



MOUNTAIN WEST
NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

JPL Mountain West NPL Competition Rules

Competition dates

Event 1 - 27th-30th July 2023

Event 2 - 15th-17th December 2023

Event 3 - 3rd-5th May 2024

Each team must commit to Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the three events.

All teams in each age group will compete in 12 games throughout the season and a minimum of 3 games in each event.

Roster Rules

Official roster is to be a maximum of 26 players in which all players must be registered on the GotSport system and through US Club Soccer.

There is to be a maximum of 18 players on each game day roster.

Guest Players are not permitted. - Any player with the 26 player roster pool must be registered and accepted through US Club.

Player Eligibility

All players must have US Club GotSport Player Cards and they must be provided on match day. This can be virtual or printed.

Player ID cards must be presented to the referee before the game. Failure to do so will result in the player being unable to participate in the game.

If a player turns 18 during the season they must complete their Safe Sport certificates. These must be completed before the player turns 18, failure to do so will result in the player being ineligible. As a result, US Club will not accept the player during registration before the season begins.

Players can "play up" but not "play down".

Players can play in 2 different age groups in the same club.

Players can not play for 2 teams in the same age group or same division.

Players can only play for one club.

Players Uniform

Player Jerseys/Numbers

a. Each team must have numbered jerseys for all players, no two players may have the same number. All numbers must be permanently affixed on the jersey. Jersey numbers are not allowed to be taped on.

b. Goalkeepers are not required to have a number on their jersey. Goalkeeper jerseys must be of a different color than field players on both teams.

c. Jerseys must be the same primary color and should be of identical style. If the referee orders a jersey change due to color confusion, players/teams must comply.

g. Home Team is the team listed first (left) on the schedule. Home Team will wear DARK colored jerseys. Away Team will wear LIGHT colored jerseys.

Weather

In cases of severe weather players are permitted to wear a sweat suit or similar trousers or stockings, under their team uniform. Colors of under garments must match or be similar in color to matchday kits.

Age groups for the 2023-24 Season are provided below – Boys and Girls:

U13 Age Group:	Players born on or after January 1, 2011
U14 Age Group:	Players born on or after January 1, 2010
U15 Age Group:	Players born on or after January 1, 2009
U16 Age Group:	Players born on or after January 1, 2008
U17 Age Group:	Players born on or after January 1, 2007
U18/19 Age Group:	Players born on or after January 1, 2006

Coaches

Coaches must be over 18 years old and have their Concussion and Safe Sport certificates up to date. All certificates must be accessible on the GotSport system.

Each team must have at least one coach that has a minimum of a D license and is working towards their C on their roster.

Each team must have a minimum of 2 qualified coaches per team and must provide the JPL with both coaches' contact details. Team Manager plus two team coaches must have up to date contact information inputted into GotSport. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure all contact details are up to date.

Only 3 adults are allowed at the players bench.

All Staff must have Staff Passcards from US Club GotSport.

All club officials must wear club apparel.

Manager/Coaches and Players must remain in the technical areas provided (unless subs are warming-up).

Parents/spectators must be on the opposite side of the pitch, in the same half from their team's technical area (unless unavoidable) and never stand behind/to the side of the goal or opposing teams spectators area. If parents/spectators choose to ignore this rule they will be asked to move to the correct area by JPL. Failure to do so may result in removal from the facility.

Parents/spectators, at no point can approach referees in the referee's designated area.

No Club official, Club member, team manager, player, or spectator may enter the field of play regardless of the circumstances, unless the Referee has given them permission. If this is disregarded, they shall become subject to disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee.

Any coach/player after being sent off must leave a distance of 100 yards immediately and sit out the next played game.

Competition Rules

Game length

U9	2 x 25 minutes
U10	2 x 25 minutes
U11	2 x 30 minutes
U12	2 x 30 minutes
U13	2 x 35 minutes
U14	2 x 35 minutes
U15	2 x 40 minutes
U16	2 x 40 minutes
U17	2 x 45 minutes
U18/U19	2 x 45 minutes

All teams at all ages will have a 5 minute half time.

Please note - in any combined age group match duration and referee fees would be determined by the majority of teams in that specific age group. For example - in an combined 07 / 08 group where 12 08 teams play in a group with 3 07 teams, the group would follow the U16 format for game length and referee fees.

Equipment

Ball size - U9-U12 size 4 / U13-U19 size 5.

Home team must provide 3 match balls.

League standing/scores/structure

Points System - Win - 3 points, Tie - 1 point, Loss - 0 points

HOME TEAM must record and report win/lose or draw result on the GotSport System within 24 hours of the completed fixture. For more information click the following link.

<https://gotsport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360037893274-Enter-A-Score-From-Event-Public-Page->

A 1-0 win will be awarded to the opponents if a team forfeits a match.

In the event of a tie the following tie-breakers will be used to determine league winner (in the following order)

1. Most Points
2. If Two Teams are tied, head to head. If more than Two Teams are tied, this tiebreaker shall not apply.
3. Goal Difference
4. Goals For
5. Goals Against
6. Red/Yellow card
7. Coin toss.

