



ELITE CLUBS NATIONAL LEAGUE BOYS

New Membership Application

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

Any soccer club applying for membership in the Elite Clubs National League Boys ("ECNL Boys") or the Elite Clubs National League Boys Regional League ("ECNL Boys Regional League") must complete this entire membership application within all required deadlines. Each club applying for membership should carefully review the "Requirements for Membership" to ensure that the club is willing and able to adhere to all of the requirements for membership.

One completed application is to be submitted electronically to ECNL Boys Commissioner Jason Kutney at jason@boysecnl.com and Senior Member Services Manager, Kristin Brunner at kristin@theecnl.com.

APPLICATION FEES.

If your club is applying for membership in the ECNL Boys for the first time, you must submit a non-refundable application processing fee of \$100.00 made payable to the **Boys Elite Clubs National League, Inc.** with your completed application. Your application will not be considered without this fee.

Application fee must be submitted to ECNL Boys Commissioner Jason Kutney:

Elite Clubs National League, Inc. - Boys
Attention: Jason Kutney
9830 Mayland Dr, Suite J
Henrico, VA 23233

If your club previously submitted an application and non-refundable application fee, there is no need to submit an additional application fee.

APPLICATION TIMELINE.

The ECNL Boys New Membership application and notification process is on a rolling basis. The ECNL will review the application and inform the applicant of its decision following an internal review process.

If your club has previously applied, please submit an updated application along with any additional materials to best describe the current state of your club. All updates should be emailed to the ECNL Boys Commissioner, Jason Kutney and Senior Member Services Manager, Kristin Brunner (contact information noted above).

Upon acceptance into the ECNL Boys, your Primary Club Contact will receive an email containing the ECNL Boys Membership Agreement as well as ECNL Boys Rules and Regulations. The Club must sign and return the ECNL Boys Membership Agreement, along with the one-time \$500 new member fee to the ECNL by the specified date or your club may lose its invitation to join the ECNL Boys for the specified ECNL season.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS.

Completed applications will be reviewed by the ECNL Executive Committee based on the following criteria:

1. Club's Player Development Guidelines.
2. Club's History of Youth Player Development.
3. Club's History of Success in Elite Competitions, Tournaments and Leagues.
4. Club's Philosophy.
5. Club's Technical Staff (including licensing level of each staff member).
6. Overall Club Infrastructure.

For questions regarding the application or the application process, please email Jason Kutney at jason@boysecnl.com.

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PLEASE INDICATE THE LEAGUE(S) YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

(check all that apply)

☒ **ECNL Boys**

☒ **ECNL Boys Regional League**

SECTION I. CLUB INFORMATION

A. Basic Club Information.

Name of Club: Steel City FC

Official Club Website: www.steelcityfc.com

Year Club Founded: _____

B. Club Contact Information.

Please provide the contact information for the club's point of contact (President, Exec Director, etc.).

Primary Club Contact.

Name: Jonathan Velotta

Title within the Club: Director

Office /Work
Telephone: 502-830-2755

Cell Phone: 502-830-2755

Email: jonathan.velotta@steelcityfc.com

Mailing Address: 129 penhurst drive

City, State, Zip: pittsburgh, PA, 15235

Fax Number: n/a

Administrative Club Contact.

Name: Daniel Yates

Title within the Club: Performance Phase leader

Office
/Work
Telephone: 412-478-1237

Cell Phone: 412-478-1237



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Email: jonathan.velotta@steelcityfc.com

Mailing Address: 129 penhurst drive

City, State, Zip: pittsburgh, PA, 15235

Fax Number: _____

Technical Club Contact.

