

## NEFC - World Cup FAQ

### Q: What is being announced?

Nashua World Cup is excited to announce that it is entering into a strategic alliance with [New England Futbol Club](#) (NEFC).

This alliance launches a new regional presence in New Hampshire and Northern Massachusetts that will be known as “NEFC - World Cup“. Teams in this new region will play in the [New England Premiership](#) (NEP) and have the opportunity to play at regional and national levels including NPL, ECNL, Development Academy and Professional.

### Q: What is NEFC?

NEFC is one of the largest and strongest soccer clubs in New England, offering an extensive professional coaching staff and state-of-the-art facilities. There are more than 2,000 players in the club, spread across 145 boys and girls teams organized by geographic location and level of play. NEFC is a non-profit organization and employs 23 full-time staff and more than 50 additional part time coaches.

NEFC has won six National Championships during the last two years including the US Club Soccer NPL, US Club Soccer National Cup, and US Youth Soccer national titles.

NEFC has a special partnership with Boston Breakers, a professional women’s soccer team playing in the NWSL. NEFC also has an alliance with the New England Revolution Development Academy. See the [NEFC website](#) for more information.



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**Q: What does this mean for World Cup teams playing in NHSL?**

The World Cup of Greater Nashua NHSL environment is being preserved. World Cup will continue to have its highly competitive NHSL teams represent World Cup with no changes. New teams may be formed depending on the number of available players.

**Q: What does this mean for World Cup teams playing in NSL (formerly named Maple)?**

World Cup teams currently competing in NSL/Maple will migrate to NEP (New England Premiership) starting in the Fall of 2017 by joining the NEFC-World Cup Region. New teams may be formed depending on the number of available players.

**Q: Why is World Cup doing this?**

The soccer landscape in New Hampshire and Northern Massachusetts has changed dramatically in the last 5 years. Players and parents have expressed a desire for a streamlined path to higher level competition. Our association provides this opportunity along with extensive specialized training and involvement in NEFC college showcases.

The alliance with NEFC will also increase the number of fields available for practices and games, in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts. In 2016, NEFC completed construction of their own two field turf complex in Mendon, MA and is considering a similar complex for this new region.

**Q: Who will be the director of the NEFC - WC region?**

NEFC Coach Bob Thompson and World Cup Director of Operations Dan Wyborne will co-direct the region.

**Q: Is this a merger?**

This is not a merger, it is a strategic alliance. World Cup of Greater Nashua will continue operations.

**Q: Will the World Cup Columbus Day Tournament be affected?**

The annual Columbus Day Tournament hosted by World Cup of Greater Nashua will continue. Along with World Cup NHSL and NEFC - World Cup teams continuing to participate in the tournament, they may be joined by NEFC teams from other NEFC regions, in addition to the Tournament's usual draw of teams.

**Q: What will the fee structure look like in Fall 2017?**

World Cup continues to be sensitive to the financial commitment asked of parents. The NHSL team fees will not be impacted by this association. NEP team fees will be slightly higher than the current NSL/Maple fees to cover costs associated with entering NEP and having access to NEFC partnerships and programs. Despite this, NEFC - World Cup fees will still be significantly lower than other clubs in NH who play in NEP. Updated fees will be published on the [World Cup website](#) in the coming weeks.

**Q: Will coaches be leaving World Cup?**

There will be no major coaching changes due to this association, but some adjustments may occur. World Cup coaches will continue in their roles with NHSL and NEP teams.

**Q: Where will home games be played?**

With this association, World Cup teams will have access to more fields in Southern NH as well as Northern MA. All fields will be close to Nashua and allow our teams to upgrade their home field for games. Mines Falls will continue to be used for practices and some games as necessary.

**Q: What impact will there be to practices?**

Mine Falls will continue to be used for practices for World Cup NHSL and NEP teams. Teams joining the NEFC - World Cup region from Massachusetts will utilize fields in Massachusetts.

