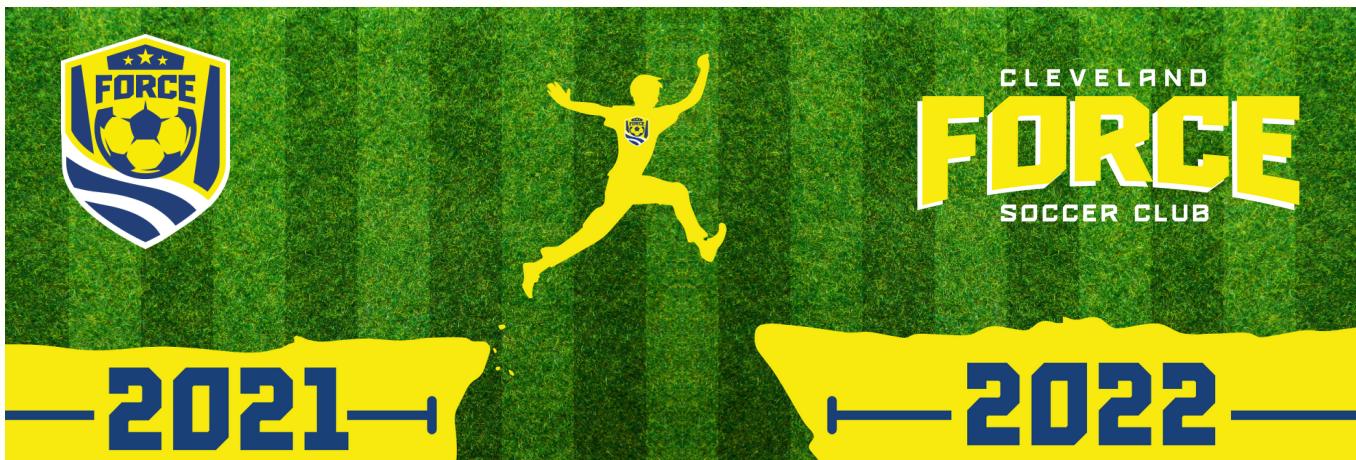


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A NOTE FROM D.O.C. EVERETT PALACHE



We hope this message finds you doing well and your family healthy! It has been a great year of growth for our players and the club! The club's development has a lot to do with our coaches and their passion for the players. For this, we are thankful and look forward to seeing their growth and development in 2022.

We also want to thank our parents, who believe in our values on and off the field. We would not attract other value-driven families looking for a value-driven environment, higher licensed coaches, and league platforms without you. The players deserve thanks as well! They have worked through another problematic year, both on and off the field. Without your commitment and passion for the game, we would not have seen much success on the soccer field in 2021.

A special thanks as we close 2021 to our community partners, new and old. Thank you for believing in the CFSC development model and sharing our values! We look forward to working together in 2022 to provide a "capstone" to the boys and girls development pyramid. Also, in 2022, we look forward to creating a "Sports Culture" by working together to instill the values of hard work, team sacrifice, fair play, and inspiring community pride through inspirational performances on the field.

The CFSC "pillars" of every season...

- Continued personal growth of our players [Core Values]
- Culture development (C-H-I-R-P)
- Our style of play (Possession based)

Again thank you, everyone, for your continued commitment and support of the club's mission and vision! **Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!**

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ECNL AND ECNL-R: CFSC GIRLS

The ECNL and ECNL-R teams have started the season and all teams are showing signs of growth and preparation for the future. CFSC has teams in a great position to advance to the ECNL and ECNL-R postseason. A majority of the girls' teams are finishing the 2021 calendar year in a good position to make the postseason competitions. We look forward to seeing the continued growth of the ladies on and off the field in 2022!

GIRLS ECNL POSTSEASON

ECNL Girls' postseason structure for the 2021-2022 season, will see more than 75 teams added to the ECNL Girls Champions League across five age groups. This increase will be biggest in the younger age groups, giving more players and teams at critical developmental ages the opportunity to play more best vs. best competition in the postseason.

For the 2021-22 season, the U13, U14, U15, U16, and U17 age groups will all see their respective Champions League divisions expand to 44 teams. At the U13 age group, an additional 28 teams will be added to this postseason competition in comparison to years past, and at the U14-U17 age group, 12 teams will be added at each age group into the Champions League competition.

For the U13-U17 Champions League age groups, eight teams will advance from the ECNL Playoffs to the ECNL Finals in Richmond, Va., for the chance to win a National Championship. To get there, teams will be placed into 11 groups of four at the ECNL Girls National Playoffs, playing three group stage games. Following those contests, the 11 group winners, along with the top five second-place teams, will all advance to the knockout round.

Following the first round of games in the knockout round, the eight winners from the Round of 16 will book their tickets to the ECNL Girls National Finals.

The North American Cup, and two Showcase Cups, will be held at the U16 and U17 age levels at the ECNL Girls National Playoffs.

Coinciding with the updated ECNL Club Competition postseason structure, the ECNL Regional League will also have an updated postseason structure. For the first time in league history, the ECNL Girls Regional League will host its own postseason division, with Regional League Champions crowned at the ECNL Girls National Playoffs. Details for the updated ECNL Regional League postseason structure can be found [here](#).

During the 2021-22 season, more than 300 teams will qualify for the ECNL Girls National Playoffs across six different age groups. Qualification for the ECNL Girls National Playoffs is earned by performance in all ECNL competitions throughout the 2021-22 campaign, including regular-season matches and ECNL Girls National Events. For more information regarding the ECNL Girls Club Competition Postseason structure, click [here](#).