Name: Tom Campbell

Title within the Club: Technical Director

Office
/Work
Telephone: 412-320-1416

Cell Phone: 412-320-1416

Email: tom.campbell@steelcityfc.com

Mailing Address: 1938 Lowrie st

City, State, Zip: pittsburgh, PA 15212

Fax Number: n/a

Please provide a brief description of the responsibilities:

Tom is responsible for developing our Game Model. This is an intricate document that all teams within our club reference when it comes to curriculum, player development, play style, and measured success metrics. He is also responsible for disseminating the information within this model and educating our staff on said information. Tom is constantly updating and developing this document to fit the modern game and ensure every team in our club has a distinct style that any and all can watch and recognize as Steel City FC.



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C. Club Background Information.

Total Number of Boys Competitive Teams (in all age groups): 40+

Number of Boys Rec. Teams (in all age groups): n/a

Total Number of Boys Players (in all age groups): 690

Total Number of Full-Time Coaches: 12

Total Number of Part-Time Coaches: 18

D. Club Facility Information.

Number of Fields Owned by the Club: 0

Number of Fields Rented by the Club: 8

Number of Match Quality Fields*: 8

Indicate Surface of Match Quality Fields: Grass: **Yes** No If yes, how many: 2

Turf: **Yes** No If yes, how many: 6

If your primary match fields are grass, will your club have access to turf fields in the event of inclement weather: **Yes** No If yes, how many: 6

Does your club have access to lighted fields: **Yes** No If yes, how many: 8

Does your club have access to a full-sized indoor facility to host matches: Yes **No** If yes: field dimensions: _____

*Review the 2023-24 ECNL Game Day Minimum Standards available in the Resource Center of www.ecnlboys.com.

E. Season Information.

What is your primary competitive season (Please provide start and end dates):

Start of Season: Mid August End of Season: End of July
Month/Day Month/Day

Will your players participate on their high school teams? **Yes** No

Start of HS Season: August 1 End of HS Season: October 31
Month/Day Month/Day

*Is it permitted for your players to participate in club soccer (training and matches) during their high school soccer seasons? **Yes** No

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G. Club’s Internal Structure. Describe your club’s internal structure. Include the decision makers, soccer decision makers, decision-making process, etc.

Our club works using what we call a Phase Model. Our three phases are Foundation (U9-U12), Youth Development (U13-U14), and College Prep/Performance (U15-U19). Each phase has a ‘Phase Leader’ who is a full time staff member that oversees all coaches and players in his or her phase. Above the Phase Leaders are our Directors of Coaching. For the boys, this is Jonathan Velotta, who is also a minority owner and co-founder of the club. All final decisions are made by Thomas, however, weekly or biweekly all of the phase leaders meet with him and discuss all processes and procedures both soccer related and otherwise. At the end of the day, we want all of our decisions to be based around our game model and core values which are Dominant, Assertive, and Connected.

SECTION II. COMPETITIVE TEAMS.

A. Coaching and Contact Information.

Director of Coaching (Boys).

Name: Jonathan Velotta

Title within the Club: Director

Office /Work Telephone: 5028302755

Cell Phone: 5028302755

Email: jonathan.velotta@steelcityfc.com

Mailing Address: 129 penhurst drive

City, State, Zip: Pittsburgh, PA, 15235

License (List All): USSF A

Years with Club: 7

Please provide a brief description of the responsibilities:

Jonathan works with our Technical Director to develop the curriculum and focus of our training year in order to best accentuate player development. He is also the head coach of our U15 and U16 age groups. Behind the scenes, he works diligently to grow our brand and constantly and consistently increase the level at which our club operates on and off the field.



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B. Current Teams within your Club eligible to join ECNL Boys for 2024-2025.

In order to be considered for acceptance, a club must have existing teams in every ECNL Boys age group. Please list your **current structure**.

