



Hoover-Vestavia Soccer and the NPL

1. What is the NPL?

The National Premier League is one of the top leagues for competitive teams in the USA. Last season all of the HVS 1st teams played in this league. For Fall 2021, our 2nd teams will compete in the NPL-South Atlantic, which is also known as the SAPL (South Atlantic Premier League).

2. Why did HVS change leagues for Fall 2021?

We are always striving to improve what we offer our players. We have the best coaches in the state. We have the best players in the state. We have the best facilities in the state. Now we will have a better level of competition for all of our players. Since we were accepted into MLS NEXT, we wanted to offer an exciting platform for players that might not make the top teams.

3. Do college coaches scout games in the NPL?

YES! College coaches are constantly watching games from around the league. The regional and national showcases are always well attended. Many of our players were scouted this past year at the NPL Showcase in Atlanta.

4. When are tryouts?

Tryouts will be held on May 15 & 16, 2021. Times and locations can be found on our website. Registration for tryouts is open thru our website: www.hoovervestaviasoccer.com

5. Will there be ID Dates for NPL?

Yes, Saturday, April 3 will be an ID Date for 2010, 2009, 2008, and 2007 age groups. Sunday, May 9 will be an ID Date for 2010-2003 age groups. [Click here](#) to see a list of times and locations.

6. When is the NPL season?

Practices will begin in August. League games will likely begin in early September. The league has not yet announced the full schedule. Practices and games will run from September through January.

7. Does NPL offer post-season playoffs?

Yes. In fact our 2004 Boys are preparing for the Regional Playoffs this summer with the hopes of winning their way to Nationals in June.

8. Does NPL conflict with the High School season?

No. NPL will finish before the High School season for 2007-2003 age groups.

9. Can players on an NPL team practice or play with an MLS NEXT team?

Players who perform well with our NPL teams will be offered opportunities to train and perhaps play with our MLS NEXT teams. Players must be playing for an HVS, HSC or VHSC team in order to have this opportunity. Players from outside our club structure are not eligible to play in MLS NEXT.

10. What will the travel schedule be like?

We expect the travel to be similar to what HVS teams experienced this past season. Away games will be played mostly in Georgia and the Carolinas. Current teams in the league are: HVS, United Futbol Academy (ATL), Southern Soccer Academy (ATL), AFC Lightning (ATL), Tormenta (GA), SC Surf (SC), Charleston SC, Charlotte SA, Barca Academy-Charlotte, Wake FC (NC), Triangle Utd. (NC). The league schedule is a home & home schedule with each opponent.

11. What age groups will play in the NPL?

The league provides competition for boys in the U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-19 age groups.

12. Who can try out?

Any player from any club or team is welcome to try out.

13. What are the costs and is there financial aid available?

Costs are still being worked out, but should be commensurate with current fees. Financial aid will also be available.

14. Who should I contact with questions?

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