



The Great Lakes Alliance, a US Club National Premier League is preparing for its second season covering Ohio, Western New York as well as Western and Central Pennsylvania.

GLA-NPL will be a 11 to 19 league for both boys and girls. 11s through 14s will begin play in the fall with 15's to 19s beginning after the high school season.

The GLA-NPL will be divided into 2 8-team divisions per age group. 1 division will encompass teams from Ohio and the other will be teams from Western New York and Western Pennsylvania. The West divisions will mostly be made up of 4 Northern Ohio Teams from Cleveland, Toledo, Akron-Canton as well as teams from Columbus, Dayton and possibly Cincinnati. The East divisions will be made up of teams from Western New York as well as teams from Western and Central Pennsylvania.

New this year! We will be adding 11U and 12U GLA Pre_NPL for boys and girls. There will be 2 Saturday crossover showcases where each team will play 2 games in the fall and 2 Saturday crossover showcases where each team will play 2 games in the spring. The first crossover showcase will be in Canton on Saturday September 9th and the second one will be Sept 29 @ Batavia Sports Park, Batavia, NY. The spring Saturday crossover showcases will be in Ohio and Pittsburgh in April. Dates will be determined by early November. There will be 3 local self-scheduled games for a total of 11 games with GLA Pre_NPL Playoffs being in Erie, PA along with the GLA_NPL Playoffs June 15-16, 2019.

13's and 14's will play a 15-game schedule throughout the year. We will be holding 2 GLA-NPL Showcase weekends in the fall and 2 in the spring. These teams will play 1 game a day there and those matches will all be against the New York and Pennsylvania teams. The other 7 games against Ohio teams will be self-scheduled matches. The team with the best overall record will represent the GLA-NPL in the NPL Finals which will take place in July.

15's through 19's will play an 11-game schedule. We will be holding 2 GLA-NPL Showcase weekends in the spring. Just like the younger divisions, these teams will play 1 game a day there and those matches will all be against the New York and Pennsylvania teams. These Showcases most likely will both take place in March or 1 in March and 1 in early April. The other 7 games against Ohio teams will be self-scheduled matches. 1st place finishers in each division will play each other in June to determine which teams will represent the GLA-NPL in the NPL Finals which will take place in July.

The cost for 11U's and 12U's will be \$850. for the 2018-2019 15 game season. This will include 2 showcase events in the fall and 2 in the spring. (Field rental for the showcases is included in the fees but referee fees are not.)

The cost for 13U's and 14U's will be \$1200 for the 2018-2019 15 game season. This will include 2 showcase events in the fall and 2 in the spring. (Field rental for the showcases is included in the fees but referee fees are not.)

The cost for 15U's and 19U's will be \$900 for the 2018-2019 11 game season. This will include 2 showcase events in the spring. (Field rental for the showcases is included in the fees but referee fees are not.)

The Fall Showcases will be in Canton, Ohio and Batavia, NY in September and October. The Spring Showcases will be in Canton, Oh and Pittsburgh, PA in March. These Showcases will be your crossover games with the East/West Divisions therefore will be mandatory for all teams to attend and participate. The first crossover showcase will be in Canton on September 9-10 and the second one will be September 29-30 @ Batavia Sports Park, Batavia, NY.

I know there is a great deal of information here. Please feel free to call me if there are any questions or if there is anything you don't quite understand.

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