Substitutions

PLEASE NOTE - the JPL allow no restrictions on substitutions during NPL season play. However, NPL rules for finals will apply. Please see below-;

3.11 Substitutions. Once a NPL Registered Player is substituted in one half of any NPL Competition, such NPL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the duration of

the half. Once an NPL Registered Player is substituted in one period of overtime of any NPL Competition, such NPL Registered Player may not re-enter the game for the duration of such overtime period. There shall be a maximum of seven (7) substitutions in any half or in any overtime period of any NPL Competition. Substitutions can be made at any stoppage. Any leagues varying from this rule must communicate with all league members in writing (each league may decide to modify this rule).

Player Transfers

A player can not play for more than one JPL Club during the season.

If a player wishes to move clubs a transfer must take place. The Director of coaching/General Managers from both clubs/teams must apply in writing to the league with the players full details and reason as to why the transfer wishes to take place.

The League office has final say on transfers.

Heading Rule

U9-U12 the no heading rule is in place.

Canceled Games

If the weather temperature exceeds 90F / 32C water breaks may be enforced. Please note official time will not be stopped.

If a match is canceled due to extreme weather conditions the match will be rescheduled.

If a game is canceled after half time the full game must be replayed (FIFA Law V11).

Withdrawal of a team

If a team withdraws from the competition the club will not receive a refund.

Venue Rules

Venue / complex rules must be abided by.

Code of Conduct

Please see US Club Soccer Code of Conduct. <https://www.ussoccer.com/ussf-fan-code-of-conduct>

Referees

Referees will be assigned by the JPL for all events in the NPL.

Please note for any non event fixtures referees must be sourced by the home team.

Referee fees to be paid per team, on the field prior to kick off:

It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure the referees are paid the correct fees.

League Referee Fees

U17 & U18/U19: \$76 to referee and \$50 to each assistant. Total \$176. \$88 per team.

U14, U15, and U16: \$66 to referee and \$40 to each assistant. Total \$146. \$73 per team.

U13: \$60 to referee and \$40 to each assistant. Total \$140. \$70 per team.

U11,U12: \$46 to referee and \$25 to each assistant. Total \$96. \$48 per team.

U9, U10: \$40 to referee. \$20 per team.

Acceptable forms of payment would be cash - please ensure the correct amount is given as referees are not required to keep change, or Venmo app.

Referees will record all cautions and report the following information to the JPL - Players full name, jersey number, home and away team, age group, KO time, pitch number and reason for the caution. The JPL staff will input all cautions reported onto the GotSport system.

Please see below rules regarding cautions -;

1. Yellow Card - Cautioned. A Yellow Card is displayed by the Referee to indicate that a Player or Coach is being cautioned for violating FIFA, Laws of the Game.
2. Two (2) Cautions If a Player or Coach receives two (2) cautions during one match, the Player or Coach will be ejected from the match, and a suspension is in effect.
3. Three (3) Cautions If a Player or Coach receives three (3) cautions during a season, a suspension is in effect.
4. Disciplinary Committee The Disciplinary Committee, at its discretion, will determine the length of the suspension and any other punishments, fines, and/or assessments.

Ejection

1. Red Card - Ejection. A Red Card is displayed by the Referee to indicate that a Player or Coach is ejected from the match, and a suspension is in effect.
2. Disciplinary Committee The Disciplinary Committee, at its discretion, will determine the length of the suspension and any other punishments, fines and/or assessments.
3. Appear Before Disciplinary Committee A player or Coach who receives a red card or the equivalent, will, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee, be summoned to appear at a hearing. Should the player or Coach fail to appear, he/she will be suspended until such appearance is made. The Disciplinary Committee, at its discretion, will determine the length of suspension and/or any other punishments, fines, or assessments. The club will be assessed a minimum of \$50.00 each time a coach (Coach) is issued a red card, unless waived by the Disciplinary Committee. Should a player be summoned to appear, the Coach or Club representative from his/her designated team must accompany him/her. Any player under age 18 called before the committee will be required to make sure a parent or legal guardian be present.
4. Suspended from Consecutive Competition A player or Coach shall be suspended from consecutive competition in the league.
5. Team Refuses to Continue If a team refuses to continue to play after being so instructed by the Referee, the team will forfeit the game, 3-0.
6. Reports Will Be Reviewed By The Disciplinary Committee The Referee Report and the Supplementary Referee Report shall be reviewed by the League's Disciplinary Committee, who shall determine the punishment, fine, and/or assessment. The Disciplinary Committee shall notify the parties involved, in writing, of the decision.

Accidents or Unusual Incidents

The Referee must report any accident or unusual incident to the league.

Discipline process

The JPL Mountain West NPL Appeals/Discipline Committee and League Office shall have the authority to suspend, fine, disqualify or otherwise impose sanctions on players, team officials or clubs for violating the League Rules and Policies.

NPL Competition Rules and Regulations - 2023 - 2024 Season

The JPL takes great pride in being one of an elite group of leagues that is part of the NPL.

All clubs competing in the JPL must abide by the NPL Competition Rules and Regulations.

To view the NPL Competition Rules and Regulations please click on the link below.

<https://usclubsoccer.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NPL-Base-Competition-Rules-2022-23-7.31.22.pdf>

Please ensure all coaches read through both the JPL rules and the NPL rules and familiarize themselves before the competition begins.

Please note JPL rules regarding Substitutions and Referees are slightly different to NPL for season play.

The rules for finals will be the same as NPL.