**Q: When will this alliance take effect?**

World Cup teams will continue to compete in NHSL and NSL/Maple for the remainder of the Spring 2017 season. When the Spring 2017 season is complete, the transition will begin, starting with ID Clinics in May and tryouts in June. NEP play for NEFC - World Cup teams will begin in the Fall of 2017.

**Q: How will tryouts work?**

Tryouts for World Cup of Greater Nashua and NEFC - World Cup teams will take place in June over several nights (schedule for each tryout and fields TBD). Players will be evaluated by members of our expert coaching staff and offered positions on teams appropriate to their developmental level. Every effort will be made to find teams for players attending tryouts, but minimum/maximum roster size requirements will restrict this.

**Q: How will player registration work?**

NEFC - WC teams will register and pay through the NEFC Got Soccer platform. World Cup of Greater Nashua teams will register and pay through the World Cup of Greater Nashua platform.

**Q: Will new uniforms need to be purchased?**

NEFC - World Cup players will be required to purchase and wear NEFC uniform kits. Due to contract requirements with Admiral, World Cup of Greater Nashua players will continue to wear the existing World Cup uniforms for 2017-2018.

**Q: What is happening to the existing NEFC NH teams?**

The existing NEFC NH region will become part of the new NEFC - World Cup region.

**Q: How do players progress “up the the pathway” to higher levels of competition?**

NEFC holds ID Clinics at various times throughout the year. Qualified candidates may be offered the opportunity to play at higher levels on NEFC regional or Development Academy teams.

**Q: What are some other benefits of this alliance?**

The following are just some of the benefits that will be available to NEFC - WC players:

