

VGFC



2025  
US12

VS. WESTERN MASS  
JUNE 17 - 7:00PM



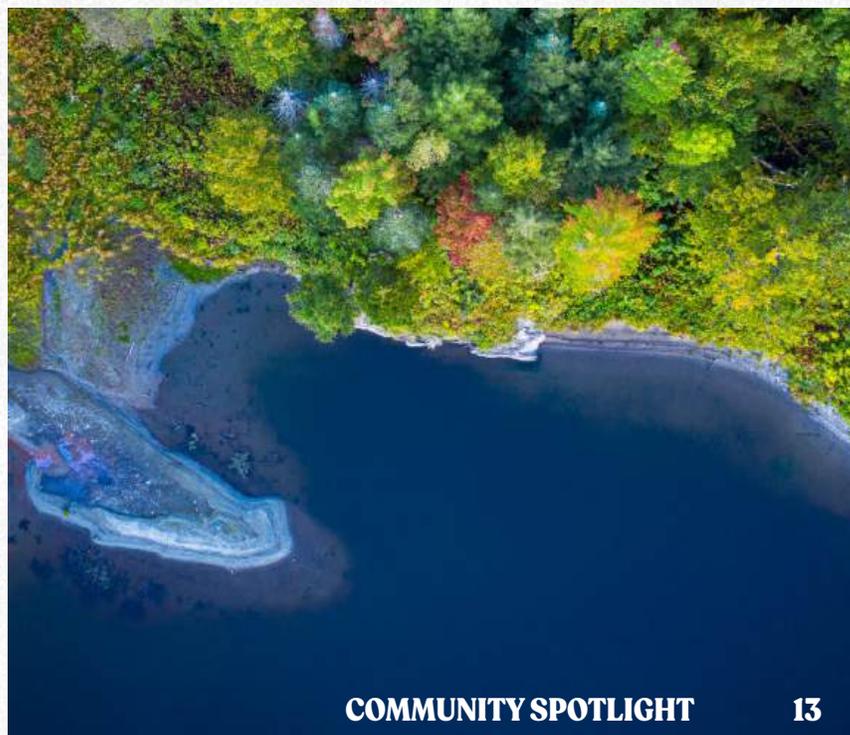
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# CLUB NEWS

## VERMONT GREEN FC AND SAM MEWIS RAFFLE USWNT KIT FOR VERMONT IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

To raise funds for the Vermont Immigration Legal Defense Fund, Vermont Green FC will raffle a signed, match-worn Sam Mewis USWNT kit this week.

The Vermont Immigration Legal Defense Fund works to support and expand legal resources available to organizations that protect asylum seekers, immigrants, and marginalized people facing deportation or detention.

Donate at least \$5 and [fill out this form](#) to be entered to win. A winner will be selected on Sunday, June 22nd.

**MATCHDAY PROGRAM**

## VERMONT GREEN FC AND KING STREET CENTER CONTINUE PARTNERSHIP

Vermont Green FC is continuing the annual tradition—and incredible privilege—of working alongside Burlington-based community organization King Street Center throughout the 2025 season.

Players and staff from the club have regularly scheduled sessions with the kids at King Street Center, with both men’s and women’s teams participating in recreational and artistic activities.

The club has worked with King Street Center since its inaugural season in 2022, with visits to the King Street location, team’s training sessions, matches, and out in the community. It has been an empowering and enriching experience for Vermont Green players, staff, and organization as a whole.

The club encourages members of the Vermont community to get involved with King Street Center, especially as much-needed youth mentors.





# TODAY'S MATCHUP

**Vermont Green FC vs. Western Mass Pioneers**

*Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

*7:00pm Kickoff*

The biggest test of the season awaits Vermont Green FC on Tuesday night as perennial contenders and fierce rivals Western Mass Pioneers visit Virtue Field for the first time in 2025. The Vermonters and the Pioneers both enter the match unbeaten, with first place in the Northeast Division up for grabs at the league's halfway point.

## **HISTORY**

Vermont Green FC and Western Mass Pioneers have six meetings in the history of their young rivalry with the Massachusetts club enjoying a 3W-2L-1T advantage over the Green. Despite the record, the scorelines have always indicated a proper rivalry, with only last year's season finale win for Vermont at Lusitano ending in a multi-goal margin. Three of the six matchups have ended 1-0.

