

ECNL RL NTX Registration, Fees, and League Structure (2026-2027)

REGISTRATION

- **Platform:** All players register through **GotSport/Athlete ONE** (ECNL team league management platform)
- **Important:** New registration Protocol this year. Got Sport/Athlete One
- **Player Registration Fee:** \$61.25 per player annually

FEES

- **League Fee:** \$4,450 per team (U13-U18/19)
 - Must be paid in full by August 20, 2026
 - League Fees can be paid by credit card through Athlete One or by Check
 - Checks payable to: **Pioneer NTX, LLC**
3245 Main St Suite 235 #316
Frisco, TX 75034
Please Note Club/Team(s) w payment
- **Event Fee:**
 - U15 - U18/19: \$1,750
 - U13 - U14: \$1,600
 - Event acceptance based on availability and league performance

SCHEDULING

- Schedules generated by Texas Club Soccer League office
- Released second week of August
- The season starts on the third weekend of August (21-23)
- Teams must be prepared to play:
 - On holiday weekends (Labor Day, Columbus Day, Halloween)
 - Weekday games
- Club fixtures format: All teams from Club A vs. all teams from Club B
- North Texas venues: Southwood, Railroad, Dallas Soccer Park, RE Goode, Veterans

GAME DAY SPECIFICATIONS

- **Ball Size:** Size 5 for all age groups (U13-U18/19)
- **Game Duration:**
 - U13-U16: 2 × 40-minute halves

- U17-U18/19: 2 × 45-minute halves
- **Format:** 11v11 for all age groups

SUBSTITUTION RULES

Starting in the 2026-27 ECNL regular season U13 and U14 Boys and Girls regular season matches will have unlimited substitutions and move to a "substitution moment" system.

- 3 Substitution moments per half
- Unlimited substitutions within that moment
- If a team piggy-backs on a moment that the other team made, it counts toward a use of both teams moments
- Halftime does not count as a moment, but can be used for unlimited substitutions.
- If there is a suspected head injury and a temporary substitute enters the field for the injured player to be evaluated this does not count as a moment unless other substitutes also enter during the stoppage

REFEREE FEES

Each team pays half before kickoff (budget for 15-17 games):

- U17-U19: \$105 per team (\$45 + \$60)
- U15-U16: \$95 per team (\$40 + \$55)
- U13-U14: \$95 per team (\$40 + \$55)

ROSTER RULES

- **Team Roster Maximum:** 30 players
- **Game Day Roster:** 18 eligible players per match
- **Documentation:** Digital passcard and match reports for 2026-2027
- **Player Limitations:**
 - One team per day
 - One ECNL competition per day
 - Players registered to one primary team
 - Cannot play multiple programs in same competition
 - May play in different age groups if eligible

FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME - 2026/27 Update

The ECNL will adopt all of the new FIFA law changes with one exception. The league will NOT adopt the law regarding players covering their mouth with their hand to disguise potentially discriminatory behavior or communication. Since this was an optional law change the league is choosing not to adopt this law and it should not be enforced. Of course, the league does not tolerate discriminatory behavior or communication, so if a referee observes or sees this behavior directly, please address with appropriate sanctions and reporting.

Additionally, the league will NOT adopt the "Only the Captain" protocol for the 2026-27 season before it becomes mandatory in the 2027-28 season and this rule will not apply. This continues our stance from last season as the law remains optional at this point.

- Time Wasting Penalties
 - **5-second restart:** Referees start a visible 5-second countdown if a player delays a throw-in or goal kick. Delaying a throw-in flips possession; delaying a goal kick gives the opponent a corner kick.
 - **8-second restart:** Goalkeepers holding the ball with hands/arms inside the box are limited to 8 seconds; exceeding it now awards the opponent a corner kick
 - **Foul Throw in:** A throw in must be taken from the exact point where the ball crossed the touchline. If a player takes it significantly away from the correct spot to gain an unfair advantage or deceive opponents, it is treated as a foul throw. Possession immediately switches to the opposing team. Referees do not grant a "do over" for taking a throw in from the wrong place.

For complete rostering details, see ECNL competition rules on the ECNL Resource Center website.

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