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# CLUB STATEMENT

We are excited to announce that WFC Rangers will be joining MLS NEXT 2 for league play on the boys' side starting next year. This is a significant and exciting step forward for our club, as it provides us with an incredible opportunity to elevate the development of our players and offer them a more competitive, professional platform.

As part of the inaugural year of the Pacific Northwest division, we are proud to be one of the 14 clubs entering this new chapter. MLS NEXT 2 will not only offer a high level of competition but will also open the door for our teams to participate in the prestigious MLS NEXT Festival, as well as regional tournaments that will expose our players to some of the top talent across the country.



# OBJECTIVES

The MLS Next League is currently structured as a single-division league, providing an elevated and highly competitive environment for elite players.

It offers a top-tier development platform for those seeking to take their skills to the next level. This league is designed to provide comprehensive exposure, top-level league organization, and high-quality match play, aligning with professional standards to help athletes grow both on and off the field.



# WHO DOES THIS IMPACT?

Boys Gold teams from the U13-U19 age groups are the only team that will participate in the MLS NEXT League.

Currently this league is only available for Boys teams and its single division league is only appropriate for our top teams.



# WHO IS IN THE LEAGUE?

The MLS NEXT 2 League is a national league that includes 250+ Teams across 16 Regions.

## **The Northwest Division includes WA & OR teams.**

Washington Teams:

WFC Rangers, Seattle Celtic, Valor, Rush, Athletico, Mt Rainier FC, Western WA Surf, Eastern WA Surf, Sozo, & Columbia Premier.

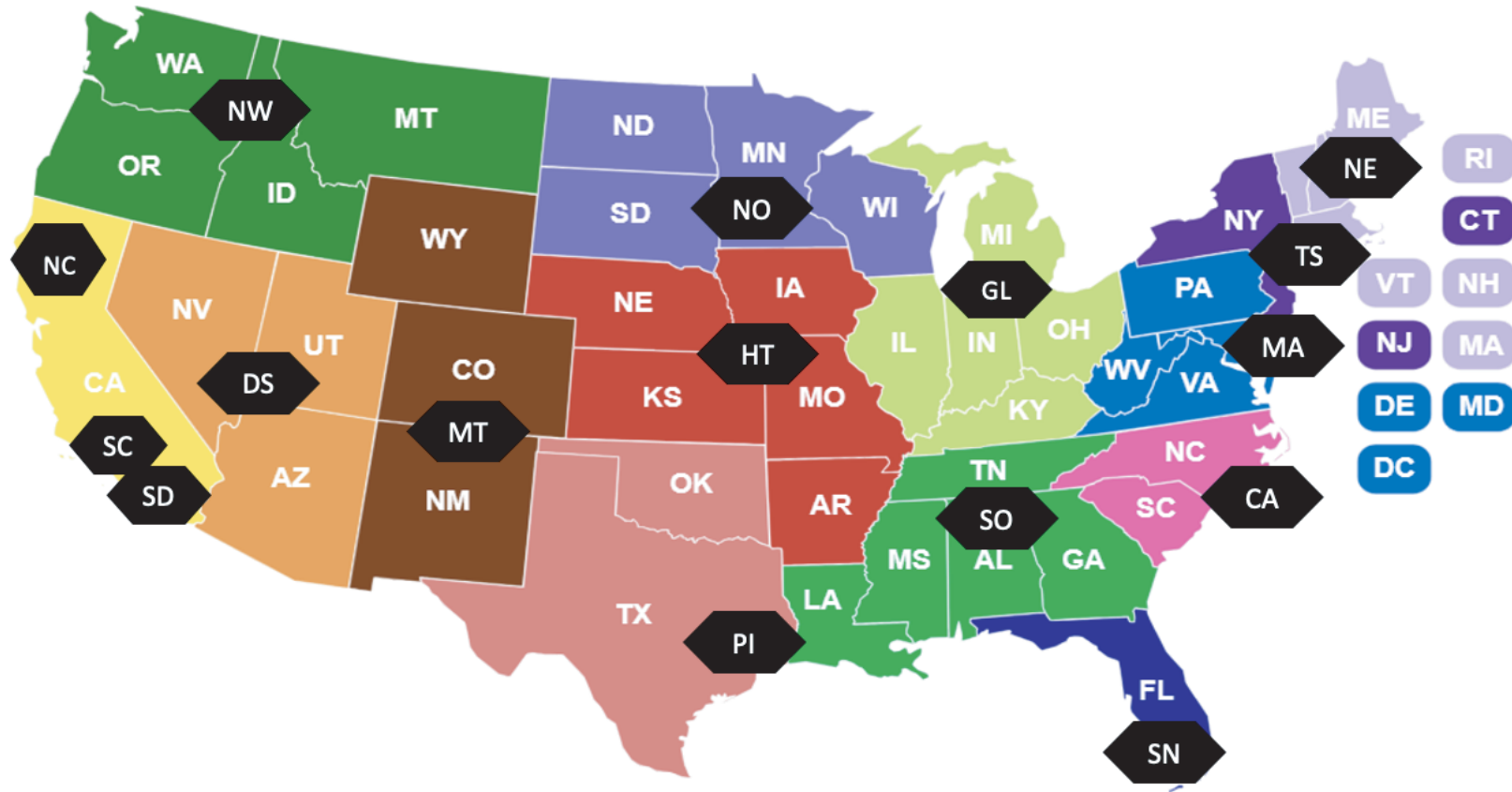
Oregon Teams:

