



## **ECNL GIRLS & BOYS NATIONAL YOUTH SOCCER EVENTS RETURN TO SEMINOLE COUNTY, FL**

*340+ teams will travel to Seminole County for the two national showcase events*

For Immediate Release

ORLANDO, FL (December 26, 2018) – The Greater Orlando Sports Commission, Orlando North Seminole County and Orlando City Youth Soccer are gearing up to welcome two big events back to Seminole County. Continuing a strong partnership with Elite Clubs National League (ECNL), the Boys ECNL Florida national event returns from December 29 - 31, 2018, and the Girls ECNL Florida national event will be held from January 11 - 13, 2019.

In just its second year, the Boys ECNL event will feature 166 teams and draw 100+ college coaches from across the country. The Girls ECNL event, returning for the ninth consecutive year, will host 176 teams with more than 400 college coaches slated to attend.

“We are pleased to welcome the participants, spectators and coaches back to Seminole County for both ECNL national events,” said Jason Siegel, CEO of the Greater Orlando Sports Commission. “We have a long-standing partnership with Jen Winnagle, Marisa Leconte and their leadership team and look forward to hosting them for the ninth year. These events drive significant economic impact for the region and we are confident the student-athletes and their families will have an incredibly positive experience when they visit.”

Danny Trosset, Director of Sports Tourism for Orlando North Seminole County adds “We are proud to have both the Boys and Girls ECNL National events return to Seminole County. Our community and team look forward to welcoming ECNL players, coaches, families, friends and fans who will be travelling in from all over the country.”

All games will be held at the Seminole Soccer Complex, Sylvan Lake Park and Central Winds Park.

“Boys ECNL is thrilled to return to Sanford for the second Boys ECNL Florida National Event,” said Mika Elovaara, Boys ECNL Commissioner. “The support and long-lasting relationship with the Greater Orlando Sports Commission, Seminole County and Orlando City Youth Soccer continues to make this event one of the best in the series.”

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### **About Greater Orlando Sports Commission**

GO Sports is a private, non-profit organization established to attract and manage sports-related events, conferences and activities that drive positive economic development in the City of Orlando, Lake County, Orange County, Osceola County, and Seminole County. Founded in 1993, the organization has hosted or co-hosted more than 1,300 events in the Greater Orlando area with a total economic impact exceeding \$1.4 billion in spending within the community. For more information, please visit [www.GreaterOrlandoSports.com](http://www.GreaterOrlandoSports.com).

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**About Orlando North, Seminole County:**

A short drive from all the major attractions of Central Florida and home to Orlando Sanford International Airport, Orlando North, Seminole County offers first-rate accommodations for less, varied meeting & event venues, and diverse dining and shopping in its charming communities. Known as “Orlando’s Natural Oasis,” the destination offers visitors a wide array of thrilling outdoor activities from an aerial adventure course with Zip Lining to paddling alongside manatees in clear freshwater springs and rivers. Long known as an exciting and affordable meetings/groups destination, Orlando North also offers an array of sports and training facilities, including the new 102-acre Seminole County Sports Complex. For destination information call 1-800-800-7832 or 407-665-2900 or visit [www.PlayOrlandoNorth.com](http://www.PlayOrlandoNorth.com).

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