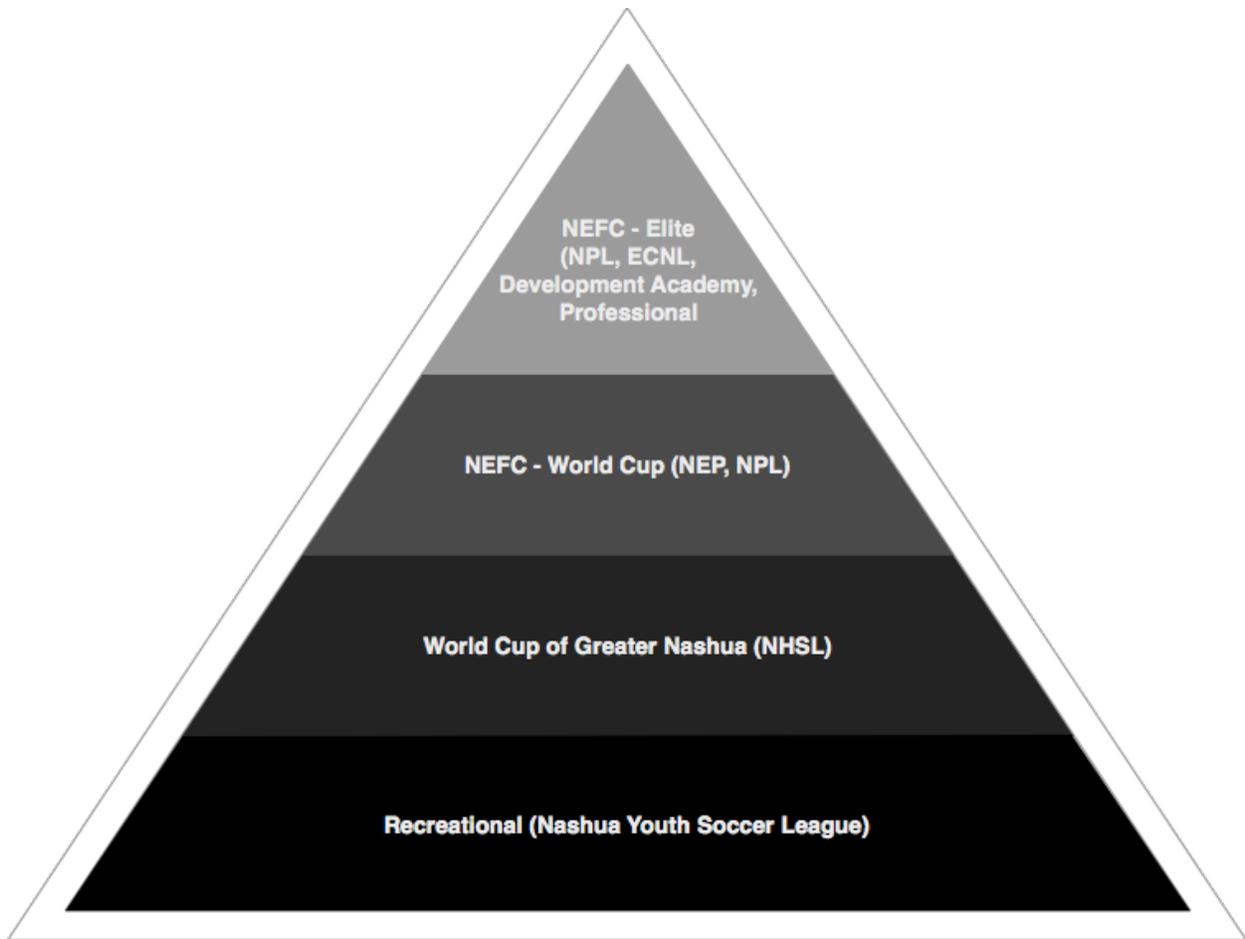
- Internal Boys and Girls College Showcase for High School sophomores and juniors. Over 75 college coaches in attendance.
- College Night: Regional seminars explaining the college process.
- Prep School Showcase and School Fair for 6th - 8th graders. Over 50 private schools from all over New England in attendance.
- Fall & Spring Identification Clinics for US Soccer Development Academy
- Ability to apply for need-based scholarship. Over \$100,000 in scholarships will be given out in 2017/2018.
- Girls participating on NEFC - WC teams receive a season ticket to the [Boston Breakers](#), a professional women's soccer team that competes in the NWSL (National Women's Soccer League). NEFC girls teams wear Breakers gear.
- Access to additional NEFC clinics, camps and technical training such as goalkeeping.

**Q: How is Groton-Dunstable involved in this new NEFC - World Cup region?**

The Groton-Dunstable Youth Soccer Club (GDYSC) is another partner in the new NEFC - World Cup region. Many of the 600 GDYSC players are interested in club soccer, but would prefer a more convenient and affordable option. The inclusion of Groton-Dunstable in the partnership further strengthens the NEFC - World Cup region and also provides access to additional natural-grass soccer complexes, as well as turf fields at Lawrence Academy and the Groton School.

**Q: This seems complicated. Why not just merge with NEFC?**

World Cup of Greater Nashua has been providing an exceptional and affordable soccer experience to the residents of the Greater Nashua area for over 37 years. The soccer landscape has become increasingly competitive and expensive over the years. Despite this evolution, the club feels there is a large demographic of players with the desire to compete at a higher level, but not necessarily at the highest levels which require considerable financial, travel and time commitments. Forming an alliance with NEFC provides players in the Greater Nashua area with a full range of competition levels.



**Q: What if I have more questions?**

Feel free to speak with your coach, team manager or any member of the leadership team or board of directors. Stay tuned for announcements about optional question and answer sessions with the leadership team to be held during training nights at Mine Falls.

**Q: I'm excited, what can I do to help?**

This is an exciting time for Nashua World Cup and there is lots to do! Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. We are looking for help with website updates, tournament planning and many more areas. Please contact Jamie Modelski for volunteer opportunities at [jmodelski66@charter.net](mailto:jmodelski66@charter.net).