



US SOCCER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES



US Soccer PDIs implemented August 1 2017

13U-18U Player Development Initiative	Fall 2017 Implications
Games per day	One Game per Day
Games/Calendar Year	15/season or 30/year
Practice to Game Ratio	3:1 or 4:1
Game Time	2 x 40 or 2 x 45



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League Structure Implications:

- Who: 13U-18U Age Groups
- When: Fall Season 2017
- What: Shift toward 'play dates' & 'Bye Weekends'
- Why: Lets explore the rational...



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Why: 'Quality Vs. Quantity'

- Alignment with the US Soccer's PDIs
- Improves league structure:
- Direct benefits:
 - Aligns teams schedule on the same weekends.
 - Increases probability of developmentally appropriate match ups
 - Increases the number of games
 - Improve the practice to game ratio – 3:1 balance
 - Places emphasis on the importance of leagues games
 - Reduces the risk of injury
 - Reduces the risk of overuse injuries



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FALL 2017 LEAGUE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE	WEEKEND	U13-U18 BOYS DIVISION 1	U13-U18 BOYS DIVISION 2-3	U13-U18 GIRLS DIVISION 1	U13-U18 GIRLS DIVISION 2-3	IN-STATE EVENTS
WEEKEND 1	Saturday, August 26, 2017	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	
	Sunday, August 27, 2017	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	
HOLIDAY WEEKEND	Saturday, September 2, 2017	Holiday Weekend	Holiday Weekend	Holiday Weekend	Holiday Weekend	RUSH LD Cup
	Sunday, September 3, 2017	Holiday Weekend	Holiday Weekend	Holiday Weekend	Holiday Weekend	RUSH LD Cup
WEEKEND 2	Saturday, September 9, 2017	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	JJSC BOYS FALL CUP
	Sunday, September 10, 2017	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	JJSC BOYS FALL CUP
WEEKEND 3	Saturday, September 16, 2017	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	FC UNITED Classic / MENACE (GIRLS)
	Sunday, September 17, 2017	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	FC UNITED Classic / MENACE (GIRLS)
WEEKEND 4	Saturday, September 23, 2017	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	
	Sunday, September 24, 2017	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	
WEEKEND 5	Saturday, September 30, 2017	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	JJSC GIRLS FALL CUP
	Sunday, October 1, 2017	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	JJSC GIRLS FALL CUP
WEEKEND 6	Saturday, October 7, 2017	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	
	Sunday, October 8, 2017	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	PLAY DATE	
WEEKEND 7	Saturday, October 14, 2017	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	STATE CUP/PRESIDENT CUP
	Sunday, October 15, 2017	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	STATE CUP/PRESIDENT CUP
WEEKEND 8	Saturday, October 21, 2017	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	STATE CUP/PRESIDENT CUP
	Sunday, October 22, 2017	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	STATE CUP/PRESIDENT CUP
WEEKEND 9	Saturday, October 28, 2017	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	STATE CUP/PRESIDENT CUP
	Sunday, October 29, 2017	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	PLAY DATE: SC OR ISL	STATE CUP/PRESIDENT CUP
WEEKEND 10	Saturday, November 4, 2017	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OUT OF STATE OPPORTUNITY
	Sunday, November 5, 2017	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT	OUT OF STATE OPPORTUNITY

SUMMARY

REQUIRED WEEKEND PLAY DATES: 7

OPTIONAL: IN OR OUT: 3

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PLAY DATE - TEAMS MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO PLAY (WILL NOT PLAY ON ALL DATES)

OPTIONAL - TEAMS CAN PLAY IN TOURNAMENTS OR PLAY IN A LEAGUE GAME



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Tournament Play Implications -

With the move towards one game per day model, tournaments should prepare for future changes. Tournament Play Considerations:

US Soccer's goal:

- Reduce travel for children/families
- Reduce cost for families
- Reduce overuse injuries
- Reduce physical/psychological burnout
- Reduce over emphasis on winning
- Reduce stress placed on coaches



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Tournament Play Implications for clubs

- The role of tournaments within your organization – PDI alignment
- The financial implications of tournament to budgets
 - Is the revenue part of your operational income?
 - Have you performed a cost analysis – budget impact
 - Do you have a contingency plan?
- Is there another model for tournament play?
 - 3 games (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) - one game per day
 - 2 games (Saturday, Sunday) - one game per day



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