



April 14, 2023

Dear Westside Metros Families,

We are excited to announce that the Boys ECNL has accepted our application to begin creating an ECNL pathway in the Oregon/Idaho market for the 2023/2024 Season. The ECNL is one of the most prestigious soccer leagues in the country. This is a decision we strongly believe will benefit our players, our teams, and our entire club in countless ways.

The ECNL's first step, when creating a new Conference, is the formation of an ENCL Regional League for the first year, with the goal of full acceptance into the ECNL for the following season. The ECNL RL is a stepping stone between State League and the ECNL. This gives the accepted clubs the opportunity to transition and the ECNL to confirm the new conference is ready to compete at a national level.

The accepted clubs for the 2023/2024 season of the ECNL Regional League- Far West Conference are: Westside Metros FC, Capital FC, Oregon Premier, Eugene Metros, Boise Timbers, and Idaho Rush. Each club will enter their top team at the following age groups U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, and U18/U19.

A key reason we have applied for the creation of an Oregon/Idaho specific Conference is that it will allow our players to continue to play with their High Schools in the Fall, unlike the current Northwest Conference that is made up of Washington teams, whose HS Season is in the Winter/Spring.

The benefit to starting in the ECNL RL this first season, is our teams will also compete in the OYSA League and State Cup for this upcoming season. This will enhance our ability to compete and succeed in those competitions in preparation of transition and acceptance to the full ECNL.

The top team from each age group will qualify for ECNL RL Nationals in June. The ECNL has approved that our clubs will have the option of applying their U16, U17, and/or U19 teams into one ECNL National Event rather than an RL National event this initial season. This is a great advantage, as the full ECNL National Events draw a significantly high number of college coaches.

The ECNL is an exclusive opportunity that most clubs in the area will not have a chance to join. Our leadership team continues to seek out new pathways and partnerships to enhance our programs and provide our players with opportunities to expand their development. We are honored that our application was accepted and the ECNL is open to working with us in the creation of this new market.

Steven Evans
Boys Director of Coaching
Westside Metros FC
steven.evans@wsmetros.org