

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE
SMALL SIDED SOCCER



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The Small Sided Soccer Association (SSSA) has announced the introduction of The National League (TNL) which has entered into a 5 year sanctioning agreement with US Club Soccer and will launch at the forthcoming United Soccer Coaches (formerly NSCAA) Convention in Philadelphia in January 2018.

The National League is dedicated to facilitating the huge growth throughout the country in small sided soccer and the 100% year on year increase in small sided soccer centers with custom fields created specifically for small sided soccer play for all ages 3-65+.

Small sided soccer is the most played and enjoyed version of soccer around the world with over 50% of 15+ million players in the US alone regularly playing.

Children and Youth leagues are recreational and local with 3 v 3 play for 3+ years up to 7 v 7 play for youth 12+ and are designed for existing soccer clubs who wish to participate and also new teams and clubs as they form and wish to play. There will be 4 mini leagues each of 8 games throughout the season played at dedicated small sided soccer centers throughout the country.

Adult leagues are competitive and by region with qualifiers all the way to an annual final which will be held in Miami at the end of the 2018/19 season. There will be 3 mini leagues each of 8 games which will be local to each center followed by qualifying for regional finals/playoffs with winners heading to the final play offs and final itself which will be hosted by rotating centers which have excelled during the previous season as a host.

“We are very excited to bring organized small sided soccer leagues to centers around the country via TNL,” said Mayowa Owalabi, Technical Director for The National League. “We are convinced that it will be the most consistent recreational environment for children and youth to grow in soccer, and for adults to enjoy competitive leagues in specialist centers”.

“The Small Sided Soccer Association has been a passion of mine for the past 3 years” said Alan Georgeson, President of the association and its parent Constructive 4 organization “with the huge increase in demand for small sided soccer and the rush to build custom small sided soccer centers which offer a quality product within a progressive, inviting and safe environment, similar to the boom in Europe and South America in the 1980’s where centers grew year on year 100% with demand”.

Kevin Payne, CEO and Executive Director of US Club Soccer said “The National League fits well within the increase in demand and quality for small sided soccer and US Club Soccer is proud to be involved as the sanctioning organization over the next 5 years, and we wish the league and its member centers, clubs, teams and players all the best”.

ABOUT THE SMALL SIDED SOCCER ASSOCIATION (www.smallsidedsoccerassociation.com)

The Small Sided Soccer Association’s mission is to promote and develop the small sided game and enhance the quality of the experience for all who play, from children entering the game, to youth soccer, to leagues and tournaments, to adult social soccer.

ABOUT US CLUB SOCCER (www.usclubsoccer.org)

A National Association member of the U.S. Soccer Federation, US Club Soccer fosters the growth and development of soccer clubs in order to create the best possible development environment for players of all ages. Among US Club Soccer’s primary programming is the National Premier Leagues (NPL), a competitive nationwide platform for boys and girls consisting of 22 member leagues and more than 300 member clubs. US Club Soccer offers youth and adult registration, league- and cup-based competition platforms at the recreational and competitive levels, and a variety of other programming and services. Anchored by Players First, US Club Soccer supports all facets of youth soccer through the five pillars of Players First: Club Development, Coaching Development, Player Development, Parent Engagement & Education and Player Health & Safety. Other programming elements include the id² Program and Player Development Program, and the National Cup.

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ABOUT CONSTRUCTIVE 4 (www.constructive4.com)

Constructive Group was formed in 2010 by its President Alan Georgeson with a sole focus on creating more spaces to play and more places to learn in small sided soccer, and enjoys 15+ years of experience in small sided soccer in the US and Europe.

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