



2023/2024 SEASON
UTAH PLATFORM LEAGUE OVERVIEW

UPL OBJECTIVES



- Create opportunities for all teams regardless of National, Regional or State Platform
- Competition based on the changing landscape within our environments



QUALIFYING CLUBS/TEAMS

- UPL Member Club that qualifies through their National Platform League (ECNL, GA and E64) - *For Competition purposes UPL Member Clubs are only allowed one (1) team per age group, per gender that qualifies through the identified National Platform Leagues*
- UPL Qualifying Team is the team that qualifies through the National Championship Series (State Cup)- *For Competition purposes UPL Qualifying teams will not be limited to the number of teams participating. This will be based on Results as defined in qualifications.*



ELIGIBILITY

UPL Member Club

- 1 team per club and gender
- U13-U18/19s
- No UYSA State Cup
- No UYSA Gaming League

UPL Qualifying Teams

- State Cup Champion
- State Cup Finalist
- Has the option to play in UYSA State Gaming League
- Plays in UYSA State Cup

BOYS	GIRLS
Utah Avalanche	Utah Avalanche
La Roca FC	Utah Celtic
Sparta	La Roca FC
USA	USA
Utah Celtic	Wasatch SC
UYSA State Cup Winner	UYSA State Cup Winner
UYSA State Cup Finalist	UYSA State Cup Finalist

EXAMPLE OF 23/24 BOYS U14, U17 and U18/19



There are could be doubles in certain age groups. The advisory committees will decide based on team, points, etc. if an invite is sent outside of the established qualifications.

Potential Spot

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Two Potential Spots

U14 BOYS	GIRLS
Utah Avalanche	Utah Avalanche
La Roca FC	Celtic
Sparta	La Roca FC
USA	USA
Utah Celtic	Wasatch SC
Utah Avalanche (SC-1)	UYSA State Cup winner
Aggies FC (SC-2)	UYSA State Cup Finalist

U17 BOYS	GIRLS
Utah Avalanche	Utah Avalanche
La Roca FC	Celtic
Sparta	La Roca FC
USA	USA
Utah Celtic	Wasatch SC
La Roca FC - Milla (SC-1)	UYSA State Cup winner
Utah Avalanche (SC-2)	UYSA State Cup Finalist

U18/19 BOYS	GIRLS
Utah Avalanche	Utah Avalanche
La Roca FC	Celtic
Sparta	La Roca FC
USA	USA
Utah Celtic	Wasatch SC
Sparta (U17 SC-1)	UYSA State Cup winner U17
USA (U18 SC-1)	UYSA State Cup winner U18



DESIGNATED PLAYER (UPL Member Club)

- Each UPL Member Club will designate 15 players that are only allowed to compete in the UPL Season
- Deadlines for Designated Players:
 - U13 and U14: July 1 Boys and Girls
 - U15, U16, U17 and U18/19: Boys July 1, Girls Oct. 1
- Based on Roster Size the remaining players may play in the UYSA Gaming League
- Designated Player does not apply to the U18/U19 age group
- Any UPL Qualifying Team participating in UPL Competition will not be required to designate 15 players

[DESIGNATED PLAYER FORM](#)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE



- The Advisory Committee will include one (1) representative for the boys and one (1) representative from each UPL Member Club
- The Advisory Committee will, have scheduled meetings throughout the season to discuss rules and feedback to further develop and accomplish the objectives of the UPL

BOYS		GIRLS	
Utah Avalanche	Stephen Hofer	Utah Avalanche	Jimmie Powell
La Roca FC	David Chavez	Utah Celtic	Caitlin Young
Sparta	Marco de Ruiten	La Roca FC	Michael Chesler
USA	Patrick Rennie	USA	Fred Velez
Utah Celtic	Cam Jolley	Wasatch SC	Pat Otte

ROSTER



Roster Maximums: No maximums

Game Day Roster: 22 players max.

Designated Player Date:

- U13 and U14: July 1
- U15, U16, U17 and U18/19: Boys July 1, Girls Oct. 1

Roster Club Ties: UPL Club Competition – Club Tie. A player may only be rostered to UPL Teams within one (1) UPL Member Club each UPL Season.

A player that is rostered to a UPL Qualifying Team follows the UYSA Gaming League Roster Policies.

ROSTER



Designated Player: UPL Member Clubs will designate fifteen (15) players that are not allowed to compete in any other competition associated with UYSA – this includes UYSA Gaming League and State Cup.

Player Registration and Intra-Club Roster Movement: All player on any UPL Roster must be UYSA Registered Players.

Player Drops: No UPL Registered Players may be dropped from an UPL Roster during an UPL Season or unless the player is released, and UYSA player release policy is followed.

ROSTER



Movement Between League Competitions: UPL Member Clubs may move players between League Competitions, following UYSA League Rules (Club Pass, Multi roster, etc.) with expectation of the fifteen (15) Designated Players.

- UPL Qualifying Teams may move (with no expectations) players between League Competitions, following UYSA League Rules (Club Pass, Multi roster, etc.)