In 2022, the Green bested the Pioneers at home in the final game of the season when Diba Nwegbo famously scored from an impossible angle on the wing, clinching a playoff spot in the club's inaugural season. In 2023, Western Mass Pioneers claimed two 1-0 victories over the Green, two of Vermont's three losses that season.

The last meeting between Vermont and Western Mass was the 2024 regular season finale which saw the Green needing a result to qualify for playoffs. Gerardo Castillo, Mohammed Ibrahim's winner, and Jacob Labovitz's insurance goal completed a 3-1 comeback win in Ludlow, MA.

## **WESTERN MASS PIONEERS IN FOCUS**

Western Mass Pioneers were founded in 1997 in Ludlow, MA, but the club is the spiritual successor of a soccer community that has existed at the iconic Lusitano Stadium since 1918. The club has had stints in both professional and semi-professional leagues, notably winning the 1999 D3 Professional National Championship.

Nestled into Ludlow's historic Portuguese neighborhood, the club has a rich soccer history, and regularly boasts a pedigree that rivals the best in the nation.

The Pioneers are coached by Federico Molinari, an established and respected coach at the USL League Two level and beyond, and a veteran of the club's professional era. The Argentine manager has become known for his particular brand of direct, fast-paced, direct attacking football and that has yielded results year in, year out.

Western Mass Pioneers are unbeaten in 2025, boasting 5 wins and 2 draws for 17 points. They also boast a goal differential of +22, significantly leading Vermont's +13, a stat that could factor heavily if the two sides remain neck-and-neck.

ZERO GRAVITY

# VERMONT GREEN IPA

Zero Gravity proudly presents Vermont Green IPA, the official beer of the Vermont Green Football Club's 2025 season. A small but mighty beer with big aromas of mango, pineapple, and passion fruit. Joyfully easy to drink, there's no better beverage to help support the home side. Go Green!



## AVAILABILITY

16oz 4-PACKS  
KEGS



## HOPS

Citra Incognito  
586  
Motueka

## MALT

Canada Maltage  
Superior Pilsner  
Rahr White Wheat  
Weyermann Carafoam  
Oats

## YEAST

House Ale

## ABV

5.0%

## STYLE

India Pale Ale

## OG

13.3°P

**Zero Gravity**  
THE OFFICIAL BEER OF THE VERMONT GREEN FOOTBALL CLUB.

UP THE GREEN!



# FOOD VENDORS

**AHLI BABA'S**



**CHURCH STREET CHEESESTEAKS**



**JILIB JIBLETS**



## MERCH SPOTLIGHT

Vermont Green F.C.

### The Script Mint Cap

The Script Mint Cap is produced with 100% organic cotton by Econscious. Check out our blog to read up more about why we chose organic cotton.

**\$25**

TUES. JUNE 17, 2025  
7:00 PM

VERMONT GREEN FC  
vs WESTERN MASS



AJAGBE



NJIKE



ZENGUE



DOVLO



PICOTTO



LE BOURDOULOUS



COSTABILE



MARSHALL



M. NDIAYE



THOMAS



HERCEG



22. MICHEL, 9. TRIMNAL, 10. EKELAND, 12. O'MALLEY, 15. GJERDE,  
16. RIVED, 18. PAPP, 27. ZELLEFROW, 44. FERNANDEZ



LEMON ELATION

**YERBA**



**MATE**  
ORGANIC



BY  
GUAYAKI

15.5 fl oz  
(458 ml)

