



When we have a group of players that we believe can compete in regional and national competitions, we believe we can service the players more effectively when we structure the program to support players within a training and competition model that is interactive. We understand and support the value of team dynamics and within this structure there will be a group of players that consistently play together in the USYS Elite 64 league and a group of players that consistently play together in the US Club Soccer GLA National Premier League.

All players participating in Elite 64 and NPL will have access to Statsports technology.

Over the course of the season there will be opportunities for this overall group to train both together and separately depending on upcoming competitions. Schedules will be integrated to make every effort to avoid scheduling conflicts for league matches and showcase events. By integrating the schedules for the program our aim is to maximize playing opportunities for all the players as well as giving players interested in playing in college expanded options for showcase event matches.

Sometimes when players or parents hear the word "pool play" their image is of a large group of players who are randomly selected for each match. I cannot imagine a bigger nightmare administratively. We value the importance of having a team structure. But we also value the importance of having a club structure that supports the team structure. If teams are structured independently and a team has issues with injuries or an expected family emergency, movement of players can negatively impact the experience of multiple teams in our program. In addition, players added to these teams likely have not been training with the team which can limit their effectiveness.

Conceptually, we believe we can maintain the desired team structure within an Elite 64/NPL program design that provides the following:

1. multiple quality competitive platforms for our players
2. dynamic training environment
3. integrated coaching staff
4. effective player integration
5. expanded playing opportunities
6. expanded showcase opportunities
7. player metrics for an expanded number of players
8. versatility with match and event roster sizes

We have been using the concept of this structure this year with specific groups in our program. The u18/u19 girls utilized this structure to compete in two GLC leagues and USYS National League P.R.O. as well as multiple showcase events. The coaching staff managed the rosters effectively across a spring break schedule that lasted for 5 weeks and a spring that included 22 different high school proms and numerous dates for graduation.

We believe strongly that player commitment is one of the fundamental requirements for a successful program. We believe that family commitments can sometimes take precedent over soccer and that there are some events that are a part of each player's school year that are important and vital to the high school experience. The aim for our program is to give our coaches and players a structure that fosters player and team success within this framework.