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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Evolved NL Conference Pathway

13 NATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCES



CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS
U14+: December (ESPN Wide World of Sports, FL)



NL P.R.O.
U14+: February (East)



NL P.R.O.
U14+: May (West)



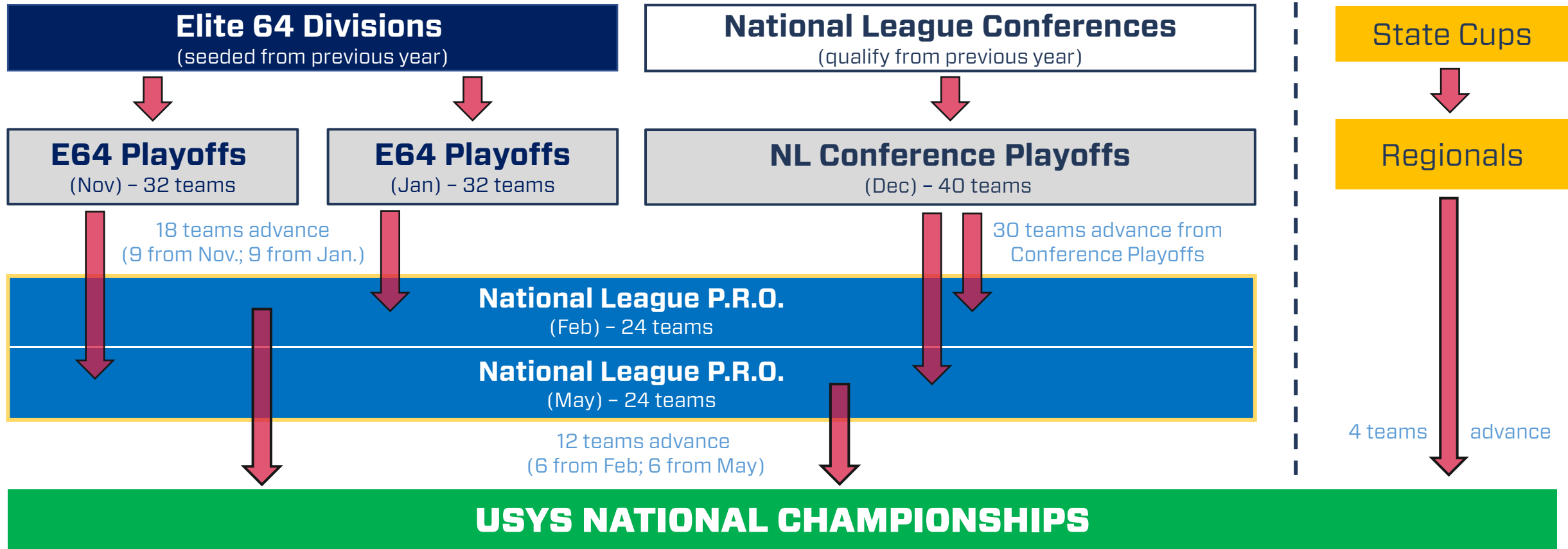
USYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Structure: 10 Groups of 4 in Playoffs, Knockout in NL P.R.O. (minimum of 3 games per event)
Team Goals: Qualify for NL P.R.O., Win NL P.R.O., Qualify for National Championships



EVOLVED NATIONAL LEAGUE PATHWAY - 2023-24 SEASON

(Example for a single age group/gender)*



Structure: 10 Groups of 4 in Conference Playoffs; Knockout in E64 Playoffs and NL P.R.O.

Team Goals: Win E64 Playoffs or Conference Playoffs, Qualify for NL P.R.O., Win NL P.R.O., Qualify for USYS National Championships



