



# NATIONAL ACADEMY LEAGUE

## WELCOME

### CODE OF CONDUCT

We have high expectations  
on and off the field

### GAME DAY CHECKLISTS

Information for your coaches  
and managers

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## REFEREE FEES

Referee Fees are paid by the clubs. Each Conference will decide if Referee Assigning will be done centrally or each club. The NAL will assist in this process as needed and decided by the clubs in each Conference.



## EVENT FEES

Any and all events created by the NAL or its Conferences will be paid by each individual club. There will be NO MANDATORY events

## PLAYER CARD FEES

The sanctioning and card fees associated with competing in The NAL will be confirmed this week



## REGISTER YOUR TEAMS

You can register your teams for the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 seasons [HERE](#) :

## TEAM REGISTRATION

## LEAGUE BRANDING

Game Day set up : tents, a-frames and or flags will be decided on by each Conference's Directors of Coaching.

The NAL Executive Board will decide on patch application to team's uniforms.

## GAME DAY REQUIREMENTS

Mandatory ATC availability at NAL sites and mandatory video of NAL matches will be decided by the NAL Executive Board and its Conferences





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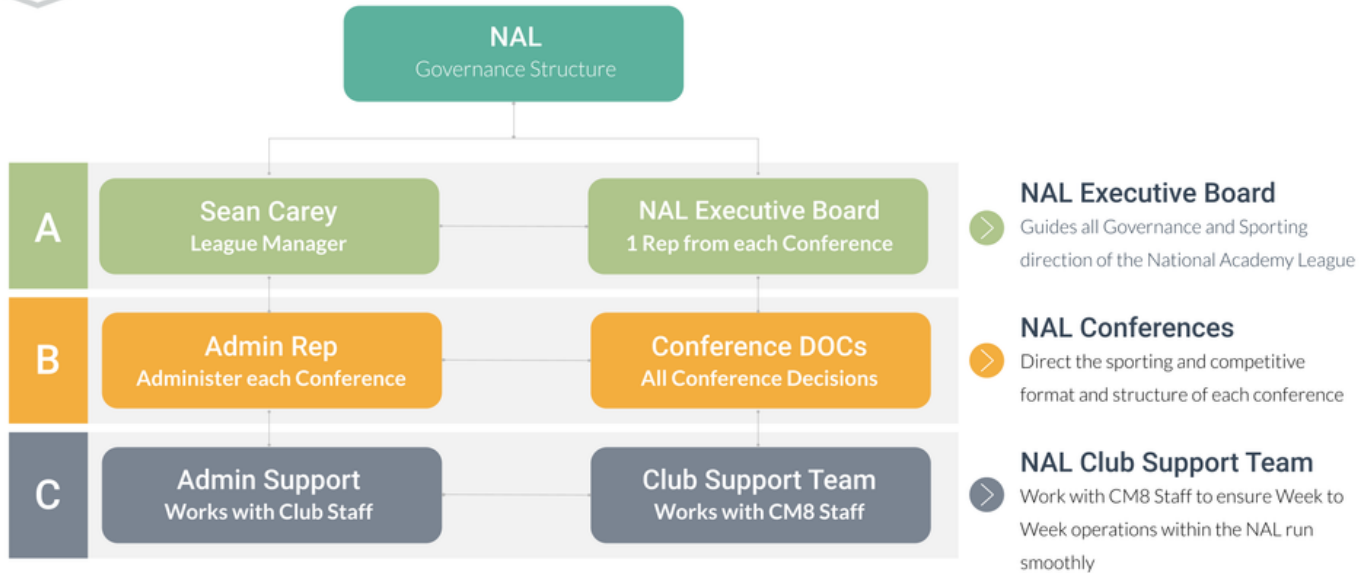
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# Governance & Responsibilities



## TEAM FEES/PER TEAM

3 YEAR PRICE COMMITMENT TO  
FOUNDING MEMBER CLUBS

2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>
All NAL Admin	All NAL Admin	All NAL Admin
Event Admin	Event Admin	Event Admin
Website & Social	Website & Social	Website & Social
Support & Guidance	Support & Guidance	Support & Guidance
<b>FOUNDING MEMBERS</b>	<b>FOUNDING MEMBERS</b>	<b>FOUNDING MEMBERS</b>



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Acceptance & Commitment Letter

2023-2024 Season

The National Academy League (NAL) would like to welcome **CLUB NAME HERE** to be part of the U13-U19 National Academy League (NAL) for the 2023-2024 season. By signing this acceptance letter your club is committed to competing within the National Academy League.

This is confirmation and serves as a letter of acceptance and commitment from the National Academy League (NAL) to **CLUB NAME HERE** to allow you to compete inside the National Academy League (NAL) for the 2023-2024 Full Season with automatic renewal to the league with the condition that your club meets all requirements and terms outlined below:

1. For clubs with MLS Next status, the NAL will be used for your second teams at the appropriate age groups, to extend your player pool. For clubs outside of MLS Next The NAL will serve as your club's top platform/pathway and will be the first priority for your top teams as it relates to scheduling as determined by your Conference and the NAL Executive Board.
2. NAL Season: Club must complete all scheduled league games in the season. There are no mandatory regional or national events.
3. Settlement of all Membership Dues and Fees.
4. Performance Bond - \$2,500 : Your Club will automatically rollover its performance bond in the amount of \$2,500.00. Clubs are not required to submit any additional bond payment. If your Club signs this agreement and is officially part of the NAL, and the Club decides not to compete in the season, the bond will be forfeited.

