenges/needs
- **Allows Play in Supplemental Leagues, Games and Showcases**
 - Providing more opportunity for individual development



US Development Academy

- **League-Centric Model**
 - Mandates created to best form league policies and rules
- **National Mandates**
 - Lacks understanding of club markets, needs and challenges
- **Can only play in USSF Approved Showcases and Games**
 - Limits opportunity for individual development
 - Limits potential college exposure opportunities



What are the ECNL Core Values?

- **Innovation**
 - Player-Centered Programming with a constant focus on raising all standards of the game
- **Development:** Through the Daily Environment
 - Coaching Development and Education, Club Development and Education, Player Development, Referee Development
- **Opportunity:** Through Exposure, Showcasing and Role Modeling
 - A path to National Teams, a path to College, a path to a career
- **Respect for Diversity:** Through Unique Member Clubs
 - Diverse styles, systems and structures; unified vision and philosophy
- **Excellence:** Across the Youth Experience
 - The ECNL look, feel and experience



2017/2018 Conference Alignment

10 Total Clubs (*ECNL Only Club)

ECNL: Less travel, no flights required and more games

USDA: More travel, flights required, fewer conference games

- **D'Feeters Soccer Club***
- **Dallas Sting***
- **Classic Elite***
- **Tulsa Hurricanes***
- **Albion Hurricanes***
- **Solar Chelsea**
- **FC Dallas**
- **Dallas Texans**
- **Challenge Soccer Club***
- **Club TBA***



A Stronger Future for the ECNL

79 Members Focused on the Development of Elite Players

- **85% of ECNL Members Return for 2017/2018**
- **13 New Members**
 - 5 USYS/US Club National Champions, 8 USYS/US Club National Finalists
 - 10 USYS National League Teams, 5 Regional Champions
 - Numerous US National Pool Players and College Commits
- **8 National Conferences**
 - Texas Conference
 - Southwest Conference
 - Northwest Conference
 - Midwest Conference
 - Southeast Conference
 - Mid-Atlantic Conference
 - Ohio Valley Conference
 - Northeast Conference