

2021 MEDIA KIT

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## **USLPA MISSION**

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Jan. 2018	USLPA is Founded	
Nov. 2018	USL Formally Recognizes Players Association as bargaining agent for USL Championship	
Feb. 2020	USL Formally Recognizes Players Association as bargaining agent for USL League One	
June 2020	League and USLPA Reach 2020 Return To Play Agreement for both USL Championship and USL League One, the first collective agreements between the two entities	
April 2021	League and USLPA Reach 2021 Return To Play Agreements	
Sept. 2021	League and USLPA Reach Agreement in Principal on USL Championship Collective Bargaining Agreement - Start of Ratification Process	

# COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT QUICK FACTS

>> FIVE-YEAR TERM | 2021-2025 «

**KEY FEATURES** 

**25%** 

In 2022- Economic Floor betters 25% of Player Pool

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Minimum Standard Contract Length

### **COMPENSATION ★**

Compensation = Salary\* + Housing\*\* +
Insurance\*\* + Signing Bonus\*\*

- \* Salary must be 50% of base compensation
- \*\* If applicable

2022

2023

2024

2025

#### **CONTRACT MINIMUM:** (Compensation Per Month) \$3,100 \$2,900 \$2,750 \$2,700 2022 2023 2024 2025 Up to 6 Flex Contracts Per Year FLEX MINIMUM: (Compensation Per Month) \$2,600 \$2,400 \$2,250 \$2,200

#### **KEY STANDARDIZATIONS**

Per Diem

Player Appearances

Arbitration/Grievances



#### **WORKING CONDITIONS**

Regulated Report Dates
Regulated Number of Matches
Club Contraction Protection
Mandatory Vacation Time

Bereavement and Family Leave

Mandatory Off Days



#### **PLAYER HEALTH**

Required Documentation of Injuries

Choice of Surgeon

Official Player Medical Files





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#### What are the goals of the USLPA?

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#### Who was involved in the Bargaining Process?

The Players of the USL Championship have been at the center of the Bargaining Process. Over the last several years, Players have been engaged to determine their collective priorities. These priorities have been transmitted to the USLPA's Board of Directors by the USLPA's Team Representatives. The Board of Directors has leaned on these collective priorities to act as the decision maker on behalf of the Players regarding the development and exchanging of proposals.

#### Who does this CBA affect?

Once ratified, this CBA will go into effect for any Player under a Standard Player Agreement within the USL Championship. This does not include amateur players signed to an amateur playing agreement or loaned players.

#### What are the basics of the Ratification Process?

The Ratification Process will take place in the coming weeks. This process will include player education with all Players and will culminate in an all-Player vote to accept or reject the terms of the CBA.. If the Players vote to accept the terms, the contract is then ratified and legally binds both the Players and the League to the terms of the CBA.

# **USLPA IN THE MEDIA**

"USL nearing historic first collective bargaining agreement with players association" The Athletic – January 2021

"USL Players Association partners with CWA labor union as CBA talks continue" The Athletic – December 2020

"While MLB squabbles over tens of millions, USL players fight for living wage" ABC11 - May 2020

"USL League One players join USL Players Association, will negotiate CBA" The Athletic – February 2020

"USL Continues To Move Forward With League-Wide CBA" Sports Business Journal – December 2019

"USL players unionize in 'momentous' move, gaining voluntary recognition from USL" SoccerAmerica -November 2018



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