

Real Colorado

2024-2025

Girls Elite Platforms Overview



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For the 2024–2025 seasonal year, Real Colorado will offer two tiers of elite level national platforms, ECNL and ECNL-RL.

Why offer multiple national level programs? It is our firm belief that matches are the ultimate training ground and skill development can only be recognized when it is demonstrated in match conditions. Our goal is to develop confident players who are competent at a wide range of abilities and by providing the right venues for this range we will reach it. Our inclusion in the top programs in the United States ensures our players have a platform to demonstrate and sharpen their talent at the highest levels.

What is ECNL



ECNL (Elite Clubs National League) is a league that was established in 2009 to challenge the status quo of youth soccer. Real Colorado is an inaugural member and one of 8 clubs out of the 128 clubs currently participating in the platform nationwide to support two girl's teams in each age group. ECNL is the perfect platform for those players who want to play at the highest level while still playing for their high school. We will field two teams at this tier, named National and Athletico.

What is ECNL-RL?



ECNL-RL (Elite Clubs National League Regional League) is a league developed by ECNL in regional markets across the country. The goal is to ensure a consistent environment on a more localized level and to facilitate more club connectivity and collaboration between levels. This connectivity provides a path for more players within each member club to reach their fullest potential. Again, this is a great option for players who want to play at a high level while still playing for their high school, or who are interested in a pathway to our ECNL program.

Who Will We
Play?



ECNL (U13 – U19)

ECNL Teams will play in the Texas Conference of the league with advancement to the ECNL playoffs and national championship. Home and/or away games will be scheduled with each opponent. Additional opportunities to travel to ECNL showcase events will be available throughout the year.

- Albion Hurricanes
- Challenge SC
- Classics Elite
- Colorado Rapids
- Colorado Rush
- Dallas Texans
- DKSC
- FC Dallas
- OK Energy
- Solar SC
- Sting Austin
- Sting Dallas Black
- Sting Dallas Royal
- Tulsa SC



ECNL-RL (U13 – U14)

ECNL-RL teams will play in the Mountain Conference/Colorado Division of the league with advancement to the ECNL Girls Regional League Finals, held in conjunction with the ECNL Girls Playoffs. Home and away games will be scheduled with each opponent in the conference for a total of 24 league games. Additional opportunities to travel to ECNL-RL showcase events will be available throughout the year.

- Local Opponents – Colorado Division:
 - Arsenal Colorado
 - Colorado Edge
 - Colorado Rapids North
 - Colorado Rapids South
 - Colorado Rush
 - Pride SC
- Non-Local Opponents – Utah/Idaho:
 - Boise Thorns
 - Idaho Rush
 - La Roca
 - Northern Utah United Avalanche
 - Utah Avalanche
 - Utah Surf



ECNL-RL (U15 – U19)

ECNL-RL teams will play in the Mountain Conference/Colorado Division of the league with advancement to the ECNL Girls Regional League Finals, held in conjunction with the ECNL Girls Playoffs. Home and away games will be scheduled with each opponent in the Colorado Division and Home **OR** Away with each opponent in the Utah/Idaho Division for a total of 18 league games. Additional opportunities to travel to ECNL-RL showcase events or similar events will be available throughout the year.

- Local Opponents – Colorado Division:
 - Arsenal Colorado
 - Colorado Edge
 - Colorado Rapids North
 - Colorado Rapids South
 - Colorado Rush
 - Pride SC
- Non-Local Opponents – Utah/Idaho:
 - Boise Thorns
 - Idaho Rush
 - La Roca
 - Northern Utah United Avalanche
 - Utah Avalanche
 - Utah Surf



Financial Responsibilities



Real Registration Fees



Club fees will be due at the time of registration (when you accept a spot on one of our Real Colorado teams). These fees can be paid in a lump sum or spread out over time. Fees vary per age group and per program.

These fees cover the cost of the following:

- Team coach
- Referee fees for program related games
- Field rental fees (not indoor rental space)
- Player registration to their program (ECNL & ECNL-RL)
- Direct club expenses (club staff, office and administration)
- Video (unless your team chooses to do their own thing)

Additional Costs



- The following fees will be in addition to the Real Colorado registration fees and will be paid directly to your team:
 - Travel Costs
 - Airfare
 - Hotel
 - Ground Transportation
 - Chaperone and Coach Expenses
 - Indoor Training Rentals
 - Any fees for events that fall outside of the team's respective leagues
- Uniforms and Training Gear – to be ordered through Soccer.com. Real Colorado will be entering into year two of a two-year uniform cycle for Fall 2024 and only new players will purchase a new kit. Returning players can supplement as needed.

ECNL Estimated Travel Budget for 2024/2025

Travel estimates are per player.

- ECNL - 3-4 conference trips at \$800 each
- U13 - U14 teams: 2 Showcase trips at \$1500
- U15 - U19 teams: 2 -3 Showcase trips at \$1500
- Playoffs at \$1500

Travel costs per player include air, ground transportation, hotel, meals, coach and chaperone costs

*all cost estimates are subject to change based on final travel schedule and potential fluctuation in the cost of travel.



ECNL-RL Estimated Travel Budget for 2024/2025

Travel estimates are per player.

- ECNL-RL U13 and U14: 3 conference trips at \$800 each
- ECNL-RL U15 – U19: 2-3 conference trips at \$800 each
- U13 – U14 teams: 1 Showcase trips at \$1500
- U15 – U17: 1-2 Showcase trips at \$1500
- Playoffs at \$1500

Travel costs per player include air, ground transportation, hotel, meals, coach and chaperone costs

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*Additional showcase opportunities may be added at the discretion of the ECNL-RL Director for the U16 – U19 age groups.



Real Colorado and our staff are very excited to offer this three-tiered national platform system to our players in 2024/2025. This is meant to be a general overview and we understand that you may have other questions that have not been addressed here. Please feel free to reach out to any of our staff members should you have additional questions.

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