



# FLORIDA STATE PREMIER LEAGUE



## HANDBOOK

# ABOUT FSPL

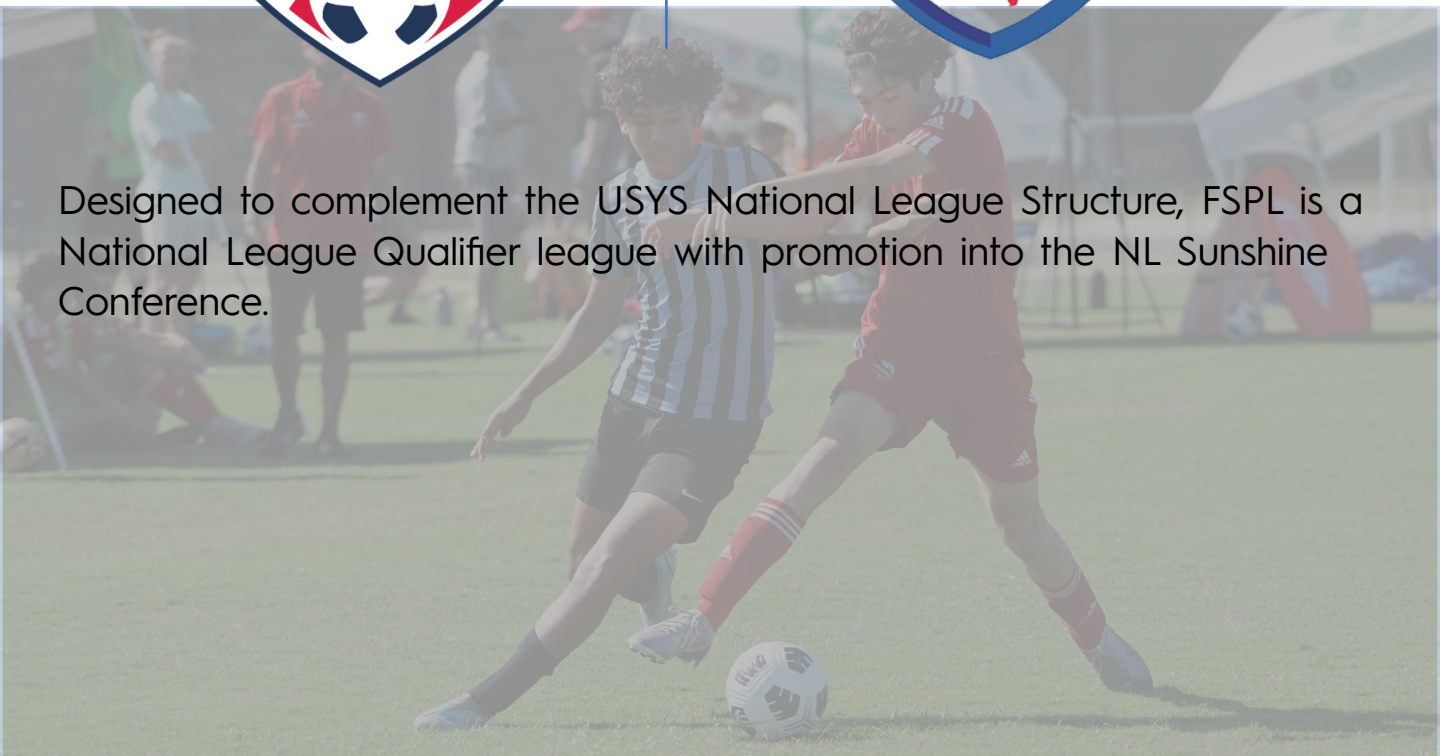


The Florida State Premier League (FSPL) exists to provide elite U13-U19 teams with the opportunity to compete against the most competitive teams across the state of Florida.

## USYS NATIONAL LEAGUE CONNECTIVITY



Designed to complement the USYS National League Structure, FSPL is a National League Qualifier league with promotion into the NL Sunshine Conference.





