

FIERCE National League (NL) FAQ's

1. What does FIERCE stand for?
 - FIERCE is an acronym that describes the attributes we desire to grow in our players:
 - **Fearless:** Proactive players who embrace failing forward and maintain a growth mindset.
 - **Intelligent:** Students of the game who comprehend Total Football and Positional Play concepts.
 - **Enthusiastic:** Emerging servant leaders who stay optimistic, even when faced with adversity.
 - **Respectful:** Unwavering integrity and extreme empathy, even when nobody is watching.
 - **Coachable:** Seek understanding, continuously improve, and trust that iron sharpens iron.
 - **Empowered:** Discipline and accountability fully embraced by every player development stakeholder.

2. What are some ways FIERCE is different?
 - FIERCE began as a grassroots startup by a parent who saw a need for a different approach for youth girls soccer: keeping girls/young women engaged in the sport and playing quality soccer, regardless of whether they aspire to play at the highest level, or their paths lie elsewhere.
 - Our goal is to prepare young women for the game of life. We are a boutique, women-led club with role models at the Board, Staff, and player levels.

3. What if I can't make it to tryouts, or they already happened?
 - If you are unable to make tryouts, that's okay! Due to FIERCE's year-round structure and indoor facility, players can attend a training session at any time.
 - Before you can attend a training session, you must register your player through PlayMetrics using [this link](#).
 - Once you have registered, our staff will email you age-specific times and locations.

4. How many National League teams are there?
 - For TY2024-2025, FIERCE will have 5 NL teams.



Girls Team Outlook (TY24-25)



5. What is the National League?
 - [National League](#) is a national-level platform run by US Youth Soccer (USYS) - comparable to ECNL and GA.
 - FIERCE NL teams compete in the [Frontier Conference](#) against teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Texas, and South Texas during conference play in the Fall.
 - Based on conference results, teams have the opportunity to compete in NL qualifying events throughout the winter and summer - Conference Playoffs, [NL P.R.O.](#), Regionals, and Nationals.

6. What training facilities does FIERCE use?
 - Round Rock Sports Center (Indoor): 2400 Chisholm Trail Rd, Round Rock, TX 78681
 - LISD Fields: Bible Stadium, Ranger Stadium, Rouse HS, Vista Ridge HS
 - McNeil High School: 5720 McNeil Dr, Austin, TX 78729

7. How often do NL teams train?
 - NL teams train 3x per week - one session is indoor, and the other two sessions are outdoor.

8. Does FIERCE have goalkeeper training?
 - Currently, FIERCE offers once a week goalkeeper training sessions with high-level staff that serve as members of the Olympic Development Program (ODP).
 - In addition to weekly training, goalies at FIERCE receive a free keeper kit and seasonal glove stipend.

9. Can parents observe training?
 - Parents are encouraged to observe so they can meet other parents, players, and see the top level instruction FIERCE provides. We only request that parents stay off the pitch/floor and do not interrupt the training.

10. When does the season run?
 - [FIERCE season](#): year-round
 - [NL](#): Conference play August - November, with playoff events in December and Spring/Summer

11. When are NL games?
 - Conference games typically fall on Saturdays and Sundays.
 - NL events can last up to 3 days, games may take place during the week

12. How many tournaments do NL teams play in?
 - NL teams will compete in 2-3 tournaments throughout the year-long season.
 - Typically, tournaments will take place at the beginning of Fall, during winter, and after the Spring season concludes.
 - In addition to tournaments, NL teams have the potential to attend NL events throughout the nation based on their performance.

13. How much does FIERCE cost?

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Platform	Commitment Fee		Option 1 Full Balance Aug 15	Option 2 Payment Plan Aug 15, Nov 1, Feb 1	Option 3 Payment Plan Jul 1→Feb 1
Academy	\$250		\$725	\$260 x 3	\$100 x 8
Grey	\$300	+	\$1350	\$470 x 3	\$180 x 8
Navy & Pre-NL	\$300		\$1700	\$585 x 3	\$225 x 8
Elite	\$300		\$1900	\$650 x 3	\$250 x 8
National	\$300		\$2050	\$700 x 3	\$270 x 8

14. Does FIERCE offer scholarships?

- FIERCE partners with a third party system (Independent School Management) to provide an unbiased method of administering need-based financial aid to our players. For financial aid questions, please contact FinancialAid@fierceunited.com.

15. How does the onboarding process work?

- In order to try out with FIERCE, your player must [register in PlayMetrics](#).
- If FIERCE is a good fit, an offer letter will be sent to your player through PlayMetrics.
- To complete registration with the league, your player must also register in GotSport.
- Upon completion of these items, our staff will begin the remainder of the onboarding process, including sending your player their personalized uniform order link.
- From that point forward, all invoices and communication will come through PlayMetrics.

16. Are players allowed to play up in age groups?

- If our professional staff deems a player capable of handling the challenge, it is possible for them to play up an age group.

17. Are there volunteer hours required for families?

- FIERCE does not require volunteer hours for families, but we do have opportunities for parents to volunteer as Team Managers or supporting FIERCE events like the annual FIERCE Cup fundraiser.

18. What is futsal?

- Futsal is indoor soccer played on a hard surface in a small space without using walls. This type of soccer allows players to get many more touches on the ball in the same amount of training time and teaches them to increase their speed of play and situational awareness.

19. What if my child decides this is not for them?

- We work very hard to ensure that there is a good fit before a formal invitation to join the club goes out. However, if circumstances change we will release the player and stop charges (less certain non refundable expenses). This is just another way FIERCE is different.