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New Teams Confirm WPSL as Top Women's League

The [Women's Premier Soccer League](#) (WPSL) announced its provisional alignment today, the [65 team national league](#) reaffirming its position as second only to the Women's Pro Soccer. With teams across the country switching to WPSL and others disbanding completely, the rival W-League now has only 22 teams in the United States, plus 7 in Canada.

The East conference this year features the Philadelphia Independence, joining fellow professional clubs the Boston Breakers, LA Sol, and FC Gold Pride as professional clubs also putting teams in the WPSL. Of the new teams, [Jersey Select](#) and South Jersey United will enjoy a rivalry in southern New Jersey, Seacoast United play in the north, and the Chesapeake Charge join the Maryland Pride in the greater Baltimore area. With the Boston Renegades and Western Mass Pioneers among many dropping out the W-League, Connecticut FC Passion have stepped up and into a newly structured three division WPSL East Conference. Boston Breakers and New England Mutiny headline the north division, while last year's East runners-up [Millburn Magic](#) play in central, renewing their rivalry with Long Island Fury, the 2009 National Champions. Philadelphia Independence will play in the south division, along with Jersey Select and SJ United, as well as notables Lancaster Inferno and the Maryland Pride. The top two teams from each conference will advance to the playoffs.

"The growth of our league continues with not only a revised setup in the East, but an exponential increase in interest in the Midwest," said WPSL associate Commissioner Joe Ferrara. Indeed, the Midwest did see the significant change, with W-League champions FC Indiana disbanding, and Western Michigan switching to the WPSL, where they join Chicago Eclipse, the #2 girls' program in the United States. "We are looking forward to joining the WPSL and are very excited for the opportunity to compete in this prominent league," said Eclipse Head Coach Rory Dames. "This will serve as an outstanding opportunity for players to improve their game". Eclipse will join Ohio Premier, St Louis Scott Gallagher and FC Milwaukee in a powerhouse Midwest conference.

The WPSL Pacific Conference continues to draw the cream of talent from the west coast where the north and south divisions have 12 teams from San Diego up to Portland, including four times Women's Open Cup winners Ajax America in the south division, and four-times WPSL National Champions the California Storm in the north. With no other league in the area, the Big Sky Conference showcases the top 13 women's teams in the south-central United States, including Sereno Del Sol, Dallas Premier, and Arizona Rush, who had four players taken in last weekend's WPS draft. These were among 23 players from the league who are now taking their next step into the professional ranks, many playing for former WPSL Coaches, including World Cup and Olympic winner Tony DiCicco, now at the Breakers.

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