ECNL: CFSC BOYS

Note from ECNL Boys Director Jason Kutney:

"One of the key ingredients of the ECNL has always been communication with the club directors, and such is the case here," Kutney said. "There was a strong desire for more postseason opportunities across more teams, and this is an important step in that direction. By providing more postseason opportunities, the added playoff races and increased high-level contests will continue to raise the level of competition within the league and continue to push the game forward for our athletes."

In our first ECNL Boys season, the teams have shown growth and preparation for the future. With the ECNL platform (classroom), players are in the best position to grow and find success as they prepare for high school, college, and professional soccer. As we enter 2022, CFSC has teams in a great position to advance to the ECNL postseason. As we continue to evolve the young men's player experience, we are excited to offer various pathways to postseason and pre-professional experiences.

We look forward to seeing the continued growth of the gentlemen on and off the field in 2022!

BOYS ECNL POSTSEASON

For the 2021-22 season, the U13 age group expands from 16 to 48 teams, moving from a single-elimination one-stage competition bracket to a group format and two-stage competition. The 48 teams will place into 12 groups of four at the ECNL Boys Playoffs. Along with the top four second-place teams, each group winner will advance to a 16-team, single-elimination knockout round, with the eight winners advancing to the ECNL National Finals.

At the U14 age group, the new postseason structure will see 64 teams competing in a two-stage competition. The group stage will feature 16 groups of four teams, with each group winner advancing to the knockout stage. The knockout round will then consist of a 16-team single-elimination bracket, with the top eight clubs moving on to the ECNL National Finals.

At the U18/19 level, the top 16 teams in the country will compete in a single-elimination Champions League bracket to determine the National Champion. To provide more opportunities for this age group in 2021-2022, the league will be introducing the U18/19 North American Cup for the next-best 16 teams to compete in a single-elimination bracket trophy.

During the 2021-22 season, more than 325 teams will qualify for the ECNL Boys National Playoffs across the six different age groups. Selection into the ECNL Boys National Playoffs is earned based upon performances in all ECNL competitions throughout the 2021-22 campaign, including regular-season matches and ECNL Boys National Events. For more information about the ECNL Boys Club Competition Postseason structure, click [here](#).



MDL: CFSC BOYS

The MDL high school program U15 - U19 has started the season positively. At the same time, the U13 - U14 MDL teams have completed the fall season in favorable positions within the Midwest Development League.

U13 MDL Boys - Tied for 2nd - *One point out of 1st place

U14 MDL Boys - 5th Place - *Three points out of 3rd place

"We have seen flashes of our style of play consistently throughout the first few weekends at showcase events. There are areas to improve defensively, especially defensive set-pieces", says Coach Visnu U15 - U19 MDL/GLA Program Director. In comparison, the U13 - U14 Boys have also seen moments of our style of play. The players have embraced our pressing-counter-pressing "style." Like the older teams, there is room to improve offensively and defensively. Specifically, we look forward to seeing growth in our offensive runs out of the midfield. While defensively, we will look to strengthen 1v1 situations and be more disciplined in our roles. As we start 2022, we look forward to seeing the players grow as soccer players and as young men!



GLA: CFSC BOYS AND GIRLS

Our GLA teams represent themselves and the club in regional competitions. They have started their training cycles ahead of schedule with respect to their mental and physical preparation.

We have seen the growth of team chemistry due to many players returning and looking to build on last season. Many players have shown improvement and came into the club season prepared mentally and physically to make a run for the National Premier League post-season.

We are excited and blessed to offer various pathways to post-season competition and college exposure opportunities. The GLA platform (classroom) is a league CFSC has historically done well U10 - U19, and we look forward to seeing the players continue to grow and compete in 2022!

The Great Lakes Alliance, a US Club National Premier League, is currently in its fourth season covering Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Western New York, West Virginia, and Western and Central Pennsylvania.

Great Lakes Alliance is a U10 to U19 regional soccer league for boys and girls. U10s through U14s began to play in the Fall. U15s to U19s will start after the high school season and mainly in the spring. The GLA has two divisions, GLA-NPL and GLA Premier, for U13 to U19.

The GLA Playoffs will be at the Pro Football HOF Sports Complex June 4-5, 2022. The GLA-NPL Division Champions U13 to U19 will advance to the NPL Finals, which will take place in late June or July in Commerce City, Colorado. GLA Premier Division Champions U13 to U19 will go to the Midwest Regionals, which will take place at Libertyville, Illinois, in late June.



2021 FALL HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS CONTINUED...

ALL-OHIO PLAYERS 1ST TEAM



MACKENZIE MUIR
1ST TEAM - DI

ALL-DISTRICT 1ST TEAM

GREATER CLEVELAND *Mackenzie Muir *PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Marin Pechota

YOUNGSTOWN Kyle Benson

ALL-DISTRICT 2ND TEAM

GREATER AKRON Sadie Lenc

ALL-DISTRICT HONORABLE MENTION

GREATER CLEVELAND Aleksandar Kolar - Autumn Bishop

WHAT'S NEXT? - UPCOMING EVENTS WITH CFSC

CFSC JUNIORS WINTER II SESSION

JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 14
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5 - 8



MONDAY - SATURDAY OPTIONS
OFFERED @ 5 LOCATIONS



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