



Dear GA Member Clubs,

This email serves to inform the membership how clubs and teams qualify for the Champions League Competition for the 2022-2023 season.

**Champions League Qualification/Format for 2022-2023 for U13s:**

- 16 full member clubs (top 2 clubs per conference based on the league qualification criteria outlined below)
- No wildcards

**Champions League Qualification/Format for 2022-2023 for U14-U19s:**

- 16 full member clubs (2 clubs per conference based on the league qualification criteria outlined below).
- 4 wildcards\*\*\*

Wildcards are the four highest finishing teams from non full champions league member clubs from the 2022 Summer playoffs from each age group at U13, U14, U15, U16, and U17. If multiple teams are tied while being eliminated in the same playoff round, tiebreakers will come into play in the following order:

- total points earned in playoffs
- goal differential
- goals for
- goals against

\*\*\*If the 2021-2022 Champions League team age group winner in U13-U17 from March 2022 event does not get a full member or wildcard spot, they will be given one of the 4 wildcard spots for the following year, leaving that age group with 3 wildcard spots coming from the playoffs.

**21-22 Champions League Age Group Winners:**

U13: South Shore Select (U14 in 22-23)

U14: Nationals Blue (U15 in 22-23)

U15: Cincinnati United Premier (U16 in 22-23)

U16: Colorado Rush (U17 in 22-23)

U17: Florida United (U19 in 22-23)

**Champions League Full Member Club Qualifying - 2022-2023:**

Each conference will have 2 full Champions League Member Clubs. Standings are determined by placement in each age group U13-U19s at the end of the season based on standings.

- 1st Place in an age group — 5 points
- 2nd Place in an age group — 4 points
- 3rd Place in an age group — 3 points
- 4th Place in an age group — 2 points
- 5th Place in an age group — 1 point

After calculating the points, the top two clubs from each conference will be granted a Champions League spot for the following year.

If two clubs are tied in points to determine a Champions League spot, then the league fixtures between the two clubs will be calculated to determine which club earned the most points. If still tied, it will then go to goal differential in those fixtures.

As a reminder, the following 2020-21 season Champions League rule will also apply for the 2021-22 season:

If a club does not attend the summer playoffs or showcase as required to by an AQ position, wildcard, or league commitment (15-17 showcase division), the club will lose Champions League points in that age group from their final standings.

If a club changes conferences the following year and have earned a Champions League spot, they will still be given that Champions League spot for the following season.

If a club is leaving the league, their individual points for each age group are not given and clubs do not move up a spot. Example: a club is leaving and their team finished in 4th at u15 to get two points, the 5<sup>th</sup> place team does NOT move up to fourth place to get 2 points. They stay at one point.

We hope this helps clarify any questions. The league will be in touch with more Champions League information as we lead up to the start of the 2022-2023 season.

For the players,  
The Girls Academy