Established in 2009, the Elite Clubs National League has transformed youth female soccer over the past 8 years, and is the highest level of competition in the United States. With thousands of alumni current playing women’s college soccer, 90% of the league’s graduating classes moving on to college soccer every year, and stars dominating the best conferences in collegiate soccer, the ECNL is the proving ground and development platform for the future. In the 2017-18 season, the collegiate stars of the future will be competing in one of eight conferences across the United States.

While the ECNL National Events Series is the primary destination for scouts and college coaches to recruit elite level players, and are some of the most exciting events in youth soccer, it is ECNL Conference competition that lies at the heart of the ECNL. Conference play is the primary method by which teams qualify for the ECNL Post Season, and conference games feature some of the most heated rivalries in youth soccer. With teams and players that know each other well, and compete against each other every year, winning an ECNL Conference Championship is a matter of huge pride for every player and member club.

The ECNL’s Mid-Atlantic Conference is comprised of eight member clubs across three states: North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The primary competition season is the fall.

The 2017-18 ECNL Season marks the addition of three new member clubs in the Mid-Atlantic Conference: BRYC Elite Academy from Fairfax in Northern Virginia, Carolina Rapids from the Charlotte region of North Carolina, and South Carolina United from Columbia.

“The Mid-Atlantic ECNL member clubs are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming season. As the youth soccer landscape continues to change, the ECNL is appropriately positioned to deliver on its mission to raise the game. As the competition for player talent increases, we feel that the Mid-Atlantic Conference is poised to successfully improve our contribution to the development of the ECNL and the youth soccer landscape.”

-Clyde Watson, McLean Youth Soccer’s Director of Coaching

MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE BOARD MEMBERS

Jay Howell
Board Representative
Executive Director for Richmond United
MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

1 - McLean YS
2 - BRYC Elite Academy
3 - Richmond United
4 - NC Fusion
5 - NCFC Youth
6 - Carolina Rapids
7 - South Carolina United
8 - CESA

2016-2017 IN REVIEW

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
- U14 - Charlotte SA
- U15 - Internationals SC
- U16 - McLean YS
- U17 - McLean YS
- U18/U19 - Ohio Elite SA

CHESAPEAKE DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- U14 - Charlotte SA
- U15 - Charlotte SA
- U16 - McLean YS
- U17 - McLean YS
- U18/U19 - McLean YS

OHIO VALLEY DIVISION CHAMPIONS
- U14 - Indiana Fire
- U15 - Internationals SC
- U16 - Ohio Elite SA
- U17 - Indiana Fire
- U18/U19 - Ohio Elite SA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIERS
- U15: NCFC Youth
- U16: McLean YS
- U17: NCFC Youth McLean YS
- U18/U19: McLean YS
The 2017 ECNL/id2 National Training Camp is a joint effort between the ECNL, U.S. Club Soccer’s id2 National Player Identification and Development Program, and Nike. The camp is open to all players regardless of U.S. Soccer affiliation, or lack thereof, and is sanctioned as an Olympic Development Program by US Soccer and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

The ECNL held the 2017 ECNL/id2 National Training Camp July 27-30, 2017 at the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon. Players were elected based on their performances at ECNL competitions, ECNL PDP events and other events throughout the year. The camp was made up of 97 of the top female youth soccer players across the ECNL, staffed by an elite staff of expert coaches, and included many stars from the Mid-Atlantic Conference.

2017 NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP ATTENDEES

Angela Caloia
McLean YS

Claire Constant
McLean YS

Isabel Cox
NC Fusion

Emily Crocco
Richmond United

Aleigh Gambone
McLean YS

Kiersten Hening
Richmond United

Julia Leas
McLean YS

Natalie Maurer
Richmond United

Maggie Pierce
NCFC Youth
ABOUT: BRYC Elite Academy is committed to producing players who demonstrate advanced technical skills, those who value ball retention and can perform at an aesthetically pleasing level, and players who are able to operate effectively in multiple systems of play and with a greater cerebral appreciation of the game. Our emphasis at all stages of player development is to stress individual player improvement/growth, and to protect against the tendency for players, parents and coaches to focus on the success of independent teams within our club.

