



FCL Promotion/Relegation (Starting 2023-2024 Season)

Starting in the 23/24 season, the following process will be used for clubs/teams within the ECNL RL and NPL Leagues to be evaluated for Promotion and/or Relegation.

Moving forward, the committee members of the Rules and Competition Committee, in conjunction with the FCL Board and Staff, will be involved in this promotion/relegation process.

The FCL staff will gather all pertinent data, create the assessments, and manage the process. The R&C Committee and FCL BOD will then work collaboratively to evaluate and determine any promotion/relegation based on the criteria set forth below.

Please note that there is not a set number of clubs/teams relegated and or promoted per season – it may vary from year-to-year.

Promotion from NPL to ECNL RL

Application Process:

- Found on ECNL website (must check RL box on app to be forwarded to FCL)
- Must be filled out completely OR updated annually if an application was previously submitted.

Eligibility: Promotion is open to Florida clubs who are currently covering all 6 age groups (U13 - U18/19, boys, or girls) and playing in NPL.

Criteria used for Promotion: All 6 age groups will be looked at based on the following criteria:

- Results on the Field (50%)
 - o 85% of scheduled league games at the point of the review must be completed.
 - o Evaluation of team and overall Club PPG and GD
- Administrative (40%)
 - o Communication, red cards, no shows, late cancellations, meeting league expectations/deadlines, games played, etc.
- Facility (10%)
 - o Benches, flags, field conditions, access to water, parking, restrooms, etc.

Relegation from ECNL RL to NPL

All current clubs in ECNL RL are subject to relegation (No clubs are exempt)

A club will be reviewed if:

1. A club has three or more teams in the bottom three of the table.
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2. If the clubs overall standing is in the bottom three of the table.

Clubs that relegate out of ECNL RL will be moved to NPL for the following season and will need to reapply in order to return back to ECNL RL using the promotion process put in place above.

Criteria used for Relegation:

- Results on the Field (50%)
 - o 85% of scheduled league games at the point of the review must be completed.
 - o Evaluation of team and overall Club PPG and GD*
- Administrative (40%)
 - o Communication, red cards, no shows, late cancellations, meeting league expectations/deadlines, games played.
- Facility (10%)



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- o Benches, flags, field conditions, water, parking, restrooms, etc.

*For 23/24 season team GD must be greater than .75 (this number will vary season to season depending on the number of clubs in the league).

Relegation is not automatic. Clubs that will be put on probation will be given the following season to improve*. The exact improvements needed will be spelled out in a written letter sent to the clubs' director of coaching.

*NOTE: Clubs that were placed on probation for the 23/24 season during their 22/23 assessment calls will be evaluated at the end of the 23/24 season per the criteria above to gauge their ability to continue with the league.