



Nebraska State Soccer

Levels of Play

Level One



- More serious, usually year long training commitment
- Extensive travel is expected
- Team formation is typically by tryout or invitation
- Often times the top 1 or 2 teams in a club's age division

Level Two



- Team formation is typically by tryout or invitation or placed by ability
- State and minimal regional travel may be possible
- Typically seasonal in nature
- Focus is on competitive play and development

Level Three



- Focus is on fun and not results
- Anyone can join any team / no one is cut. Teams are formed at random
- Travel is limited to occasional local tournament play

NSSA Recommendations

- Teams can play up levels but never down levels.
- Players can play on teams in two different levels
- The 'best' level is not the highest level, but the one that fits your team best and provides the best competition.





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Level One



US Youth National League and Midwest Conference
Nebraska League (L1 divisions)**
State Cup

Level Two



Nebraska League (L2 divisions), ENSA & Sarpy County
Soccer League***
Top CYSL teams, in-house leagues
Target United Cup, Fall Challenge Cup

Level Three



ENSA and Sarpy County Lower divisions
In-house leagues
CYSL

NSSA Recommendations

- These are just examples of where teams in each level may be playing.
- Refer to page 1- how teams are formed for a better idea where your team may fit

**These example are based on the current state of our leagues. In its current state, teams in each level are spread over multiple leagues. The goal is to eventually get all teams in a level playing together in the same league.

***These are some of the top in-state levels and teams, and these leagues and divisions are often the 'starting point' for trying to advance to the qualification divisions mentioned in Level 1.

