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FREDERICKSBURG FC MOVING TO VPSL - ECNL REGIONAL LEAGUE

FREDERICKSBURG, Va, (Wednesday, March 24, 2021)—After much discussion and investigation that began in January, Fredericksburg FC has decided to make the switch to playing in the Virginia Premier Soccer League (VPSL), which is an Elite Clubs National League Regional League (ECNL Regional League), beginning with the Fall 2021 season.

After considering the advantages that the VPSL offers, which includes an affiliation to a National League, FFC President and Executive Director Grover Gibson said the decision to move beginning with the 2021-22 playing season was unanimous amongst the FFC staff and board members.



"We were looking for a more streamlined pathway to national competition opportunities for some of our travel teams, while also looking for a league schedule that complimented a more ambitious tournament schedule we have planned for the upcoming 2021-22 season," said Gibson, who is also FFC's Technical Director. "This decision was then also made to provide a more accommodating travel schedule, one aligned with Virginia-only clubs, so that our high school seasons are completely aligned together."

VPSL President Mike Cullina said that line of thinking fit right into the current guiding principles of the VPSL board, which has prioritized providing more meaningful games and less travel for its members.

"We value the importance of surrounding ourselves with like-minded, professionally run clubs to create a positive game day experience," he said. "The addition of Fredericksburg FC meets each of these objectives and helps provide clarity to the Central Virginia soccer landscape."

"Grover Gibson's leadership and FFC's commitment to player development is a welcomed addition to Virginia Premier Soccer League."

Since its formation in 2014, the VPSL has existed to support its partnering clubs by serving its members and placing the needs of its clubs, teams and players at the forefront of all decisions. As an ECNL Regional League, it's member clubs are able to qualify teams for ECNL regional and national events, as well as be eligible for many other potential future events.

For more on the VPSL, visit: vapremierleague.com.

For more information on the ECNL, visit: usclubsoccer.org/ecnl.

About Fredericksburg Football Club

Fredericksburg FC is the largest soccer club in Central Virginia, offering various youth programs from U4-U19, as well as Men's and Women's CCL Pro23 teams. To learn more about FFC and its programs, please visit the club's website at www.fredericksburgfc.org.