Dear Virginia United NPL Families,

We hope everyone is looking forward to the 2025/26 soccer season! We're writing to inform you of an important league change that will affect our Elite, Premier, and Select teams.

### League Change Announcement

For the 2025/26 season, Virginia United will be participating in the <u>Virginia Club Soccer League</u> (VCSL) instead of NPL West. **This change affects our Elite, Premier, and Select families only.** 

## Why the Change?

This transition wasn't something we initially planned, but due to our geographical location and the fact that many clubs we routinely compete against have joined this new league, we made the decision to ensure consistency and maintain our competitive schedule for the 25/26 season.

## What This Means for Your Family

We don't anticipate any disruption to the scheduling and competition level your families have come to expect. The VCSL is a USYS carded league that features many of the same teams we previously faced in NPL West, ensuring your players will continue to compete at the high level they're accustomed to.

### **Postseason Opportunities Remain Strong**

There is still a robust postseason pathway for these teams through the VYSA system. Your players will continue to have opportunities to compete for state, regional, and national championships.

#### **About the Virginia Club Soccer League**

The Virginia Club Soccer League is an established, professionally managed league that serves over 20 clubs throughout Virginia. Key features include:

- Competitive divisions for U10-U19 boys and girls teams
- Directors of Coaching Leadership Council
- Hybrid block scheduling
- Overall Club Champions recognition
- All-Star teams
- League promotional items
- Coach education opportunities

#### **Championship Pathway**

VCSL Premier Division Champions qualify as the league representative for the VYSA President's Cup State Championship at the VYSA Training Center in Fredericksburg. The postseason pathway extends to Region 1 and USYS National Championships for qualifying teams.

# **Next Steps**

We will continue to keep you updated as we finalize details for the upcoming season. If you have any questions or concerns about this transition, please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly.

Thank you for your continued support of Virginia United soccer. We're excited about this new chapter and look forward to another successful season with VCSL.

Best regards,

Virginia United