

Pre 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:** \$25.25 per player

FEES

- **League Fee:** \$4,000 per team
 - 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

LEAGUE SCHEDULES: Pre ECNL

League schedules will be generated by the Texas Club Soccer League office.

- **Venues:** Pre ECNL will be played at local venues. (Southwood, Railroad, Dallas Soccer Park, Fairview)
- **Schedule Release:** Schedules will be released in the 3rd week of August.
- **Start Date:** September 11th
- **Midweek Games:** All Pre ECNL teams will play mid-week games.

GAME DAY SPECIFICATIONS: Pre ECNL

- **Ball Size:** Size 4 (U10-U12)
- **Game Duration:**
 - U10/U11/U12: (2 x 30-minute halves)
 - 9v9
 - U12: (Spring Only, 2 x 35 – minute halves)
 - 11v11

SUBSTITUTION RULES

- **U10 – U12 PRE ECNL :** Free Substitution

REFEREE FEES:

Game fees are to be paid to referees prior to kick-off if possible. Each Team is responsible for ½ of the referee payment: Teams should budget 16 – 18 games depending on division.

Referee Fee Pay Scale :

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Format</u>	<u>Per Team/Game</u>	<u>Exact Cash Per Game</u>
U10 – U12	9v9	\$57	\$25 + \$32

U12 (Spring)	11v11	\$88	\$38 + \$50
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ROSTER MANAGEMENT: PRE ECNL (U10-U12)

- **Roster Maximums** A maximum of twenty-two (22) may be rostered on a PRE ECNL-Roster (U10-U12)
- **Game Day Rosters.** Only sixteen (16) players (U10-U12) are eligible for the match and must be indicated in the ECNL Match Report. Age-appropriate players that are not pre-printed on the ECNL Match Report are permitted to be handwritten on the ECNL Match Report so long as they have a valid ECNL pass card.
- **Game Day Rosters (U12, 11 v11, Spring Only)** Only eighteen (18) players (U12) are eligible for the match and must be indicated in the ECNL Match Report. Age-appropriate players that are not pre-printed on the ECNL Match Report are permitted to be handwritten on the ECNL Match Report so long as they have a valid ECNL pass card.
- **Game limits.** Pre ECNL players may only play two (2) games per day.
- **No Restrictions on Program Movement Within League Competition.** Players may play in multiple programs within any individual ECNL Competition. For clarification: if they are: (i) age eligible; (ii) meet all specific eligibility requirements in these Regulations.

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.

https://theecnl.com/sports/2024/9/24/GEN_0924244515.aspx