# ROSTER

Player Name	#	Position	Hometown	College
Niklas Herceg	1	GK	Alsdorf, Germany	University of Vermont
Brandon Marshall	2	D	Wake Forest, NC	Providence College
Luca Costabile	3	D	Copenhagen, Denmark	University of Maryland
Amoni Thomas	4	D	Edmonton, Canada	Wake Forest
Moussa Ndiaye	5	D, M	Dakar, Senegal	Virginia Commonwealth
Julien Le Bourdoulous	6	M	Quemperven, France	UNC Greensboro
Brandon Parrish	7	M	Nashville, TN	Clemson University
Jacob Labovitz	8	F	Fairfax, VA	Virginia Tech
Tyler Trimnal	9	F	Lancaster, SC	University of South Carolina
Ask Ekeland	10	M, F	Stavanger, Norway	Boston College
David Ajagbe	11	F	British Columbia, Canada	Ohio State University
Owen O'Malley	12	D, M, F	Cary, NC	Creighton University
Rui Aoki	13	D	Hyogo, Japan	University of Vermont
Enzo Dovlo	14	F	Strasbourg, France	UNC Greensboro
Eskil Gjerde	15	M	Bjoo, Norway	Drake University
Diego Rived	16	M	Zaragoza, Spain	Boston University
Ioannis Vassiliou	17	D	Frankfurt, Germany	University of Vermont
Marcell Papp	18	F	Budapest, Hungary	University of Vermont
Zachary Zengue	19	M, F	North Oaks, MN	Georgetown
Pearse O'Brien	20	M, F	West Hartford, CT	Providence College
Joseph Umberto Picotto	21	M	Turin, Italy	University of Maryland
Judewellin Michel	22	GK	Montreal, Quebec	Indiana University
Terence Okoeguale	23	M, F	Cologne, Germany	San Diego State
Alexander Hall	24	M, F	Renton, WA	University of Washington
Romme Jaridly	25	F	Chino Hills, CA	San Diego State
Arnaud Tattevin	26	F	Rennes, France	UNC Greensboro
Ryan Zellefrow	27	M	Berwyn, PA	University of Vermont
Ayoub Lajhar	28	D, M	Dernah, Libya	University of Connecticut
Tenzing Manske	31	GK	Santa Fe, NM	Georgetown
Mohammed Ibrahim	34	M, F	Cape Coast, Ghana	Virginia Commonwealth
Victor Akoum	43	D	Edmonton, Canada	Indiana University
Gabriel Fernandez	44	D, M	Port Orchard, WA	University of Washington
Stephane Njike	77	F	Strasbourg, France	Marshall

# COACHES & STAFF



ADAM PFEIFER  
Sporting Director



CHRIS TAYLOR  
Head Coach



LEE WILLIAMSON  
Assistant Coach



JED SASS  
Assistant Coach



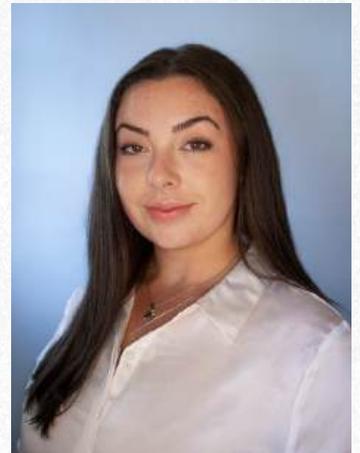
ROBERT EMMETT  
Goalkeeper Coach



HANNAH TREMEL  
Athletic Trainer



MAHDER TEFERRA  
Intern



ALLISON OUELLETTE  
Intern



CARTER FRANCISKOVICH  
Intern



AINSLEY HUBBARD  
Intern



JAKE LUCARELLI  
Intern



LEON BRODY  
Intern



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

# DAVID AJAGBE

David Ajagbe is a 6-1 sophomore forward from Surrey, British Columbia, made an immediate impact in his first season at Ohio State, scoring 7 goals and helping the Buckeyes capture the Big Ten Tournament Championship and reach the NCAA College Cup. His standout play earned him a spot on the 2024 All-Big Ten Freshman Team.

A product of the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Academy, Ajagbe led the U19 squad in scoring during the 2023-24 season and helped win the 2023 League 1 BC title. He also played for Athlete Institute, contributing a goal and an assist in the final to clinch the 2022 League 1 Ontario Reserve Division Championship.

The 19-year-old has joined Vermont Green FC for the 2025 season to continue his development competing in the USL2.



# SCHEDULE & RESULTS

## 10-00-01

### MAY

 HOME  AWAY

<p>MAY 18 AT BOSTON CITY FC</p> <p><b>2-0</b></p>	<p>MAY 21 AT BOSTON BOLTS</p> <p><b>2-0</b></p>	<p>MAY 24 VS FC LAVAL</p> <p><b>4-2</b></p>	<p>MAY 27 VS PROVIDENCE CITY</p> <p><b>9-0</b></p>	<p>MAY 31 VS SEACOAST</p> <p><b>4-0</b></p>
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### JUNE