CITY: Fairfax, Virginia  ESTABLISHED: 1966
HOME FACILITY: Robinson High School  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 250
WEBSITE: www.brycsoccer.com  TWITTER: @BRYCElite

BRYC COACHING STAFF
Director of Coaching - Larry Best  ECNL Director - Mark Dolansky
U13 & U18/U19 - Tom Hopkins  U14 - Dan Caracciolo  U15 & U16 - Michael Welsh
U17 - Abe Thompson  U18/U19 Composite - Mark Dolansky

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

““This is an incredible opportunity and challenge for our girl’s program to play with the best clubs in the country. The ECNL offers a development platform that will challenge our players in every facet of their development while allowing them a proven path for their college recruiting track.””
-Larry Best, BRYC Elite Academy Director of Coaching
ABOUT: Carolina Elite Soccer Academy is committed to providing every player within our program the opportunity to achieve his or her individual goals with respect to soccer. CESA’s mission is to develop and implement an athletic performance program for CESA athletes that will enhance the wellbeing of an athlete through strength and conditioning, injury prevention, rehabilitation, nutrition, and educational programming.

CITY: Greenville, South Carolina  ESTABLISHED: 2004

HOME FACILITY: MESA Soccer Complex  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 1200

WEBSITE: www.carolinaelitesc.com  TWITTER: @CESA2004

CESA COACHING STAFF
Director of Coaching/ECNL Director - Andrew Hyslop
U13, U14 & U15 - Cole Atkins  U16, U17 & U18/U19 - Andrew Hyslop

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

U18/U19 - Renee Guion  U18/U19 - Kennedy Temple  U17 - Caroline Conti  U16 - Miya Poplin
U15 - Carly Thatcher  U14 - Chidebun Dike  U13 - Autumn Cayelui

“"We are excited about the upcoming ECNL season and as we move into the Mid-Atlantic Conference, we look forward to top level competition on a weekly basis. The ECNL continues to afford our players the chance to develop and grow in a meaningful and competitive environment."”
-Andrew Hyslop, CESA Director of Coaching

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U16 Qualified for North American Cup Post Season Competition
ABOUT: The Club’s purpose is to provide members of our community the opportunity to participate in, support, and enjoy the sport of soccer through offering quality programs that reflect our core values, teach key life lessons, and are open to all ages and abilities. To achieve our mission and help players and parents get what they want, we believe we need to provide: a world class coaching structure, a high motivated, trained, licensed and skilled team of coaches and year-round access to team training sessions.

CITY: Charlotte, North Carolina  ESTABLISHED: 1987

HOME FACILITY: Bailey Road Park  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 700

WEBSITE: www.carolinarapids.org  TWITTER: @RapidsGirls

CAROLINA RAPIDS COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Ray Fumo  ECNL Director - Nathan Williams  GK Coach - Erin Lykon
U18/U19 Composite - Mike Johnson  Performance Coach - John Lytton

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

“"We know the ECNL will be a huge challenge for us in our first season, but we are excited and looking forward to the competition. We will continue to elevate the level of soccer in the greater Charlotte market.”"
-Nathan Williams, Carolina Rapids ECNL Director
ABOUT: The purpose of McLean Youth Soccer is to provide a place for every player and a player for every place. McLean Youth Soccer will be a leader in player development and in establishing a lifelong appreciation for soccer among our members. We will be a model soccer club for all developmental levels from the recreational to the elite player. McLean Youth Soccer develops youth through the sport of soccer by providing quality coaching, a high caliber environment and a commitment to best practices. We impart life lessons through soccer.

CITY: McLean, Virginia  ESTABLISHED: 1972

HOME FACILITY: Lewinsville Park  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 500

WEBSITE: www.mcleansoccer.org  TWITTER: @mcleansoccer

MCLEAN YSA COACHING STAFF

**Director of Coaching** - Keith Tabatznik  **ECNL Director** - Clyde Watson

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“We are excited to welcome three new member clubs to the highly competitive Mid-Atlantic Conference for the 2017-18 season and look forward to working toward repeating the accomplishments of our 2016-17 season.” - Clyde Watson, McLean YS Director of Coaching

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:

- U16 & U17 Mid-Atlantic Conference Champions
- U18/U19 Mid-Atlantic Chesapeake Division Champions
- U16, U17 & U18/U19 Qualified for Champion’s League Post Season Competition
NCFC YOUTH

ABOUT: NCFC (formerly CASL) consistently looks to expose the clubs players to challenging and competitive environments. NCFC has a proud and successful tradition and the club looks forward to continuing that tradition in ECNL throughout the 2017-2018 season. NCFC’s mission is to provide positive, high quality soccer opportunities at all levels of play for youth and their families and to serve as a valuable community partner.

