



Ohio North Premier League Membership Criteria & Logistics Fall 2018

Membership Criteria

- 1. Clubs Must Rank In The Top-10 In The 13U Through 19U Divisions of the Ohio North State Cup**
 - Weighted Points:
 - Champion: 5 pts per team
 - Finalist: 4 pts per team
 - Semi-Finalist: 3 pts per team
 - Quarter-Finalist: 2 points
 - Group Play: 1 point per point earned
- 2. Clubs Must Rank In The Top-10 In The 10U Through 12U Divisions of the Ohio North State Cup**
 - Weighted Points:
 - Champion: 5 pts per team
 - Finalist: 4 pts per team
 - Semi-Finalist: 3 pts per team
 - Quarter-Finalist: 2 points
 - Group Play: 1 point per point earned
- 3. Team Requirements:**
 - Club must field one team in the 10U, 11U and 12U age groups.
 - Clubs may field boys-only or girls-only teams.
- 4. Style Of Play**
 - Club demonstrates U.S. Soccer Constructive Style of Play, defined by the following tactical markers.

Shape

- The team has a recognizable shape and the players have clearly defined roles.
- The organization of players (system of play) is flexible.
- Role duplication is minimal.

Building-Up through the Goalkeeper

- The goalkeeper is integrated into the attacking tactics in the defensive half.
- The goalkeeper is encouraged to build possession from the back when there is opportunity.
- The goalkeeper actively participates in relieving pressure and circulating the ball.
- The goalkeeper may punt the ball.
- The goalkeeper may decide to play an early forward pass.
- Against superior opponents, a more-practical approach to building possession in the defensive half is appreciated.

Rhythm

- The players are encouraged to penetrate or possess based on game cues.
- Players are encouraged to play forward when space and teammates provide opportunities.
- Players are encouraged to play away from pressure when the opponents are well organized.
- The team opens up to create space to circulate the ball when good forward options are not available.
- Aimless clearances and hopeful passes into offside space are discouraged.
- Players are encouraged to think through challenges.

Mobility

- The players are encouraged to support within and between the lines.
- Players support in both horizontal and vertical planes.
- The team is organized to maintain line balance for circulating the ball and reducing the threat from counter-attacks.
- Tactical relationships between pairs of players are evident.

Compactness

- The team lines are connected when attacking and defending,
 - With the passing range of the players impacting spacing and ball circulation.
 - Players at the back of the team are encouraged to move forward to participate in the build-up.
 - Players at the front of the team are encouraged to maintain depth and create opportunities for forward passing options.
 - When out of possession, the players form a defensive block and help each other recover the ball.
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- Club style assessment conducted by Ohio North technical staff during league games and practices.
 - Club has implemented U.S. Soccer Player Development Initiatives.
 - Club's practice activities support U.S. Soccer Player Development philosophy (game-based).

- Club monitors annual participation for all Ohio North Premier League players: Max 40 games per year.

5. Player Development & Periodization

- Club has a clearly articulated (written) player development philosophy.
- Club has a clearly articulated (written) player development plan.
- Club incorporates soccer fitness into soccer training.
- Ohio North Premier League teams have a seasonal, tactical periodization plan.

6. Coaching Standards

- The league requires all club Technical Directors to hold an advanced coaching certification
 - Technical Directors who have not played professionally for a minimum of five (5) years are required to hold a minimum of a US Soccer “B” License; United Soccer Coaches “Advanced National” Diploma; or a US Soccer-recognized international equivalent certification.
 - Technical Directors who have played professionally for a minimum of five (5) years are required to hold a minimum of a US Soccer “C” License or United Soccer Coaches “Advanced National” Diploma within 12 months of acceptance into the league.
- The league requires all team coaches to hold a minimum of a US Soccer "D" License, or a U.S. Soccer-recognized international equivalent certification.

7. Structure

- The club must have an integrated coach and team structure to maximize player development opportunities.

8. Club Database

- Club player-pool is contained in a single data-Base (Blue Star).

9. Field Sizes

- The field standards for Ohio North Premier League games are noted below.
 - 7v7: Width 40-45 Yards and Length 60-65 Yards
 - 9v9: Width 50-55 Yards and Length 85-90 Yards

Ohio North Premier Clubs' Best Practices - Self-Rating		
	YES	NO
Periodization		
· Club Monitors Annual Participation For All Players (Max - 40 Games Per Seasonal Year)		
· Club Incorporates Soccer Fitness Into Soccer Training		
Staff Development		
· Club Conducts (Weekly / Bi-Weekly) Staff Meetings		
· Club Requires Staff Contracts		
· Club Has A Written Risk Management Policy		
· Club Supports Coach Development		
o Formal Education Standards		
o Ongoing / Continuing Coach Development		
o Subsidized License Upgrades		
Player Development / Support		
· Club Requires Player Contracts		
· Club Offers Optional Individual Training Opportunities		
o Remedial Instruction		
o Advanced Player Development		
· Club Provides Seasonal Player (Family) Feedback		
· Club Provides A Homework Program (Optional Participation)		
· Club Offers Athletic Development Opportunities (SPARQ)		
· Club Offers Winter Training/Futsal Program		
· Club Head Coaches: Maximum Of Two Teams Per Season		
Customer Service		
· Club Conducts An Annual Member Survey		
· Club Offers A Minimum Of Semi-Annual Parent Information Programs		
· Club Demonstrates Timely Communication With Members		
· Club Has An Up-To-Date Website		
· Club Lists Staff Coach Qualifications On Website		
· Club Website Lists Players Matriculating To College Programs		
· Club Website Lists Players Earning Regional or National Team Recognition		
· Club Requires Seasonal Team / Age Pool Meetings		
Player Development Pathways		
· Club Player-Pool Is Contained In A Single Data-Base		
· Club Requires Pool-Based Programming For 6U And 8U Players		
· Club Offers "Grassroots Pathway" Programming		
· Club Offers "Performance Pathway" Programming		
· Club Offers DA Programming For Boys		
· Club Offers DA Programming For Girls		
· Club Offers Professional / Semi-Professional (Adult) Programming		
· Club Offers Amateur (Adult) Programming		
Facilities		
· Club Training Facilities Provide For Large-Sided Game Practice		
Club Administration		
o Full-Time Administrator(s)		
o Part-Time Administrator(s)		
o Club Technical Director(s) Serves As Club Administrator(s)		
o Team Coach(es) Serves As Team Administrator(s)		
Player Retention		
· Based On Blue Star / Affinity Data, Clubs demonstrate A 3-Year Player Retention Rate In Excess Of 70%		