

**Highland**, **UT** - Utah Surf is pleased to accept the invitation for our boys teams to compete in the ECNL Regional League beginning in the 2025-2026 season. This will give ALL Utah Surf players access to a higher competitive level and a pathway for elite development within the structure of the prestigious ECNL. (Elite Clubs National League)

The ECNL is the premier youth soccer league in the nation, managing and operating both a regional and national platform. The ECNL Regional League provides elite competition within a closer geographical area and provides access to national events and showcases, with opportunities for post-season advancement at the regional and national stage.

The top Utah Surf Girls AND Boys teams from U13-U19 will compete against teams from Utah and Idaho as well as Utah, Arizona and New Mexico respectively. Utah Surf is the only Utah County-based club providing the ECNL Regional League pathway in the state. Players will have the opportunity to compete in league games throughout the season with the goal to attend ECNL Regional postseason playoffs and championships as well as National events held in conjunction with the ECNL.

"We work every year to ensure our Regional Leagues have the most competitive games, and that the top players and teams in the Regional League are provided tremendous college exposure." - ECNL Associate Commissioner Chris Leahey. With established pathways for top performing clubs, as well as increased recruiting exposure from more National Events and an improved postseason structure, the ECNL Regional League continues to prove itself as a top competition for clubs around the country.

Tryouts for all Utah Surf ECNL Regional League teams will take place this spring and the schedule will be announced in the coming weeks.

## Link to ECNL Announcement

## About the ECNL:

The ECNL is the nation's leading youth soccer development platform. The ECNL respects and celebrates the unique individuality of every youth soccer player and club, supporting and enabling them to unleash their unfettered passion and fierce tenacity in striving to achieve their potential.

The ECNL mission to Raise the Game is a total commitment to create the best possible environment for players, coaches, referees and administrators, with a determination to constantly question convention and challenge the status quo in youth sports.

## The ECNL Commitment:

We will lead, set our eyes on new horizons, and pursue them relentlessly. Born out of the belief in a better way. Continued in the ever-evolving pursuit of excellence.