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### **About the ECNL**

The ECNL is a national youth soccer league founded in 2009 for U-15, U-16 and U-17 girls` teams for the purpose of providing the highest level of competition and the best developmental environment for American female youth soccer players, as well as an identification and development program, which will seek to include players in US Soccer`s National Teams. The 2009-10 season is the ECNL's inaugural season, during which each team will play nine regular-season games and two postseason games. Each of the 40 member clubs in 2009-10 will have a team in the U-15, U-16 and U-17 age groups.

### **Mission Statement**

The Elite Clubs National League, Inc. (ECNL) is a non-profit member-based organization founded in 2009 to enhance the developmental experience of the female youth soccer players in the United States through: (i) improving the competitive environment through creation of a true nationally-based competitive league with multiple flights; (ii) improving the process for identifying elite female soccer players for the U.S. Soccer youth national teams through a systematic scouting and identification program based on national competition; and (iii) improving the daily training environment at female youth soccer clubs through developing best practices and training and organizational guidelines for its member clubs.

### **2009-2010 ECNL Competition**

The ECNL is the elite competitive league for youth female soccer players in the United States. In the inaugural 2009-10 season, the ECNL will consist of 40 of the top female youth soccer clubs throughout the United States competing in two 20-team flights - Challenge A and Challenge B.

Each team will participate in nine regular-season games within their flight. Each ECNL club will play regular-season games at three ECNL events, selected from five regular-season ECNL events: (i) the Eclipse ECNL Showcase in August in Chicago, Ill.; (ii) the ECNL Divisions at the Final Four Showcase in December in College Station, Texas; (iii) the ECNL Divisions at Disney's Soccer Showcase presented by Chelsea in January in Orlando, Fla.; (iv) the ECNL Divisions at the Las Vegas College Showcase in March in Las Vegas, Nev.; and (v) the ECNL Divisions at the PDA College Showcase in May in Zarephath, N.J.

Following the conclusion of the regular-season, the ECNL will host the ECNL National Championships July 15-18, 2010, in Seattle. At the ECNL National Championships, every ECNL team will compete in two post-season playoff games to determine final standings in each division at each age group. At the conclusion of the ECNL National Championships, individual age group ECNL National Champions will be crowned, an overall ECNL Club National Champion will be crowned, three teams from Challenge B will be promoted to Challenge A at each age group, and three teams from Challenge A will be relegated to Challenge B at each age group.

### **2009-2010 ECNL Player Identification Program**

The ECNL player identification program in 2009-10 will be organized in conjunction with US Club Soccer's id2 player identification and development program. ECNL coaches and staff will work closely with id2 staff to identify elite female players in the 1995 and 1996 birth years for participation in one of two id2 National Camps. In addition, players in the 1994 birth year will be scouted in ECNL competition for invitations to a special ECNL / id2 National Camp in March 2010. The ECNL will cover all costs of participation (except travel) for ECNL players identified in the 1994 age group for this camp.

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### 2009/2010 Results

#### **Eclipse Showcase-Chicago**

The Colorado Rush had a strong showing finishing the weekend with 7 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. The 15's and 16's each finished the weekend 3-0. The 15's had a big win over Eclipse, who had placed 3rd in last years Nationals just 1 month prior to the match.. Kelli Drobney and Madison Halbach from the 15's and Shelby Bowden from the 16's were selected to the All Tournament Team for their great play over the weekend.

#### **Final Four Showcase-College Station, TX**

After the first two ECNL events, the U15 Nike and U16 Nike teams sat atop their respective divisions in the inaugural Elite Clubs National League. The 15's went 1-1-1 over the weekend.

Their only loss in the ECNL so far is to Mustangs (CA) who are the defending National Champions. The 16's went 1-2 despite having a halftime lead in all three games. Without National Team goalkeeper Molly Poletto, the 17's managed just one point over the weekend with a tie against Ohio Premier. Morgan Stanton (U15's) and Annie Kunz (U17's) both scored three goals over the weekend and Lindsey Horan (U16's) was named to the All Tournament Team.

## **Las Vegas College Showcase - March 12-14**

After three ECNL events, the U15's currently sit in fourth place in the 'A' bracket with 13 points. They will play table leading Dallas Sting (18 points) in the opening game. The 16's enter the Showcase in 3rd place in the 16 'A' bracket with 12 points. They will have a crucial game with 4th place San Juan SC (11 points) to finish out the weekend. The 17's sit in the middle of the table. They play 2 games against teams just ahead of them in the standings (PDA, Sting).

### Scores:

15's L 1-0 Dallas Sting  
T 0-0 Charlotte SA  
W 3-0 PDA Celtic

16's W 2-0 CESA Premier  
L 3-0 PDA Charge  
T 1-1 San Juan SC

17's L 2-1 Dallas Sting  
T 2-2 FC Stars of Mass.  
L 4-2 PDA Tsunami