# FORMAT AND SCHEDULING



## WHAT IS THE FORMAT?

FSPL is a **team-based league** with two divisions for both boys and girls (FSPL 1 and FSPL 2). League play consists of 12-18 games per season for 13U-18/19U age groups. 18U and 19U age groups will be combined.

**NEW** - Beginning in the 2024-25 season, FSPL will introduce **regional divisions** in both FSPL 1 and FSPL 2 (North/Central/South, depending on the teams involved in each age group). There will be a statewide competition in age groups with insufficient teams for regional divisions.

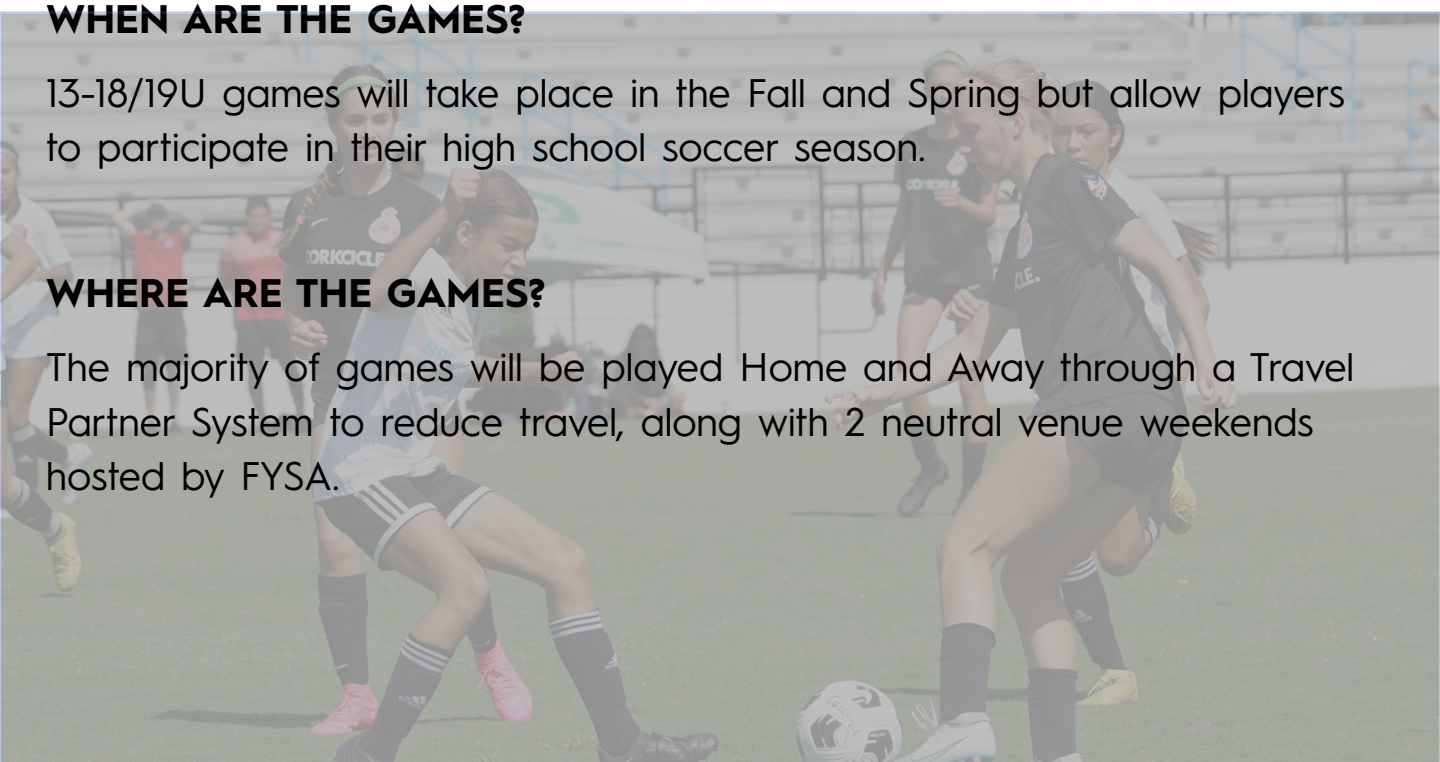
**NEW** - Also starting in the 2024-25 season, FSPL will host a post-season event, the **FSPL PLAYOFFS** (more details are provided on the next page).