U12 (Current)/Future U13 ECNL Applicant

Team Name: Steel City FC 2012

Current League(s): PA West

- Record (currently) _____
- Record and Placement (last full season completed) 4-4 (Fall Season 2023)
- Website URL for League _____

Coach: Ed Ellsworth

Current License: USSF A

Notable Information (such as Tournament Championships, notable matches won, etc):

At u12 all three of our teams in the age group play as a site team then combine at U13

U13 (Current)/Future U14 ECNL Applicant

Team Name: Steel City FC 2011 E64

Current League(s): E64

- Record (currently) 3-2
- Record and Placement (last full season completed) 3-4-1 (4th PA West Division 1)
- Website URL for League https://system.gotsport.com/org_event/events/24698

Coach: Mike Gardner

Current License: USSF A

Notable Information (such as Tournament Championships, notable matches won, etc):



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U14 (Current)/Future U15 ECNL Applicant

Team Name: Steel City FC 2010 E64

Current League(s): E64

- Record (currently) 1-4
- Record and Placement (last full season completed) 2-4-2 (7th GLC Prem 2)
- Website URL for League https://system.gotsport.com/org_event/events/24698

Coach: Jonathan Velotta

Current License: USSF A

Notable Information (such as Tournament Championships, notable matches won, etc):

U15 (Current)/Future U16 ECNL Applicant

Team Name: Steel City FC 2009 E64

Current League(s): E64

- Record (currently) 1-1
- Record and Placement (last full season completed) 1-5-1 (7th GLC Prem 2)
- Website URL for League https://system.gotsport.com/org_event/events/24698

Coach: Jonathan Velotta

Current License: USSF A

Notable Information (such as Tournament Championships, notable matches won, etc):

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U16 (Current)/Future U17 ECNL Applicant

Team Name: Steel City FC 2008 E64

Current League(s): E64

- Record (currently) 1-1
- Record and Placement (last full season completed) 4-2-1 (2nd in Club vs Club)
- Website URL for League https://system.gotsport.com/org_event/events/24698

Coach: Jonathan Velotta

Current License: USSF A

Notable Information (such as Tournament Championships, notable matches won, etc):

U17 (Current)/Future U18/U19 ECNL Applicant

Team Name: Steel City FC 2007 E64

Current League(s): E64

- Record (currently) 1-1
- Record and Placement (last full season completed) 4-3 (3rd in Club vs Club)
- Website URL for League https://system.gotsport.com/org_event/events/24698

Coach: Dan Brower

Current License: USSF A

Notable Information (such as Tournament Championships, notable matches won, etc):

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U18/U19 (Current)

Team Name: Steel City FC 2005/06 E64

Current League(s): E64

- Record (currently) 0-0-1
- Record and Placement (last full season completed) 6-1 (1st NL PRO)
- Website URL for League https://system.gotsport.com/org_event/events/24698

Coach: Mark Taylor

Current License: USSF B

Notable Information (such as Tournament Championships, notable matches won, etc): Back to back national championship appearances at usys

In the space below, list any additional information regarding your current teams you feel may be relevant to the application. If you need additional paper, please attach it to the application.

At the U12 age group we still have our players separated by location. The top players from each site come together at the U13 age group. U12 results listed are based on top achievements from all of the different site teams. It is realistic to assume that when all of the top players come together this team will become much higher level.

In the 2022 USYS Club vs Club standings we will be listed as Arsenal FC as we just rebranded to Steel City FC this year.

- The 2006 age group have helped put the club on a national level, qualifying for back to back national championships. They won back to back NL Pro Leagues.

- Over the last few years we have taken out top teams to compete against other ECNL and MLS level clubs to expose our players to a different level. In 2021 we played our 2008-2002s competed against Columbus Crew Academy teams. In 2022 our 2010s-2006s played against Cleveland Force and in 2023 our 2010s-2004s competed against Louisville City.



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SECTION III. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

A. National Team Players

Please list any male Youth and Full National Team Players (United States or other countries) that have played at your club, including the years they participated on your club’s teams:

Last Name	First Name	National Team	Years

* Please include any additional players on a separate sheet of paper.

B. Other Notable Players

Please list other notable male players to have played for your club. Please list the years in which they played for your club’s teams and the highest level they played upon leaving your club (College, National Team, Professional etc.)

