

# US CLUB vs. GAL / DPL

Tier 1



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GIRLS  
ACADEMY  
LEAGUE

Tier 2



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Tier 3



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*\*Both programs have been operating leagues across the nation a long time and have a “pathway” to a national platform. Similar cost per team entry and both allow for players to play school soccer and have a lighter work load in summer and winter months.*

# GAL / DPL

*\*as it pertains to Central Florida teams/clubs - GIRLS*



## GAL / DPL Structure



## LOCAL LEAGUES

- GAL is top tier - all clubs' top teams
- Teams can get through promotion/relegation with DPL
- Hosts multiple National Showcase events (similar to ECNL)
- Replacing DA on Girls side
- **Southeastern Conference for 2020/2021**  
**GAL**: Pinecrest, Liverpool, IMG, West FI Flames, Cape Coral, United Soccer Alliance, TopHat (Atlanta), Weston, Wake FC (NC)

- Will be most clubs top teams
- Could be some 2nd teams from the larger clubs in GAL
- Application Process
- <https://www.dpleague.org/>

- Have multiple options from here (Florida Competitive League)
- Smaller regional leagues (Metro/Local)
- EDP is the organization contracted to organize those leagues in Florida
- <https://www.edpsoccer.com/florida>

**Notes:** GAL & DPL don't guaranteed any club's entry to conference play, must be earned. This also means that teams/clubs that underperform could move down or not be accepted the next year.

- Scheduling is done on a club v club model, meaning a schedule that is set well in advance with specific weekends where all teams travel together.
- This means much less of a chance for reschedules and travel arrangements made months in advance.

# US CLUB

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## US CLUB STRUCTURE



LOCAL LEAGUES

- ECNL is top tier - exclusive to member clubs only at this time, not accepting new
- ECNL Regional - 2nd tier - 2nd team for ECNL members, top teams for other clubs. Brand new this year, accepted some new clubs in Florida conference only
- NPL - 3rd tier - 3rd teams for larger clubs, 1st or 2nd teams for other clubs (based on level)
- NPL Examples: *SOSC 1st, Rush 2nd, Space Coast 2nd, Jax FC 2nd, FKK 3rd team, OC 3rd team, TBU 3rd team, FL Elite 3rd teams*
- Formerly FPL (is currently being rebranded)
- Teams have multiple options from here (Florida Club League)
- Smaller regional leagues  
*\*US Club is running multiple options for local teams to limit travel*

**Notes:** US Club is promoting “promotion/relegation” between ECNL Regional and lower levels. This means that a single team from a small club, could start out at lower level local league and move up the ranks. This also means that teams that underperform could move down or out.

- Scheduling is done on a team by team basis, meaning a schedule that is negotiated by coaches and/or club admins on a week to week basis
- Top teams do NOT get access into ECNL, completely different application process
- Links
  - <https://www.usclubsoccer.org/programs-leagues>
  - <https://www.nationalpremierleagues.com/npl-leagues>
  - <https://floridapremiership.org/>