



Playing Format: ENPL Eastern Playoffs and NPL Eastern Finals

The 2018 ENPL Eastern Playoffs / NPL Eastern Finals champions and teams advancing to ENPL Finals will be determined as follows:

13U ENPL Tournament

Played as a single group of 4 teams in a round robin format, with the two teams accumulating the most points (or decided by tiebreakers) advancing to a final. There will be a rest day on July 1st.

14U ENPL Eastern Playoffs - Bracket of 12 teams

Played as three groups of four. The three round robin winners and the team with the next highest point total (decided by tiebreakers) play a semifinal. 2 teams advance to the ENPL Finals – July 13-14, 2018 in Colorado.

15U-17U ENPL Eastern Playoffs – Bracket of 16 teams

Played as four groups of four. The four round-robin winners will play a semifinal, with 2 teams advancing to the ENPL Finals – July 13-14, 2018 in Colorado. There will be a rest day on July 1st.

15U and 17U NPL Eastern Finals – Bracket of 12 teams

Played as three groups of four. The three round robin winners and the team with the next highest point total (decided by tiebreakers) play a semi and a final. Teams do not advance to another event.

16U NPL Eastern Finals – Bracket of 14 teams

Played as two groups of four and one group of six. The group of six crosses over and plays three games. Each of the group of four winners, and the top two teams (based on points) in the group of six will play in semifinal games. Winners of Semi-Final games will advance to the Finals. In a case where three teams from the group of 6 win all three matches, a mini playoff will take place between the second and third place of that bracket (Based on tiebreakers). Rest will be taken into consideration, as well as the final match time. Teams do not advance to another event.

19U ENPL Finals - Bracket of 16 teams

Played as four groups of four. The four round-robin winners will play a semifinal, and a final to determine the champion.

NPL 19U Finals - Bracket of 6 teams

Played as a group of 6 with cross over games. The two teams with the most points (or decided by tiebreakers) advancing to a final. In a case where three teams from the group of 6 win all three matches, a mini playoff will take place between the second and third place of that bracket (Based on tiebreakers). Rest will be taken into consideration, as well as the final match time. Teams do not advance to another event. There will be a rest day on July 1st.

Tiebreakers - page 4 of the ENPL Playoffs – NPL Finals (East/West) Rules

For teams tied in points at the end of a round-robin or any other group stage competition, tiebreaker criteria should be as follows:

- a. Head to head competition (but not in a case of a three-way tie)
- b. Goal differential (Max. of 5 per game)
- c. Total goals scored (Max. of 5 per game)
- d. Fewest goals allowed
- e. Kicks from the mark

In case where 3 teams are tied in points, but one team has beaten the other teams tied in points, the winner of the two games will advance to the semifinals.

In addition, once a tiebreaker is used to eliminate one team (i.e. head to head, goal differential, etc) the next tiebreaker in line will be used to determine which team advances. Once a tiebreaker is used to determine the group winner, the tie breakers reset to determine wildcards.