

## PAGS 2018 FALL SEASON CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

PAGS revisited every phase of our operations based upon the results of a survey of our membership conducted after the 2017 Fall Season. This document sets forth the manner in which PAGS will operate going forward.

### STRUCTURE

Beginning with the 2018 Fall Season, in lieu of separate conferences, PAGS will offer three separate leagues each with their own specific rules of play.

The **PAGS Developmental Geographic League (PDGL)** is for teams seeking to limit the required amount of travel required, while also playing at the appropriate competitive level. The PDGL is for the U9 to U14 age groups. **The focus of the PDGL is player development.** The PDGL will have county based divisions, as follows: Blue Route, Bucks County (BUCKS), Chester County (CHESCO), Delaware County (DELCO); Montgomery County (MONTCO), Philadelphia County (PHILA), Lehigh County (LEHIGH), and Delaware/Maryland (DELMAR). **The PDGL will offer roster flexibility, to include secondary players on rosters, club pass players, and guest players on game days. PAGS will also offer flexibility in scheduling of games.** Teams will play a **9-game schedule.** Standings will not be kept and scores will not be recorded online for the U9 and U10 age groups in keeping with USSF guidelines. **Divisional winners in the U11 to U14 age groups being determined by standings at the end of the 9 games.** PAGS will **work with teams to eliminate as many coaching conflicts as possible** once teams have had a chance to see the schedules from all the leagues their teams are playing in.

The second league is the **PAGS Premier League (PPL).** The PPL will serve those **teams looking for the highest level of completion** appropriate to their level of play. The PPL is for the U9 to U19 age groups. Typically, teams playing in the PPL will play in state association Cup competitions, and as such will be required to abide by roster limitations. PAGS will continue **allow secondary players on rosters and the use of club pass players** on game days. There will be **playoffs at the U13 to U15 age groups** in the PPL in the fall season only. **U13 to U15 age groups will play an 8-game schedule followed by the playoffs.** The **U9 to U12 and U16 to U19 age groups will play a 9-game schedule.** Standings will not be kept and scores will not be recorded online for the U9 and U10 age groups in keeping with USSF guidelines. **Divisional winners in the U11 and U12 and U16 to U19 age groups will be determined by standings at the end of the 9 games.** **Teams playing in the PPL will earn GotSoccer ranking points.** PAGS will **work with teams to eliminate as many coaching conflicts as possible** once teams have had a chance to see the schedules from all the leagues their teams are playing in.

The final option is the **PAGS Cup Qualification League (PCQL).** **Formerly known as the Short Season,** this option provides teams in the U15 to U19 age groups that wish to qualify for the various Cups offered by State associations an opportunity to play in a regularly scheduled league. All teams will play a 3-game schedule. Participants in the

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PCQL will have options of how to schedule their 3 games. The teams in each division will decide if they wish to play all divisional games at a common site on a specified weekend or if they would prefer to schedule the games over the fall season.

### COST

EPYSA has increased the per player registration fee by \$3.00 a **35%** increase. The PAGS fees for the 2018 Fall Season reflect a portion of this increase. Since roster limits vary by age group, to mitigate the impact of this increase PAGS will use an age based fee for each of the leagues similar to that used for tournaments.

#### 2018-19 Fees

	PPL	PGL	PSS
<b>U9/U10</b>	N/A	\$372	N/A
<b>U11/U12</b>	\$423	\$378	N/A
<b>U13/U14</b>	\$441	\$396	N/A
<b>U15-U19</b>	\$441	N/A	\$441

	EPYSA Max Increase	Current Fee	2018 Fee	% Increase
<b>U9/U10</b>	14 x \$3 = \$42	\$330	\$372	12.7%
<b>U11/U12 PGL</b>	16 X \$3 = \$48	\$330	\$378	14.5%
<b>U11/U12 PPL</b>	16 X \$3 = \$48	\$375	\$423	12.8%
<b>U13/U14 PGL</b>	22 x \$3 = \$66	\$330	\$396	20.0%
<b>U13/U14 PPL</b>	22 x \$3 = \$66	\$375	\$441	17.6%
<b>U15-U19</b>	22 x \$3 = \$66	\$375	\$441	17.6%

The following chart shows how PAGS arrived at the application fees shown above.

### OTHER CHANGES FOR THE 2018 SEASON

One thing we learned from our survey was that there was significant support for teams in the PPL to earn GotSoccer points for their position in the division standings at

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season's end. To this end, PAGS will utilize GotSoccer for our application process and scheduling beginning with the 2018 Fall Season. This will enable teams in the PAGS Premier League to earn GotSoccer points based upon their performance in the league.

Also in response to survey responses, PAGS has pushed back the closing date on the application for the fall season. In the past all applications were due no later than the 31st of May. Beginning with the 2018 Fall Season applications for the **PPL and PDGL will be due no later than the 30th of June** and applications for the **PCQL will be due the 15th of August**.