## WHEN ARE THE GAMES?

13-18/19U games will take place in the Fall and Spring but allow players to participate in their high school soccer season.

## WHERE ARE THE GAMES?

The majority of games will be played Home and Away through a Travel Partner System to reduce travel, along with 2 neutral venue weekends hosted by FYSA.



# FSPL PLAYOFFS



## **FORMAT**

The FSPL Playoffs consist of semi-final and final matches held at a neutral venue hosted by FYSA over a weekend at the end of the season, with semi-final matches on Saturday and final matches on Sunday.

## **ADVANCEMENT FROM 3 REGIONAL DIVISIONS**

The 1st place FSPL team from each regional division plus 1 Wild Card will qualify for the FSPL Playoffs, with the WINNER and FINALIST earning promotion to Sunshine Conference (from FSPL 1) or FSPL 1 (from FSPL 2).

## **ADVANCEMENT FROM 2 REGIONAL DIVISIONS**

The 1st and 2nd place FSPL teams from each regional division will qualify for the FSPL Playoffs, with the winner and finalist earning promotion to Sunshine Conference (from FSPL 1) or to FSPL 1 (from FSPL 2).

## **ADVANCEMENT FROM STATEWIDE DIVISIONS**

The 2nd through 5th-place teams will qualify for the FSPL Playoffs, with the winner earning the second promotion spot to Sunshine Conference (from FSPL 1) or to FSPL 1 (from FSPL 2). The 1st-place regular-season team will earn automatic promotion to Sunshine Conference/FSPL 1 and will not participate in the FSPL Promotion Playoffs.

# FSPL PLAY DATES



Date	Age Groups	Location
August 17-18, 2024	All Groups	Home/Away
August 24-25, 2024	All Groups	Home/Away
September 7-8, 2024	13-17U	Home/Away
September 14-15, 2024	All Groups	FYSA Neutral & Home/Away*
September 28-29, 2024	All Groups	Home/Away
October 5-6, 2024	13-17U	Home/Away
October 19-20, 2024	All Groups	FYSA Neutral & Home/Away*
February 9, 2024	All Groups	Home/Away
March 8-9, 2025	All Groups	Home/Away
March 15-16, 2025	All Groups	Home/Away
March 22-23, 2025	All Groups	Home/Away
April 5-6, 2025	All Groups	Home/Away
April 12-13, 2025	18/19U	Home/Away
May 3-4, 2025	18/19U	Home/Away
May 10-11, 2025 (FSPL Promotion Playoffs)	All Groups	FYSA Neutral

## Rain Dates:

Date	Age Groups	Location
October 26-27, 2024	All Groups	TBD
November 2-3, 2024	All Groups	TBD
April 26-27, 2025	All Groups	TBD

- Teams must be available on all play dates included above while some of them may not be used.

\*FYSA Neutral locations will be announced at a later date and will be used for select matchups based on teams' distance and field availability.



# BENEFITS OF FSPL



## WHY FSPL?

FSPL offers teams the opportunity to be promoted to the Sunshine Conference and to advance within the USYS National League Structure.

## SEASON-LONG STRUCTURED COMPETITION

FSPL provides a season-long schedule of competitive games around FYSA cup competitions (Presidents Cup and State Cup), High School, and major holidays.