CITY: Raleigh, North Carolina  ESTABLISHED: 1974

HOME FACILITY: WRAL Soccer Park  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 92

WEBSITE: www.ncfcyouth.com  TWITTER: @casln

NCFC YOUTH COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Paul Forester  ECNL Director - Willie Davis

U13 - Jason “Buddha” Keys  U14 - Brett Malone  U15 - Tom Misuraca

U16 & U18/U19 - Willie Davis  U17 - Tim Evans

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2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:

U15 & U17 Qualified for Champion’s League Post Season Competition

U16 Qualified for North American Cup Post Season Competition

“NCFC is excited and eagerly anticipating the upcoming season and all that it has to offer. The players and staff welcome the competition and look forward to the character building situations that the players will be exposed to on daily basis.” - Willie Davis, NCFC Youth ECNL Director
ABOUT: The aim of North Carolina Soccer Fusion is to provide a professional learning environment for highly committed elite players, of the Triad and its surrounding areas, to develop their individual skills and techniques to highest possible standard. This will prepare them for the physical, mental and emotional complexities of the modern game of soccer and allow them to compete both regionally and nationally. We also want our players to be thoroughly prepared to progress to the next level.

CITY: Greensboro, North Carolina  ESTABLISHED: 2013

HOME FACILITY: BB&T Soccer Complex  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 100

WEBSITE: www.ncsoccerfusion.com  TWITTER: @NC_Fusion

NC FUSION COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Tony Da Luz  ECNL Director - Chad Heinicke
U14 - Andrew Fleming  U15 - John Pardini  U16 - Kelly Grant  U17 & U18/U19 - Chad Heinicke

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

“Our Fusion teams look forward to another great year of ECNL competition and working with other member clubs to create the best environment and exposure for young women soccer players today. I am also extremely excited to have such a talented coaching slate for the upcoming 2017-2018 season.”

-Chad Heinicke, NC Fusion ECNL Director

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U15 Qualified for Showcase Cup Post Season Competition
ABOUT: Our philosophy is embodied in three words:

UNITE: Richmond United will unite the Richmond soccer community by uniting talented players, coaching expertise, club resources and state of the art facilities.

INSPIRE: Richmond United will inspire our players by creating an inspirational learning environment and fully integrated player development model that allows them to maximize their potential.

ACHIEVE: Richmond United will achieve success by:
1. Attracting the best players from a 75 mile radius of Richmond
2. Graduating 75% of players to Division I College programs
3. Producing nationally respected players, coaches and teams

CITY: Richmond, Virginia  ESTABLISHED: 2014

HOME FACILITY: West Creek Field & Ukrop Park  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 115

WEBSITE: www.richmondutd.com  TWITTER: @richmondunited

RICHMOND UNITED COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Jay Howell  ECNL Director - Aaron Brunner
U13 & U16 - Andy McIntosh  U14 & U17 - Aaron Brunner  U15 - Eric Dutt  U18/U19 - Rob Ukrop

2017-18 PLAYERS TO WATCH

U18/U19 - EMILY CROCCO  U17 - BRIANNA BEHM  U17 - LAUREN BRUNS  U14 - JILL FLAMMIA

“This year is going to be exciting. Expectations are high and we look forward to the challenge ahead.”
-Aaron Brunner, Richmond United ECNL Director

2016-17 HIGHLIGHTS:
U16 Qualified for North American Cup Post Season Competition
ABOUT: South Carolina United FC is the largest youth soccer club in South Carolina. Its mission is to provide an opportunity for all to play soccer at a level commensurate with their skill level. Over 1700 female players ensure a deep talent pool that has allowed the club to have a strong history of success at all levels within US Youth Soccer and one that should allow them to be an immediate competitor within the Mid-Atlantic Division. The ECNL program will be led by a strong core of coaches that are licensed and experienced in coaching at the highest levels of female youth soccer. Our mission of providing the highest level of play for our female players is now complete with our entry into the ECNL.

CITY: Columbia, South Carolina  ESTABLISHED: 2006

HOME FACILITY: Monticello Soccer Complex  # OF FEMALE PLAYERS: 1706

WEBSITE: www.southcarolinaunitedfc.com  TWITTER: @SCUnited_FC

SC UNITED COACHING STAFF

Director of Coaching - Rob Strickland  ECNL Director - Tomasz Kluszczynski


"Becoming a member of ECNL is a tremendous opportunity for the girls in our community and surrounding areas to showcase and challenge themselves against top teams in the country. ECNL’s competitive platform raises our standards and we are thrilled with the college showcasing platform that it provides for our kids. I’m very thankful to our players, parents, coaches and administrative staff for their hard work in the past and looking forward to the challenging season. As a local club with local coaches, we are excited to be able to provide this service and national exposure to our current members and players from the Midlands and beyond."

-Tomasz Kluszczynski, SC United ECNL Director