

GPS Nations League Rules and Regulations

2025-2026 Season

I. Overview

Global Premier Soccer (GPS), a subsidiary of Nations League Soccer, organizes and administers an elite youth development platform that provides world-class training, education, and competition opportunities for select soccer players, ages U15 to U20, across the United States. The program is designed to foster player development through league play, postseason competition, and other developmental initiatives, serving as a pathway to future college, professional, and international opportunities.

II. Club and Club Representative Registration

1. Club Registration

All clubs must complete the online registration process via the designated GPS registration platform, including:

- **Club Registration:** Register the club with the GPS-designated soccer registration software.
- **Registration Fee:** Pay a \$50 registration fee for everyone on the field or sideline during a match.
- **Background Checks:** Individuals must clear the background check process and receive approval from GPS or its designated third-party vendor before participating.
- **Sanctions:** Any club allowing unapproved or unregistered individuals to participate may face sanctions, including fines or termination of membership.

2. Player Registration

All players must complete the registration process through the GPS platform, which includes:

- Signing the GPS Nations League Participant Agreement and Waiver.
- Completing an ImPACT Baseline Test.
- Uploading a photo and providing medical insurance information.
- Providing medical clearance and acknowledging the GPS Nations League Code of Conduct, Privacy Policy, and Rules & Regulations.
- Completing all aspects of the registration process, affirming they are not subject to suspension, and completing mandated SafeSport training.

3. Compliance with Registration Process

GPS reserves the right to disapprove or deny registration to any individual or club that fails to comply with the registration process, falsifies information, or violates GPS policies.

III. GPS Nations League Club Roster

1. Match Day Rosters

Clubs must submit their Match Day Roster digitally to the referee before each match. The roster must include all players and club representatives for the match. GPS will update rosters weekly to reflect suspensions, additions, or eligibility issues.

2. General Roster Guidelines

- The initial roster for the 2025-2026 season must be submitted by **June 14, 2025**.
- Roster maximums may vary by age group, but each club's roster must include a minimum of 14 primary players, with a maximum of 24 players per age group.
- No limit to the number of players without U.S. citizenship.

3. Bench and Technical Area

- The bench and technical area are reserved for players and club representatives listed on the Match Day Roster (maximum 18 players, including seven substitutes).
- A maximum of five club representatives may be in the technical area.
- Any individual in the technical area must be registered with GPS, or they will be subject to sanctions.

IV. Competition

1. Overview

GPS will organize teams into geographically based divisions and conferences and create a competitive schedule. GPS reserves the right to adjust the match schedule as needed.

2. Schedule & Fixtures

- The GPS Nations League competition schedule runs from **June to mid-September**, inclusive of postseason playoffs.
- Clubs must request fixture changes at least **four weeks** in advance.
- **Double fixture weekends** may occur but must provide **at least 18 hours** between matches.
- No more than **three matches in four days** are permitted.

3. Venue and Kick-off Times

- The home team is responsible for proposing match venues and kick-off times, subject to GPS approval.
- GPS recommends scheduling matches from oldest to youngest when possible.

- In case of inclement weather, clubs must provide a synthetic field alternative.
- Matches may not start before **9:00 AM local time** unless authorized by GPS.

4. Postponement and Rescheduling

- Postponements must be approved by GPS staff, except for health and safety reasons.
- Matches must be rescheduled within **seven days** if postponed.
- If the match does not reach the **75th minute**, GPS will review the facts to determine whether to reschedule, forfeit, or cancel the match.

5. Completion of the Schedule

Clubs must play all the scheduled matches. Failure to do so may result in a **3-0 forfeit** or exclusion from the playoffs.

V. Disciplinary Matters

1. Laws of the Game

All matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as defined by the International Football Association Board (IFAB). Any discrepancies in interpretation will be resolved in favor of the English version.

2. Match Integrity & Protests

- GPS prohibits any form of match manipulation and will expel any club found guilty of such conduct.
- Protests must be submitted in writing within **12 hours** for match decisions and **24 hours** for eligibility issues.
- **Field conditions protests** must be made to the referee before the match starts.

3. Disciplinary Sanctions

- Players and coaches may face disciplinary sanctions for yellow and red cards, misconduct, or ejections.
 - Incidents requiring disciplinary action will be handled in accordance with the GPS Disciplinary Code.
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VI. Uniforms & Equipment

- Players, coaches, and representatives must not display inappropriate images, writing, or symbols on uniforms, equipment, or bodies.
 - Each team must have one **light-colored** uniform (home) and one **dark-colored** uniform (away). Home teams will wear light-colored uniforms.
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VII. Referee and Match Information

- **Referees:** Match referees will be assigned by PRO or a designated official.
 - **Match Report:** The referee will complete a match report detailing significant occurrences, such as injuries, misconduct, and incidents before, during, and after the match.
 - Clubs are responsible for reviewing and submitting corrections within **24 hours**.
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VIII. Miscellaneous

1. Special Circumstances

GPS reserves the right to issue instructions in response to special circumstances, overriding specific regulations when necessary.

2. Audit of Clubs

GPS may audit clubs to ensure compliance with the Nations League Rules and Policies.

3. Decisions Not Provided For

Any matters not covered by these rules will be decided by the GPS Nations League General Manager. All decisions will be final.