


Great Lakes Alliance (GLA) has been selected to operate National 1 League Midwest District 1.

Great Lakes Alliance is excited to be part of the next chapter in youth soccer advancement.

Collaboration has always been at the core of our league model, and it's a big reason for our continued success. We're proud to carry that forward as we align with US Club Soccer and US Youth Soccer to bring the new National 1 League to our member clubs.

This new platform represents the nation's top team-based league—creating stronger competition, clearer pathways, and a more connected landscape for players and clubs.

Let's go. 

New competition brings together NPL & National League

Great Lakes Alliance is proud to have been named by US Club Soccer and US Youth Soccer a league operator for Midwest District 1 of its new competition, beginning with the 2026-27 season, that serves as the top team-based league of both organizations. This new league, National 1 League brings together the National Premier Leagues (NPL) and National League, ushering in a new era of collaboration in the youth soccer ecosystem and serving 10,000 teams and more than 150,000 players.

The competition's inaugural season will be capped in summer 2027, as part of a postseason structure operated by the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL). The recently announced ECNL Conference League Playoffs will welcome the top-performing teams from this competition, along with selected ECNL Regional League (ECNL RL) teams.

For more information about the league, contact bern@glasoccer.com.

Applications will open shortly.



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