Last Name	First Name	Highest Level	Years
Sullivan	Michael	College	4
Mocyunas	Colin	Professional	2
Spence	Colton	College	3
DiFalco	Anthony	College	3
Bence	John	MLS NEXT	2
Johnson	Koven	MLS ACADEMY	2
Emanuel	Jack	College	3
Landry	Ryan	College	4
Eckberg	Cameron	College	4
Akut	Brenden	College	4
Jashinski	Jake	College	4
Kranick	Austin	College	4
Kreutzberger	Austin	College	4

* Please include any additional players on a separate sheet of paper.

SECTION IV. OTHER NOTABLE CLUB INFORMATION

Please provide any additional information regarding your club that you feel is relevant to the application process (You may use additional paper if need be and include images, attachments, etc).

We will be attaching a web page to our application that you can reference in regards to this prompt. We appreciate your consideration and are excited for the potential opportunity to participate.

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SECTION V. BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following criteria are the minimum requirements expected of all members of the Elite Clubs National League Boys. The ECNL recommends all applicants review all current ECNL Boys rules and regulations, which are available in the ECNL Boys “Resource” tab (online).

A. Teams. Each ECNL Boys Member Club is required to enter the club’s top team at each of the U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 and U18/U19 age groups in all mandated ECNL Boys competitions. The precise competition structure is subject to change by the ECNL Executive Committee prior to each season.

B. Competitions.

- i. Each U13 ECNL Boys team must participate in all scheduled ECNL Conference Competition, and the ECNL National Championship Series (Playoffs and Final). It is optional to participate in a U13 Showcase Event.
- ii. Each U14 ECNL Boys team must participate in all scheduled ECNL Conference Competition, and the ECNL National Championship Series (Playoffs and Final). It is optional to participate in a U14 Showcase Event.
- iii. Each U15 ECNL Boys team must participate in one (1) ECNL Boys National Event, all scheduled ECNL Boys Conference Competition, and the ECNL Boys National Championship Series (Playoffs and Final).
- iv. Each U16 and U17 ECNL Boys team must participate in two (2) ECNL Boys National Events all scheduled ECNL Boys Conference Competition, and the ECNL Boys National Championship Series (Playoffs and Final).
- v. Each U18/U19 ECNL Boys team must participate in one (1) ECNL Boys National Event, all scheduled ECNL Boys Conference Competition, and a single-stage ECNL Postseason.

C. Standards and Guidelines. Each ECNL Boys Member Club must follow the Member Club Standards and Guidelines set forth by the ECNL and all ECNL Boys policies, rules, and regulations.

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Check here only if you intend to register your club’s top players and teams for ECNL, if accepted.

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Check here if, based upon acceptance into ECNL, your club would have interest in registering ‘second teams’ into ECNL Regional League

D. Fees.

- i. **One-time Acceptance Fee:** If accepted, each new ECNL Boys Member Club is required to provide a \$500 one-time initial acceptance fee by the date set forth in your acceptance letter (The application fee for your club will be credited towards this amount).
- ii. **Annual League Fee:** The ECNL Executive Committee establishes an annual fee for membership in the ECNL Boys. The annual league fee covers the cost of administering the ECNL Boys, costs of the ECNL Boys National Event Series, the National Championship Series and costs of the ECNL Boys Player Identification Program. For reference, in the 2023-2024 ECNL Season, the annual membership fee was \$4,500 per ECNL Boys Club.
- iii. **ECNL National Event Fees.** In 2023-2024, the ECNL National Event Fees was \$1,600 per team, per event. There is no additional fee for the National Championship Series, which includes the ECNL Boys National Playoffs and the ECNL Boys Final.

E. Completion of ECNL Season. All ECNL Boys teams are required to participate in the entire ECNL Boys Season. Should any team in the ECNL Boys Member Club fail to complete their schedule, the club may lose its membership in the ECNL.

F. Guidelines, Policies, Rules & Regulations. All ECNL Boys teams must abide by the ECNL Boys rules and regulations.

