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**LEESBURG, VA (February, 2018 )** – Loudoun Soccer is pleased to announce its acceptance into the Girl's Elite Clubs National League (ECNL), a nationwide league dedicated to developing elite female soccer players through innovative, player-centered programming and to enhancing the overall experience by creating a better, more enjoyable, and more successful player, coach, and club development model.

“The ECNL’s focus on elite female athletes, and its professional and collaborative approach match our club’s philosophy and needs,” said Mark Ryan, Loudoun Soccer Technical Director. “We look forward to providing those players in Loudoun County the opportunity to develop in and compete on a nationwide platform.”

Loudoun Soccer’s acceptance into ECNL coincides with the dissolution of its partnership with FC Virginia in supporting each club’s US Soccer Development Academy programs. Loudoun Soccer will continue to operate its boys DA program.

Evans Malyi has been appointed as the Director of ECNL for Loudoun Soccer. Malyi will oversee all aspects of Loudoun Soccer’s ECNL program – players, coaches, curriculum, and operations.

Said Malyi: “Our entry to ECNL provides the elite-level female player in this area a nationally proven pathway, and it aligns with our club’s mission, values, and philosophy.”

Loudoun Soccer ECNL teams will be formed via ID sessions and tryouts in the upcoming weeks and months to compete in the fall 2018-spring 2019 season in the Mid-Atlantic Conference. A team will be formed in each of the following age groups: U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, and U18/U19. U13 and U14 teams will play a 10-month schedule, while U15-U18/19 teams will play primarily in the fall and winter to permit players to compete for their High School teams in the spring. In addition to league play, Loudoun Soccer ECNL teams will compete in ECNL National Events, which attract a large audience of college coaches, as well as non-ECNL tournaments such as Jefferson Cup.

A town hall meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 8, 2018 at 7 PM at [Trailside Middle School](#) auditorium in Ashburn to provide information about our Girls ECNL Program, and to address questions from the audience. The meeting is open to all interested parties.

Loudoun Soccer will continue to field Travel teams that compete in Club Champions League (CCL I and CCL II), National Capital Soccer League (NCSL), and Old Dominion Soccer League (ODSL).

[Click here to read ECNL’s Official Press Release Announcing Loudoun Soccer’s Membership.](#)

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