



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

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Dear National League Coaches/Club Leaders:

Starting with the fall 2026-2027 season year, US Youth Soccer's National League (NL) and US Club Soccer's National Premier League (NPL) 'NewComp' will unify into one team-based competitive league. More information on 'NewComp', including FAQ's, can be found [HERE](#).

Change can be challenging, especially where there may be confidence in the current player pathways. However, this specific alignment begins to address issues such as accessibility, travel distances, and the costs associated with travel.

The 'NewComp' league has been many months in the making and has completed several important benchmarks. Governance structures have been established; a commissioner is now in place; and league operators, including MSYSA, have been selected. Note: MSYSA is the exclusive operator of the 'NewComp' district that encompasses Michigan and northern Indiana. The formal launch of the league name, brand, and website along with the opening of the league application is anticipated very soon.

Here's a brief update on the expectations for club/team transition to 'NewComp' for the 2026-2027 season.

NL Team-Based Leagues:

1. Teams playing in a NL team-based league, namely NL Team Premier 1 and Premier 2 will need to apply for 'NewComp' via MSYSA's process/link starting in mid-April.
2. Teams should expect our application to open in mid-April.
3. Prior NL participation, results, and NL winter event performance will be an important assessment tool for 'NewComp'.

NL Club-Based Leagues:

1. 'NewComp' is primarily a team-based league. While some club-based leagues that already operate within the new district boundaries of 'NewComp' will have a one-year phase-out, the majority of NL Club division structures will be dissolved and merged into the 'NewComp' structure.
2. Clubs currently playing in the NL Club-based league, namely NL Club Premier 1 and Premier 2 will need to apply their individual teams for 'NewComp' via MSYSA's process/link starting in mid-April.
3. Teams should expect applications to open in mid-April.
4. The 2025-2026 NL Club, NL Cup, and NL Winter Event results will be an important evaluation tool for 'NewComp'.



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NPL and MSPSP Leagues:

1. Teams in non-NL leagues, such as NPL or MSPSP/GLPL team-based leagues will need to apply for 'NewComp' via MSYSA's process/link starting in mid-April.
2. Teams should expect our application to open in mid-April.
3. Other competitive teams are also encouraged to apply! League standings/results, tournament standings/results, etc. will also be reviewed for potential entry into NewComp.

Please be sure to visit our website and social media channels for 'NewComp' updates. Exciting times are ahead!

Sincerely,

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