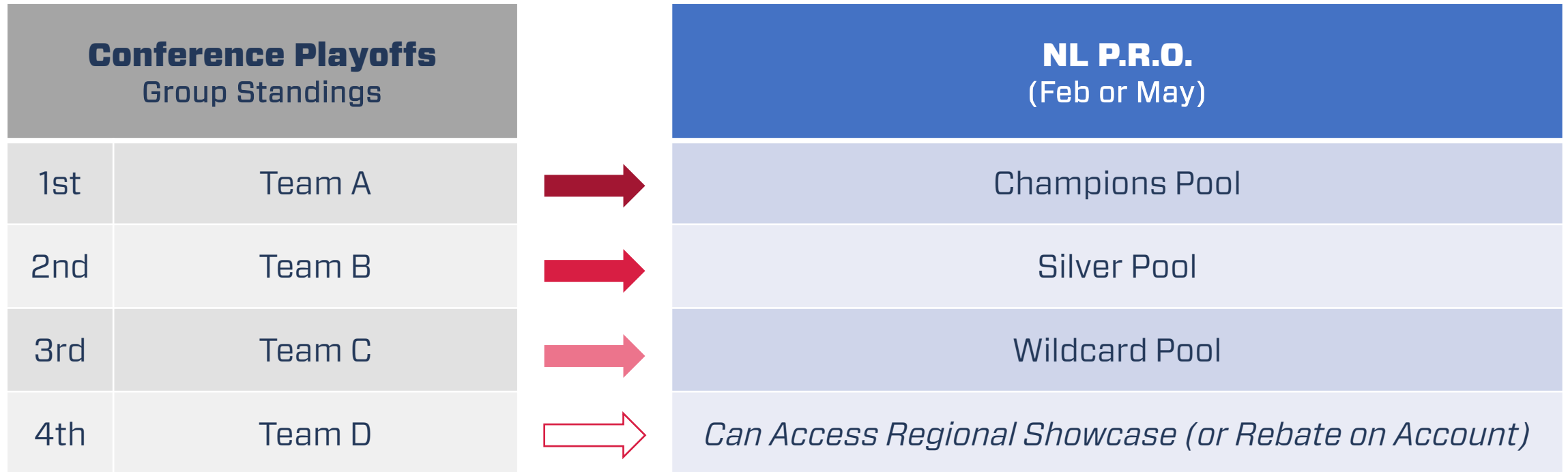
**13U pathway ends at E64 Playoffs*



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CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS - ADVANCEMENT

- Conference Playoffs feature 40 teams per gender/age group (14U thru 18/19U), divided into 10 groups of 4.
- Teams qualify for the Conference Playoffs through their performance in the Conference the previous year.
- 30 teams (75%) advance to NL P.R.O., with their finish at Conference Playoffs determining pool placement at NL P.R.O.



**Designed to encourage best vs. best, with level playing field*



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NATIONAL LEAGUE P.R.O. – ADVANCEMENT

All teams are guaranteed 3 games at the event.

NL P.R.O. (Feb or May)

Champions Pool*

- Top three E64 Playoff Qualifiers
- Five Conference Playoff 1st-Place Teams

Silver Pool

- Second three E64 Playoff Qualifiers
- Five Conference Playoff 2nd-Place Teams

Wildcard Pool

- Third three E64 Playoff Qualifiers
- Five Conference Playoff 3rd-Place Teams

4 Semifinalists



1 Winner



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(*Losing Quarterfinalists
from Champion Pool enter
Wild Card Pool on Day 2)

USYS National Championships

*Six teams from each of the two
National League P.R.O. events
(12 total teams) advance to Nationals*



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NATIONAL LEAGUE EVENT CALENDAR

August		February	National League P.R.O.
September		March	
October		April	
November	E64 Playoffs Advance to NL P.R.O. May	May	National League P.R.O.
December	NL Conference Playoffs Advancement to NL P.R.O. event	June	NCS Regionals
January	E64 Playoffs Advance to NL P.R.O. February	July	NCS Nationals



US YOUTH SOCCER **NATIONAL LEAGUE**

IMPROVEMENTS

Nationals

All roads lead to Nationals

Reduce Unnecessary Travel

One fewer E64 event. Playoffs and Championships regionalized

College Scouts

Consistently reorganizing to ensure Best vs Best. All highlights done through ProScore

Recognize Winners

New Champions (E64 Playoffs, Conference Playoffs, NL P.R.O.)

Fewer Mismatches

Reorganizing repeatedly prevents mismatches

Meaningful Games

The result of each game is meaningful for championships or qualification

Recruitable Moment

Every recruitable moment to be captured without need for endless highlight clipping

Talent ID

More identification of talented players within National League

Deconflicting Calendar

Avoid Conflicting Events

Coach Education

Offer educational opportunities to develop and increase knowledge of the game

