







# ABOUT



The GCPL is a regional soccer league that operates in the Gulf South and offers a unique platform for competitive players to grow and develop the necessary skills to pursue their careers. The 13-week summer competition is designed to feature a mix of collegiate players, top local talent, and rising academy players in a pre-professional environment.

In addition to high-level athletic competition, the GCPL is dedicated to promoting the growth and development of the sport by providing opportunities for coaches, staff, and community engagement, as well as resources to support clubs in cultivating the culture of soccer. The GCPL has a proven track record of grooming successful clubs and equipping them with the necessary tools to become sustainable businesses at the national league level.

As a non-profit corporation founded in 2016, the GCPL is committed to fostering the growth and success of soccer in the Gulf South through high-level amateur athletic competition.







# LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- The GCPL will consist of two conferences, East and West, with each conference capped at 6 teams total.
- Double round robin format for the regular season, where teams will play each other twice, once at home and once away, for a total of 10 games.
- The regular season will begin in early May and end in early July. Playoffs will begin in mid July and the final will be played on the last weekend of July at a neutral location.
- The top two teams from each conference will advance to playoffs. Top seeds hosting semifinals.
- Finals are played at a neutral location.

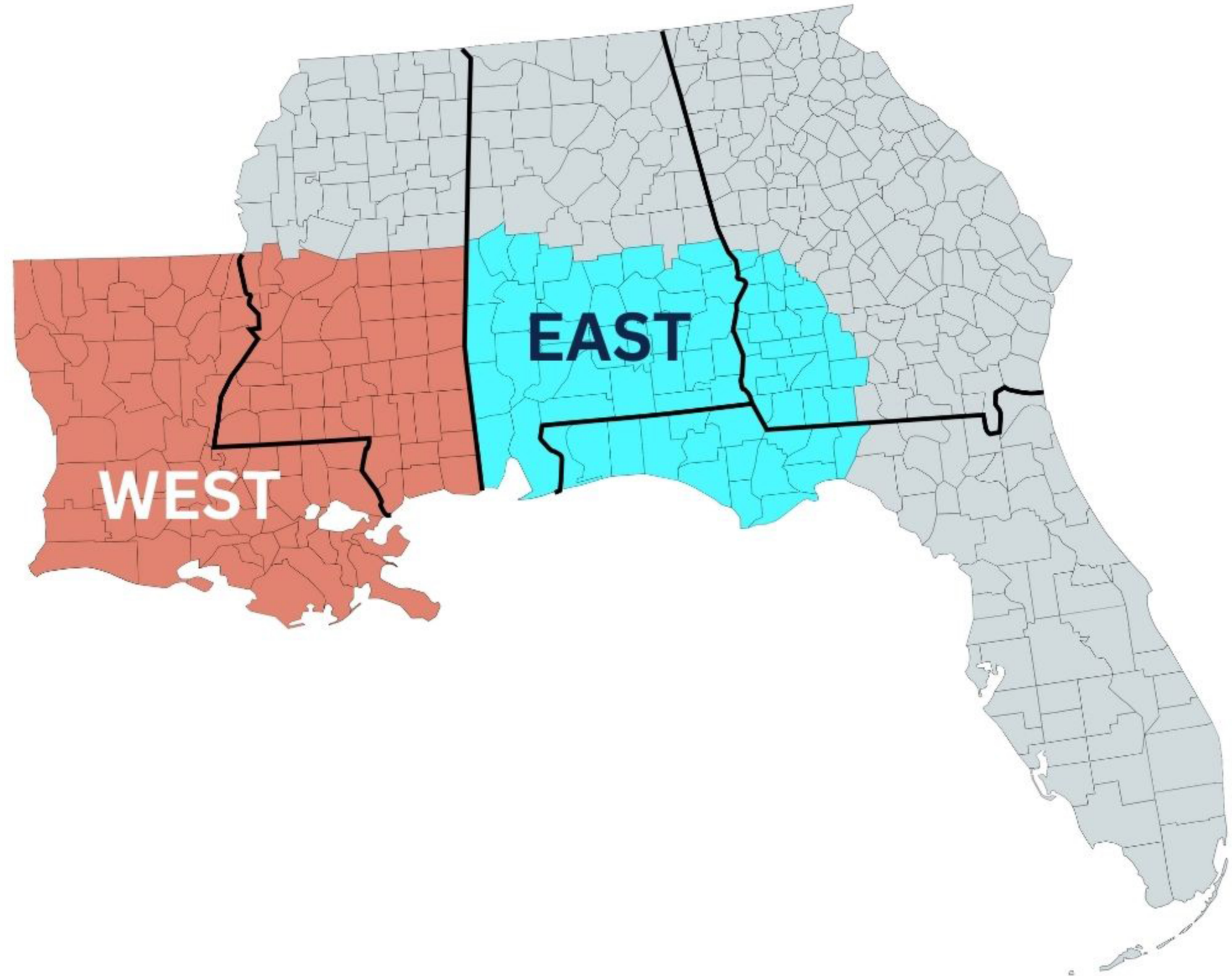






# CONFERENCE MAP

The conference alignment for the GCPL is built off of the heavily populated metro areas and branch outward, while also keeping the furthest travel within 300 miles, relatively. The occasional extended distance may be included to reach any regions of the gulf south off the beaten path. This approach aims to tap into the large metro areas, where the potential for multiple high level clubs can exist, minimizing the need for extended travel and saving funding for other aspects of the club.







# REQUIRED STANDARDS

League Required Standards (LRS) is crucial for ensuring a consistent and fair competition for all clubs participating in the GCPL. It sets a clear standard for what is expected of each club in terms of facilities, equipment, and organization, which helps to level the playing field and create a positive environment for competition.

Adhering to these standards also helps clubs build their brands in a positive way. By meeting the requirements set by the league, clubs demonstrate their commitment to professionalism and attention to detail, which can help to attract fans, sponsors, and other stakeholders. Additionally, by providing a high-quality experience for visiting teams and referees, clubs can establish themselves as a desirable location for future games, which can further enhance their reputation.

Furthermore, the LRS help to ensure the safety and well-being of the players and officials. The requirement of certified athletic trainer and safety training for the coaches, staff and players for example, would help to prevent injuries and protect the players from abuse, which ultimately will help to foster a positive and healthy environment for the players.

In short, League Required Standards play a vital role in creating a positive environment for competition and helps clubs to build their brands in a professional and responsible way.







# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Gulf Coast Premier League is dedicated to helping its member clubs grow their brand, improve their media presence, enhance game day operations, and increase community engagement. By providing support in these areas, the GCPL aims to drive supporters to invest their time and money into their club. This includes providing resources and guidance for clubs to improve their social media and digital marketing efforts, as well as helping clubs create a positive and engaging game day experience for fans. Additionally, the GCPL works closely with clubs to increase their involvement in the community, through initiatives such as charity events, volunteer work, and youth programs. By focusing on these key areas, the GCPL is committed to helping its member clubs build a strong and dedicated fanbase, ultimately leading to success on and off the field.

A large and untapped landscape that the regional model provides is encouraging a supporter culture of passionate fans, feasibly traveling to away games, encapsulating the competitive environment heightened by crowd involvement, driving up the value and popularity of the clubs and bringing economic value to the sport at the lower divisions







# CONTACT US

If you are interested in participating in the GCPL, please contact Jonathan Rednour at [info@gcplsoccer.com](mailto:info@gcplsoccer.com) for an initial screening call. This call will provide an overview of the league's requirements and expectations, and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the league and the application process. We look forward to hearing from you and potentially welcoming you as a member of the GCPL community.

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