Movement Between Age Groups: UPL registered Players may participate in any age group of UPL Competition within the club they are registered as long as they are age eligible and meet all the other eligibility requirements

- This includes UPL Member Clubs and UPL Qualifying Teams

ROSTER



Playing Up: There are no play up restrictions - this will be at the discretion of the member club or team

Late Developer (Playing Down): Member Club or Qualifying Team can submit requests prior to the week of the game with the proper documentation using the below Form for Late Developer Request. Any Late Developer Requests will be sent to other Member Clubs/Teams for full disclosure

[Form for Late Developer Request](#)



PLAYER RECRUITING

- UPL Member Clubs will not be allowed to add any player from outside their Club for UPL Competition, during the seasonal year.
- UPL Member Clubs may not train, invite a player to train, invite a player to tryout or tryout any UPL Registered Player from another UPL Club prior to the designated UYSA Tryout Window of that season - unless the player has been released by their current UPL Club
- UPL Member Clubs may not invite a player to train, invite a player to tryout, or promote their club to players or their parents or guardians during any UPL Competitions in which the player is currently participating

Tryouts: [UYSA Policy 6316 Tryouts](#)

Registration: [UYSA Policy Section 7 Registration](#)

COMPETITION



Game Limits: A player that have been rostered in the twenty-two (22) is only allowed to play in one (1) game per day - with exception of the goalkeeper

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UPL Member Clubs may move players between League Competitions, following UYSA League Rules (Club Pass, Multi roster, etc.) with expectation of the fifteen (15) Designated Players.

UPL Qualifying Teams may move (with no expectations) players between League Competitions, following UYSA League Rules (Club Pass, Multi roster, etc.)

COMPETITION



Process: The game times and venues for all UPL Competitions must be agreed upon by the participating clubs and reported to the Advisory Committee no later than July 31st* for both fall and spring competitions

**Flexibility is allowed outside of this timeframe based on approval by the advisory committee*

Scheduling and Number of Competitions: The UPL shall identify the number, dates, and locations of all UPL Competitions. All UPL Member Clubs and Qualifying Teams must play all UPL Competitions scheduled. Scheduled UYSA or National Platform League competitions may be counted as UPL Competitions if agreed upon by both teams and approved by UYSA

Where reasonable UPL Member Clubs will host all UPL Qualifying Teams at one location on a selected day

** This will help with field standards, league logistics, referees, etc.*

COMPETITION



Match Day Protocols & Minimum Standards: UPL Game Day Minimum Standards are expectations and requirements of hosting UPL Competitions.

[MATCH DAY PROTOCOLS & MINIMUM STANDARDS CHECKLIST](#)

Certified Athletic Trainers are required at all Platform Club hosted events

COMPETITION



General: Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, all UPL Competitions shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game in force at the time of competition as provided by the International Football Association Board.

Canceled Competitions: [See UYSA League Policies](#)

COVID Cancellations: [See UYSA League Policies](#)

COMPETITION/SUBSTITUTIONS



Substitutions: All age groups will be allowed 7 players in five (5) moments/stoppages throughout the game. Once replaced, players cannot re-enter the game during that half of play. Half time does not count as a moment

- Substitutions - May be made during five (5) moments/stoppages of play with the approval of the referee. Only 3 moments/stoppages will be allowed in the first half
- Re-entry shall be at a normal substitution point (with approval of the referee) or at any point during the game if the referee signals for the player's re-entry
- If a player is suspected of suffering a head injury, such player may be substituted for evaluation. The substitution for the evaluation of a concussion/head injury will not count toward the team's total allowed substitutions in a half. However, the team must have at least one substitution available to implement this temporary substitution.

COMPETITION



Field Size: Fields for all age groups must meet the U.S. Soccer/FIFA requirements for field size

Anchored Goals: The coaches and referees should inspect the integrity of the goals to ensure they are secure and suitable for play.

Team Uniforms: [UYSA League Policies](#)

Coaching Education Requirement: [UYSA League Policies \(same as PL\)](#)



DISCIPLINE, PROTEST AND APPEALS

Discipline, Protest and Appeals: [See UYSA Policies](#)

Yellow Card: Any player accumulating three (3) yellow cards over any UPL Event Competitions will be suspended for the next match played by their club for their specific age group and/or any other age group in a UPL Event Competition

Red Card: Any player receiving a red card in UPL Event Competition will be suspended for the remainder of that match. The player will also be suspended for the next match played by their club for their specific age group and/or any other age group in a UPL Event Competition

Note: Additional suspensions or sanctions may be imposed by the respective Advisory Committee.

COMPETITION



AGE GROUP	LENGTH OF EACH HALF	HALFTIME*
U13	35 MIN	10 MIN
U14, U15 & U16	40 MIN	10 MIN
U17 & U18/19	45 MIN	10 MIN

*HALF TIME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UPL STATE CUP



Girls UPL State Cup (May): All teams qualify for the UPL State Cup and will be random draw for seeding

Location: Regional Athletic Complex, Salt Lake City

Boys UPL State Cup (Oct): All teams qualify for the UPL State Cup and will be random draw for seeding

Location: Regional Athletic Complex, Salt Lake City



FEES

UPL MEMBER CLUB FEES

Per Club, Per Gender (6 age groups) Fee: \$11,100

Includes: UPL State Cup, Referee Assignor and Referee Fees

Fees based on 12 games (U13 & U14) or 6 games (U15-U18/19) + UPL State Cup Fee: 4 games plus final

UPL QUALIFYING TEAM FEES

U13 & U14: \$2850

U15-U18/19: \$1485

Includes: League Fees, Referee Assignor, Athletic Trainer Fees and Field Fees

*Fields and Athletic Trainers will be provided by UPL Member Clubs which accounts for the difference in fees between Member Clubs and Qualifying Teams. For full cost breakdown and explanation of fees click the link below.

[FULL COST BREAKDOWN](#)