## TRAVEL PARTNER SYSTEM

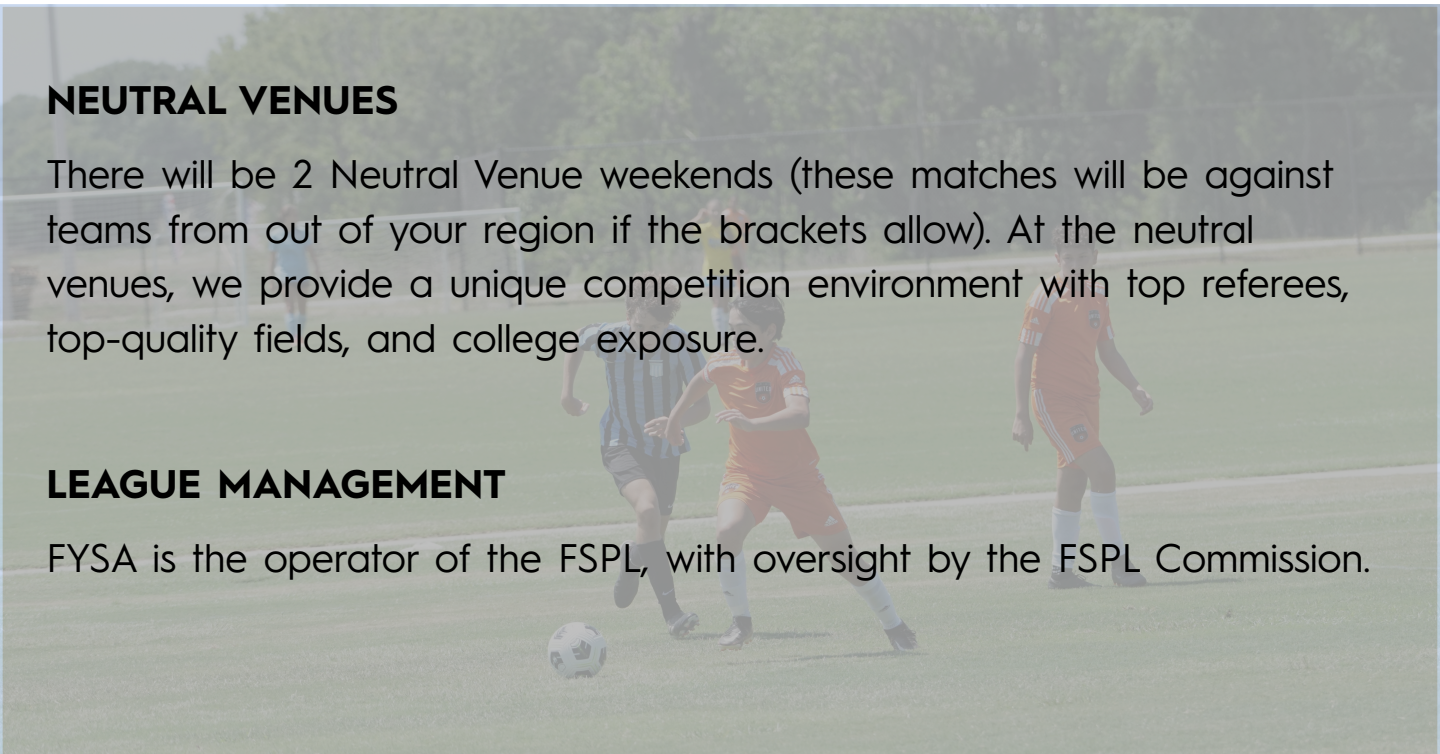
The Travel Partner System allows teams to have home and away matches while minimizing travel by giving teams 2 away matches on the same weekend vs 2 teams geographically closer to each other (Travel Partners) when brackets allow.

## NEUTRAL VENUES

There will be 2 Neutral Venue weekends (these matches will be against teams from out of your region if the brackets allow). At the neutral venues, we provide a unique competition environment with top referees, top-quality fields, and college exposure.

## LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

FYSA is the operator of the FSPL, with oversight by the FSPL Commission.

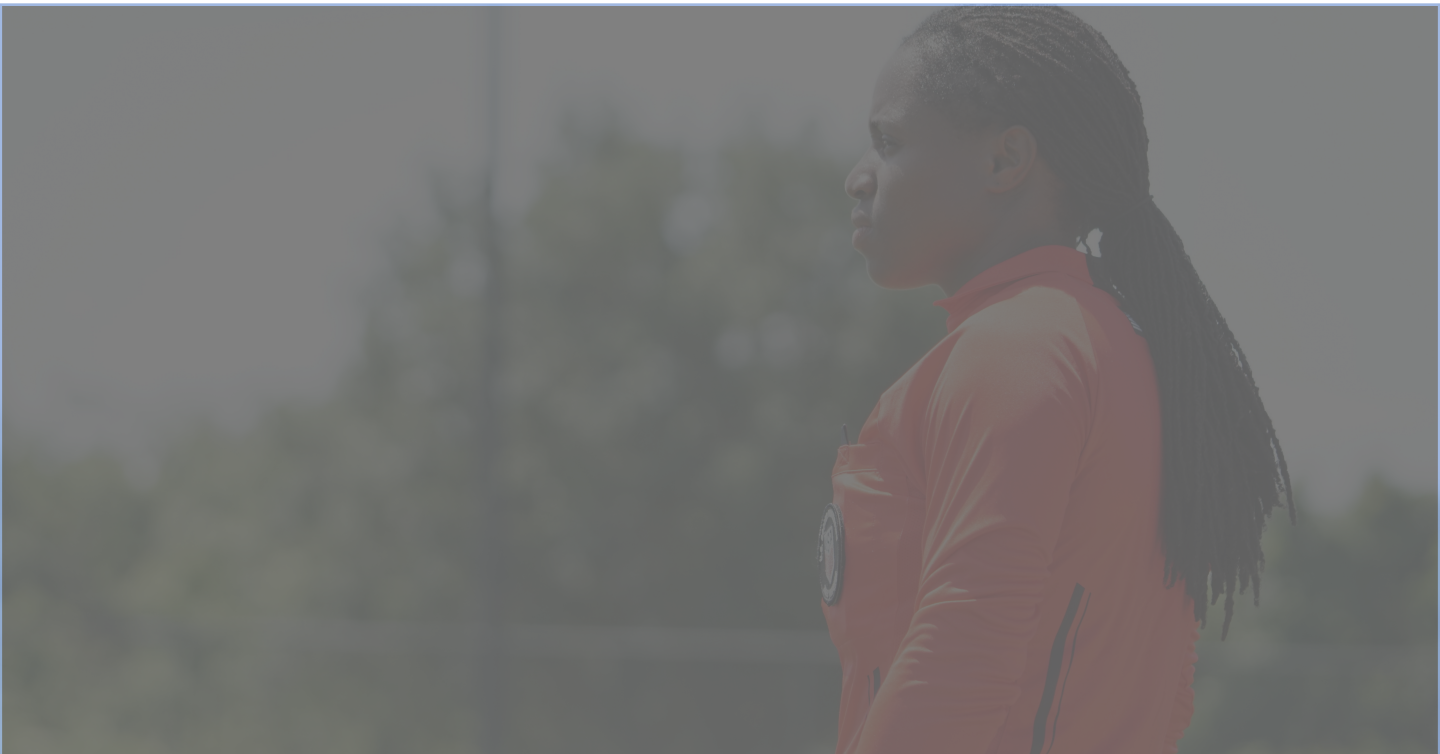


# COST OF FSPL



## WHAT IS THE COST?

The league application fee is \$650 per team per season for the 13U-19U age groups. This covers the league management of the league. Referee fees are not included in this fee.



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## FYSA CUP COMPETITIONS



Teams must also participate in the Presidents Cup or State Cup during the season to participate in the league.

