

Teams,

The new details about Desert Conference and National League should be unveiled this week. What information that has been released to the public is on our web page [CLICK HERE](#).

I have provided some updates below. To remind you all, the application process is separate from Advanced Leagues. Once the application opens, additional information will be distributed to you.

I am your point of contact should you need help for Desert Conference.

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Subject:

Team head coaches and assistant coaches,

As the champion in your respective APL Division for 2019-2020 ([FINAL STANDINGS](#)) you are automatically qualified (assuming player retention rule is satisfied) as an entrant in US Youth's Regional League Desert Conference for next year. There's a lot on our plate right now with just returning to play but I want to keep you in the loop on things. While this year's National League and Conference games were cancelled, there are several items in motion looking forward to when we return to play.

US Youth has made some changes or cancelled the Regional Conferences, National League, etc. [https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/6/usys_national_league_format_and_showcases_4-19-20_\(003\).pdf](https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/assets/1/6/usys_national_league_format_and_showcases_4-19-20_(003).pdf)

For the Desert Conference, I am the state representative on several committees and some ideas have come around that I would like your opinion on.

1. Key changes the committee is pushing for.
 1. Format for Desert Conference – All the states are in agreement to try and eliminate HUB or self-scheduled games. Other than scheduling changes that are beyond our control, we should see the elimination of HUB Games.
 2. Look for hosting states to partner with in state colleges to increase exposure at hosted event locations (we host in November) This will be an expectation for the coming season by host states that US Youth will drive. For us in Arizona you will see a marketing push with our contacts in Arizona.
 3. Understanding a 1st and 2nd Division format as the last couple years has eliminated the 2nd Division. It unanimously was agreed that for the 2020-2021 season there will only be one division. Competition banding is expected to be tight as a result of reducing the number of teams participating. It is possible to look at expanding for the 2021-2022 season.
2. Application (Team vs Club entry)
 1. Is there interest at the State and Club level to support a Club entry competition. I can elaborate more on this when our first meeting kicks off this week. I will be researching within Advanced Leagues if this is viable in general for AZ. It has been decided that for Desert Conference it will be a team entry process similar to past years. At this time, the region is not conducive to the requirements needed for Club Entry.

If you could kindly respond to me if you have any thoughts on above, I can make sure to represent you properly. Feel free to contact me to discuss also. The application process for Desert Conference is not available for another couple months but I want to keep you in the loop.

Stay tuned for more details.