

LOUDOUN SOCCER BOYS AND GIRLS TO JOIN ECNL REGIONAL LEAGUE - VIRGINIA FOR THE 2021-22 SEASON

LEESBURG, VA (April 7, 2021) – Loudoun Soccer is excited to announce that its Boys and Girls U11-U19 Red teams will join the ECNL Regional League - Virginia for the 2021-2022 season.

With more local games and less travel, the ECNL Regional League provides a high level of competition and a professional, player-centric environment designed to enhance player development at all levels. At the forefront of player development, the league provides enhanced flexibility within age groups and playing opportunities for larger player pools while increasing competitiveness across the board.

Mark Ryan, Loudoun Soccer's Technical Director expressed his enthusiasm on behalf of the club: *"Loudoun Soccer is excited to unite our elite travel programs under the ECNL Regional League banner. Currently, our U13-U19 boys and girls teams' participate in the ECNL Mid-Atlantic Conference; by expanding beyond that to join the ECNL Regional League, we are providing our U11-U19 boys and girls Red teams pathways to high-level competition not only in the state but regionally and nationally."*

All Loudoun Soccer Red teams will begin ECNL Regional League competition in August 2021, as part of the 2021-2022 season. Additional expansion and Regional League showcase events and a national postseason will be announced at a later date.

Loudoun Soccer is also pleased to announce a handful of additional changes: Our U9/U10 Red and Black teams will enter into NCSL (National Capital Soccer League) club centric league for fall 2021; our U11-U19 Black teams will enter NCSL Divisional play; our U12 Pre-ECNL will continue to compete in EDP (Elite Development Program); and, our White, Silver and Gray teams will continue to be placed in NCSL.

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About the ECNL: The ECNL is the nation's leading youth soccer development platform. The ECNL respects and celebrates the unique individuality of every youth soccer player and club, supporting and enabling them to unleash their unfettered passion and fierce tenacity in striving to achieve their potential.

The ECNL mission to Raise the Game is a total commitment to create the best possible environment for players, coaches, referees and administrators, with a determination to constantly question convention and challenge the status quo in youth sports.