The National Academy League is for clubs that meet the standards and qualifications set forth by the NAL Executive Board and its Conference Representatives. The NAL will require all clubs to put forward U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U19 to play in the league club v club model.

By signing this agreement, you agree to commit a team in each age group U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U19 and by upholding the standards outlined by your Conference Representatives and the NAL Executive Board.

By signing this your Club agrees to compete in the NAL for the 2023-2024 season.

**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
National Academy League  
Commitment Signature Page  
2023-2024

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# WEEKLY CHECKLISTS



NATIONAL ACADEMY CLUBS WILL FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES



## Weekly Preparation

Communicate any weather concerns regarding hosting to the visiting club, match officials, and League Director

If host club, Send pre-match communication (uniforms, field address to the visiting club on the Tuesday prior to each game.

Resolve any issues about player eligibility and suspensions Review the hard copy game day rosters for accuracy.

**GAME DAY  
STANDARDS  
REFLECT WELL ON  
OUR CLUBS AND  
THE NATIONAL  
ACADEMY LEAGUE**

# GAME DAY PROVISIONS

## KICKOFF GUIDELINES AND CANCELLATION POLICIES

### Kickoff Guidelines

When scheduling multiple games on the same field, allow for at least 15 minutes of warm-up time prior to each kickoff

Less than 15 minutes between each game is permitted if there is adequate warm-up space on an adjacent field.

### Cancellation Policy

All postponements and cancellations due to inclement weather are the responsibility of the host club

The host club is to immediately call the visiting team's coaching staff, then call the League Director and the referee assignor referencing the cancellation and game details

The host club should notify the League Director and opposition coaching staff via phone call should they anticipate any issues that could affect a scheduled match.



## ADDITIONAL GAME RESPONSIBILITIES, TIMELINES AND INFORMATION

### SCORE REPORTING

It is the responsibility of the HOME team to report all National Academy League scores each game day. All scores should be reported within (24) hours:

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### SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

All National Academy League teams are expected to text a minimum of (1) photo from each game to 508-735-7853 Please include age and flight details.

### YELLOW CARD ACCUMULATION

Players are suspended for their next fixture date for every three (3) yellow cards received

Suspensions apply when a player's yellow card total reaches a total of 3 yellow cards, plus each additional increment of 3 (i.e. 6, 9, etc.)

Suspensions are served for the next fixture date after reaching each 3 cautions

Receiving two (2) yellow cards in the same game resulting in a red card does not count towards a player's yellow card accumulation

### COACH DISMISSALS

Dismissed coaches are suspended for the remainder of the game and for the club's next scheduled fixture date

If a coach is dismissed from a game, the League Director must be notified.

# RESCHEDULING POLICY

## PARTICIPATING CLUBS HAVE COMMITTED TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY LEAGUE SCHEDULING EXPECTATIONS

Clubs will have fourteen (14) days to arrange a reschedule date for any postponed or canceled game

Fees associated with the rescheduled fixture will be the responsibility of the host club

All games must kick off the second half to be considered a completed game

If a game does not meet this threshold, the League Director has the authority to review all the facts in determining whether and when a game should be rescheduled, who should bear the financial burden as a result of cancellation or rescheduling, and whether the game should be forfeited or canceled permanently

### Change of Venue Procedure

Any change of location must be made in writing to the League Director a minimum of four (4) days prior to a scheduled fixture date

The host club should also notify the opponent's coaching staff a minimum of four (4) days prior to the scheduled fixture.



THE NATIONAL ACADEMY LEAGUE IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE BEST POSSIBLE GAME DAY EXPERIENCE AND APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF COMPETITION FOR ITS PLAYERS, TEAMS AND FAMILIES.







# CODE OF CONDUCT

**ALL COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS, PLAYERS, AND PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT THE CODE OF CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY LEAGUE**

## **Coaches, Trainers, and Administrators**

- Show respect to all others involved in the game
- Do not engage in public criticism of match officials, always respect their decision
- Promote fair play and high standards of behavior for all players and coaches
- Do not engage in offensive or abusive language or behavior
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Cooperate with opposition coaches with respect and for the good of the game
- Communicate with opposition coaches prior to game day in a timely manner
- Show respect for opposition facilities
- Place the wellbeing, safety, and enjoyment of each player above winning

## **Players**

- Show respect for teammates, opposition players, coaches, and match officials
- Recognize opposition players and match officials at the end of each game
- Play by the rules of the game and as directed by the referee
- Show respect for the property of others and opposition facilities
- Do not use offensive or abusive language
- Always respect the match officials' decision
- Play fairly and with good sportsmanship

## **Parents and Spectators**

- Show respect towards the match officials
- Remain on the opposite side of the field from players and coaching staff before, during, and immediately after games
- Do not approach coaching staff directly after a game to discuss a player's performance – only in the case of injury or concern of player well being
- Do not use offensive or abusive language
- Do not direct negative comments towards others involved in the game
- Do not coach or attempt to direct player(s) during games
- Encourage players to respect the officials and opposition players