Westside Metro, OR Surf, Soccer Chance Academy

Our Regional playoffs include teams from the Northern California Region.



# MLS NEXT 2 REGIONS





# YEAR CALENDAR

AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
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**LEAGUE GAME  
WA. TEAMS ONLY**

**MLS NEXT FEST  
POSSIBLE SHOWCASE**

**LEAGUE GAMES**

**REGIONAL  
TOURNAMNET**

**LEAGUE GAMES (U13-14)  
HS AGES OFF (U15-19)**

**MLS NEXT CUP  
NATIONALS  
(IF YOU ADVANCE)**





# COMPETITION SCHEDULE EXAMPLE

September 6 @ WA #1

September 13 – WA #2

September 20 – @ WA #3

September 21 – WA #4

October 4 – @ WA #5

October 11 – Talent ID

Weekend

October 18 – WA #6

October 19 – @ WA #7

October 25 – WA #8

November 1 – @ WA #9

November 2 – WA #1

November 8 – @ WA #2

November 15 – @ WA #4

November 16 – WA #5

November 22 - @ Oregon #1

November 23 - @ Oregon #2

DEC 6-9 - MLS NEXT FEST

January 31 – OR #3

February 1 – OR #4

February 7 – @ OR #5

February 8 - @ WA #6

February 14- WA #7

February 15 – @ WA #8

February 19-22 Regional Playoff

Washington High School Season

May 21 to June 1– MLS NEXT Cup -  
Only if you advance.





# PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

The MLS Next League offers a professional-level environment with several key features:

**Coordinated Club vs. Club Calendars & Travel:** One of the standout features of the MLS Next League is the implementation of a club vs. club calendar, which allows for streamlined and coordinated travel schedules. This planning ensures that teams and families can anticipate and manage their travel commitments more effectively, reducing logistical challenges and maximizing the experience both on and off the field.

**Pro Facility Standards:** Game day requirement standards provide professional set ups for every match including mandatory tents, water, and benches.

**Athletic Trainers On-Site:** To maintain safety and well-being, athletic trainers are present at all matches, meeting professional standards.



# EXPECTED COST

There may be an additional registration fee to the accounts of players on Gold teams participating in the MLS NEXT League. This fee would help cover essential costs, including league registration, regional playoff event fees, and match day operations. It also ensures that professional standards are met, such as having athletic trainers on the field during all matches.

## Travel Cost Addition:

There is likely to be an increase in travel costs for potential flights to the annual Regional Playoffs, which are hosted in locations such as Northern California and the addition of overnight travel to Oregon in your league play.



# BOYS BLUE, SILVER, WHITE

The MLS Next League is a single division league at this time best fit for our Gold teams.

Our WFC Blue, Silver, and White teams will continue to compete in the RCL (Regional Club League). The RCL remains the ideal league for these teams at their current stage of development. This league provides a strong competitive environment with a balance of in state play and opportunities for growth, ensuring our athletes are competing at the appropriate level while still benefiting from excellent coaching and match experience.



# WHAT ABOUT THE GIRLS?

The MLS Next League is only open to Boys programs at this time. We are actively vetting and pursuing similar opportunities for the girls.

MLS NEXT is planning to align with the Girls Academy for our clubs who want to streamline boys and girls programming. They project this alignment will take place by the 2026/27 season.