



Spring 2009 Region I Northeast League Application

Qualifications for Entry: Participation in the Spring 2009 Region I Northeast League will qualify teams for their National Championship Competition.

The Region I Northeast League is available **ONLY** to those teams within the following State Associations of Region I: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Eastern New York, and northern New Jersey.

Only a US Youth Soccer organization member can apply to compete in the Region I Northeast League. A team cannot be sponsored by a US Youth Soccer Member. Any US Youth Soccer club or organization that attempts to sponsor a non US Youth Soccer team is subject to disciplinary action and dismissal of the sponsored team.

Age Groups: Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 and Under 18 both Boys and Girls

League Info: The League will consist of a maximum of sixteen (16) teams for both boys and girls in each of the age groups. The league season will begin in March and will conclude the third weekend in May.

The sixteen teams will be divided into two (2) groups of eight. Each team will play each team in their group once for a seven (7) game schedule. At the end of league play there will be a championship between the two groups to determine the age group winner.

Games will be played on weekends and there generally would be two (2) games each weekend.

Rosters: All teams must demonstrate a continuity of roster from the previous year to the current year. To demonstrate continuity of roster, a minimum of 51% of the players from the team's previous year roster must be on the team's current roster. Any team that does not meet the continuity of roster requirement will be fined \$2000 and will be automatically removed from the league. Teams that are new to the league must submit their roster with their League Application.

Rosters for teams participating in the league will not be frozen until the team's State Association freezes rosters for National Championship play.

Guest Players: Guest Players will **NOT** be allowed on any teams participating in the Region I Northeast League.

Application Procedures: Each Application and required Team Information Form **MUST** be accompanied with a \$400 League Fee (check made payable to Region I). Teams not accepted into the League will receive their \$400 back. (**Note:** The \$400 league fee does not cover the Referee game fees). Teams who, upon notification of acceptance, withdraw from the league will forfeit their League Fee. A team official and the president of the team's club must sign each team's application.

Referee Fees: The three (3) referee system will be used for all games. Fees will be announced at a later date.

Assignment of Officials: Game officials will be assigned by either the State Association's SRA or SYRA.

Payment of Referee Fees: Each team will be responsible for bringing their half of the referee game fee to the field. A team that fails to pay their half of the referee fees will be fined \$250.



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Forfeit Fee: Any team forfeiting a game will be fined \$250 and will also have to pay the entire referee fee of the forfeited game. Any team forfeiting a game after April 15 of the season will be fined \$500 and will also have to pay the entire referee fees of the forfeited game.

Application: The deadline date to enter is Friday, November 14, 2008. Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance will be sent to each team's Primary Contact via email on or before December 30, 2008.

League Rules: All applicants **MUST** download and read the League Rules available on the Region I website.

Game Availability: All accepted teams must make themselves available for ALL Northeast League Games beginning March 1st through the league season ending on May 17, 2009. Game schedules will be published by the League Administrator and will not be changed within 72 hours of the start of the scheduled match.

Teams must recognize that the Region I Northeast League becomes your primary playing league. Teams are expected to play the published league schedule in preference to any other league competition in which they may be entered. This requirement also applies to tournaments that the team may enter. If your team is not prepared to play the published league schedule, your team should not enter the Northeast League.



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Application Form (Please Print or Type Clearly)

Age Group Applying For (circle one): U 13 U14 U15 U16 U17 U18 Gender: Boys Girls

Birthdate of Oldest Player (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

State Association: _____

Club & Team Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____
(Receives all correspondence)

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

FAX: _____ Email: _____

Submit Application Form, Team Information Form **AND** League Fee of **\$400** (check made payable to Region I) to:

Region I Northeast League Commissioner, 233 Nipmuc Road, Foster, RI 02825

Application, Team Info Form and League Fee Must Be Received on or before Friday, November 14, 2008

- Post dates will **NOT** be accepted.
- Applications without the League Fee will **NOT** be accepted.
- Faxed or Email applications will **NOT** be accepted.
- Applications without team information form will **NOT** be accepted.

Teams not accepted into the League will have their League Fees returned. Teams who withdraw from the Northeast League, after notification of acceptance, will forfeit their League Fee. The \$400 League fee does NOT include Referee Game Fees. Teams are responsible for bringing their half of the Referee Game Fees to the field. A team that fails to pay its Referee Game Fees will be fined \$250. A three-referee system will be used for all games.

All accepted teams must make themselves available for ALL Northeast League Games beginning March 1st through the third weekend in May (May 17, 2009).

Teams that provide false information on their league application will be removed from the league and will forfeit their application fee. Additional sanctions may be imposed.

For all teams playing in the Northeast League: I attest that my team can demonstrate continuity of roster as defined as at least 51% of last year's players are returning on this year's roster.

The undersigned team representative of the applying team agrees to the above conditions. The Club President acknowledges the application of this team and the financial responsibility of the team's obligations.

(Team Representative Signature)

(Date)

(Club President Signature)

(Date)

Failure to sign will make application null and void



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State Association: _____

Club & Team Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____
(Receives all correspondence)

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

FAX: _____ Email: _____

The Region I Northeast league is a US Youth Soccer league. When supplying information about your team's performance, please provide information about US Youth Soccer competitions, (i.e., US Youth Soccer National Championships, ODP, league play). Information concerning team playing results in US Club Soccer, Super Y league, etc will not be considered in the placement of your team in the Northeast League.

1. Provide your league record for the last season played. Indicate age group and division.
2. List your major tournament record for both the 2007-2008 seasonal year and the Fall 2008 Season. Please list the Tournament Name, Date, Age Group and Level of Competition and your W-L-T record. If the Tournament has a website, please list the address.
3. Please attach a copy of your 2007-2008 League Standings

If you have any additional comments or require additional space to answer any of the above questions, please feel free to attach additional sheets.

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM!!!!