



MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Midwest Conference Fall Brackets Posted (7-20-20)

This email is for all team contacts that are listed on current Midwest Conference (MWC) teams registering for the 2020/21 season. The Midwest Conference is one of 13 conferences across the country that make up the USYS National League Conferences. See below for important upcoming dates and information.

CONFERENCE UPDATES



This email is being distributed to the team contacts from the 11 State Associations that are within the footprint of the USYS Leagues Program Midwest Conference (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin).

Team Contacts,

Fall 2020 Brackets

Brackets for the Fall 2020 season have now been posted on the conference website. Please visit the [homepage](#) and click on the Team Information drop down where you will find the link to the brackets. As a reminder, we have 14U boys and girls and 15U through 19U girls in the fall season. All successful applicants will have had their credit cards processed this morning. Any unsuccessful teams that were not accepted would not have had their credit card charged. If any un-accepted teams paid via check, their refund will be sent back to their team contact, please allow 4-6 weeks for refund checks to be received, as stated in our application disclaimer. We will reach out to those teams directly to confirm payment and mailing information.

Premier Elevation

Due to the addition of Club vs Club, it allowed the elevation of many more teams than usual to the Premier level. The selection committee determined these elevations based upon previous seasons records, in accordance with the eligibility requirements within the conference rules.

First Division Placements

The selection committee determined that all First Divisions would be grouped geographically due to Covid-19. In previous season we have tried to seed the top teams in First Divisions to separate them and all divisions involved a lot of travel. For these divisions this fall they have been grouped on location and we have tried to group with neighboring states wherever possible. We could not do this for PI or PII due to the promotion and relegation factors, but the committee felt it was the best thing to do for all of the First Divisions.

Scheduling Process

Now brackets have been posted, we will begin the scheduling process. All scheduling will be done online via zoom calls (or similar platform determined by the DSC). Designated Scheduling Coordinators (DSC's) will be appointed to every division. They will be provided with a scheduling template and will be responsible to set up a call on the dates listed below. Meetings MUST take place on or before Thursday July 30 for Premier I and Premier II teams. All meetings for First Division and Conference Qualifier teams must take place on or before July 31. So a team representative, preferably the coach MUST be available to represent your team on that day. We will begin the process of appointing DSC's today. Each division will receive an email from the conference requesting that a DSC steps up from a team from each division. We will then provide this DSC with everything that he or she needs to complete the process. We recommend that all in state matches are scheduled first and that all out of state match ups are pushed back to as late in the season as possible. This will all be determined within your divisional groups.

Conference Hosted Events

The conference hosted event weekends at Sportscore II, IL and at Grand Park, IN can be seen listed on the conference homepage in the Team Information drop down menu. Click on the 2020-21 Midwest Conference Team Information Document and scroll to the last page of the document. This lists the date, location, costs and hotel mandates for event weekends. These weekends are NOT mandatory and we suggest that you only utilize these events if other smaller club hosted events are not possible for your division. We are not mandating these events as many teams will not be comfortable with hotel stays at this time. The mandatory November Showcase for Premier I and Premier II teams is STILL mandatory.

Building and sharing venues in the GotSport system

This **MUST** be completed by all clubs prior to the scheduling process starting. We don't want to wait on clubs creating the venues and sharing them with us before we can schedule the games. The scheduling process starts now, so ALL of your club venues MUST be added into GotSport **prior to Friday July 24**.

Club administrators and staff will need access to their Club account in GotSport if they have not already done so. If needed users can find instructions on how to access the account on the Conference website under Team Information titled "[Walkthrough - Clubs Gaining Access to Club GotSport Accounts](#)". This walkthrough will also show users how to add their fellow club staff members to access the club, as well as how to build teams, create coaches/managers, and assign them to teams.

In order for games to be scheduled, clubs must build their fields and venues in GotSport and share those fields with the Conference in GotSport. A walkthrough is available on the Conference website under Team Information titled "[Walkthrough - Clubs Building and Sharing Fields in GotSport](#)". The walkthrough will show users how to build the venues and fields in GotSport and how to share those fields with the Conference so games can be scheduled on those fields. The user must have access to the club before building fields and venues, so please refer to the walkthrough on accessing the club account in GotSport, available on the Conference website under Team Information. For any questions on GotSport please contact jsparkman@usyouthsoccer.org

IMPORTANT DATES

July 20 - Fall 2020 Brackets Posted

July 30 - Premier I and II Mandatory Scheduling Online Meetings (14U through 19U)

July 31 - First Division and Conf Qualifier Mandatory Scheduling Online Meetings (14U through 19U)

July 24 - Team Registration Begins for 2021 Spring Season (15U through 19U)

August 1 - 2020 Fall Season Begins

August 28 - Team Registration Closes for 2021 Spring Season (15U through 19U)

October 12 - Team Registration Begins for 2021 Spring Season (13U & 14U)

October 24 - Roster Freeze Deadline for the 2020 Fall Season

November 8 - 2020 Fall Season - Last day of scheduled games for ALL 14U teams

November 9 - Team Registration Closes for 2021 Spring Season (13U & 14U)

November 22 - 2020 Fall Season - Last day of scheduled games for ALL 15U-19U teams

(All dates are subject to change)