<p>JUNE 2 VS JUBA STAR</p> <p><b>1-0</b></p>	<p>JUNE 4 AT ALBANY RUSH</p> <p><b>4-1</b></p>	<p>JUNE 7 VS BOSTON BOLTS</p> <p><b>1-1</b></p>	<p>JUNE 10 AT BLACK ROCK</p> <p><b>2-0</b></p>	<p>JUNE 11 VS FLOWER CITY 1872</p> <p><b>4-0</b></p>
<p>JUNE 14 VS AS BLAINVILLE</p> <p><b>2-1</b></p>	<p>JUNE 17 VS WESTERN MASS</p> <p><b>7</b> PM</p> <p><b>TODAY'S MATCH</b></p>	<p>JUNE 21 VS AC CONNECTICUT</p> <p><b>6</b> PM</p>	<p>JUNE 24 AT AC CONNECTICUT</p> <p><b>7</b> PM</p>	<p>JUNE 28 VS NEW ENGLAND FC</p> <p><b>6</b> PM</p>

### JULY

<p>JULY 2 AT SEACOAST UNITED</p> <p><b>6</b> PM</p>	<p>JULY 5 VS BLACK ROCK FC</p> <p><b>7</b> PM</p>	<p>JULY 8 VS ALBANY RUSH</p> <p><b>7</b> PM</p>	<p>JULY 11 AT WESTERN MASS</p> <p><b>7:30</b> PM</p>
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POST-SEASON  
DATES TO FOLLOW



# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## *Vermont River Conservancy*

For more than 300 years, Vermont rivers have been subject to use and abuse – meandering waterways forced into straight-line channels, currents burdened with trash and effluent, and fish passage cut short by hundreds of (now aging) dams.

Today, the effects of these historic patterns linger as visible barriers to vibrant communities, whether urban or rural. Downtown rivers are lined with busy roads, parking lots, and railroad tracks instead of walking paths, outdoor cafes, and songbird-filled green spaces. Channelized rivers rush alongside highways and mega-marts. Lowlands that once served as floodplains are built up with centuries of toxic fill and no longer slow a river's current. And in the farthest headwaters, lands stripped of trees and topsoil lack the swales and wetlands that could provide high-quality wildlife habitat and essential filtration to keep communities' water clean.

Meanwhile, in places where generations of kids have splashed with friends, new “no trespassing” signs are cutting communities off from their local rivers.

We're working towards a time when a drop of water that falls anywhere in the Green Mountains flows through mossy old forests and beaver-filled wetlands, down cool clear streams home to otter and brook trout, past communities where broad floodplains create space for rivers to meander and shift over time, and into a clean Lake Champlain, Lake Memphremagog, Connecticut River, or Hudson River. We envision a future where people from all walks of life have access to rivers for recreation and quiet enjoyment, and value rivers as a source of clean water to their family's tap, healthy habitat for abundant wildlife, and a source of wellbeing essential to their daily lives.

## OUR PARTNERS



Yerba Madre (formerly Guayaki Yerba Mate) started in 1996 with the goal of making the energy of yerba mate more accessible to people through a business model that could also benefit the planet and people. Now, decades later, Guayaki is a certified B Corp that uses business as a force for good by supporting the environment, people and communities.



Founded in a renovated gas station in Burlington, Vermont, in 1978, Ben & Jerry's believes that ice cream can be a force for positive change, one scoop at a time. Through values-led ingredient sourcing and inclusive movement-building, we're working toward a future where everyone can thrive.



Our products work hard in your home and are made with your safety in mind. Join us on our mission to transform the world into a healthy, sustainable, and equitable place for the next seven generations.

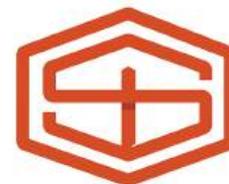


**ZERO GRAVITY**  
BURLINGTON · VERMONT

Zero Gravity Beer has been brewing beautiful and balanced beers since 2004. Based in Burlington, Vermont, we are committed to bringing people together under one common thread: beer.



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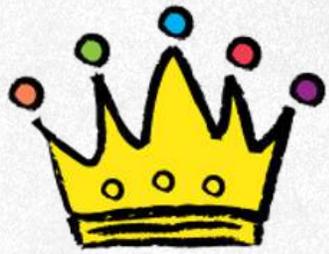
**TWIN STATE**  
BASEMENT SERVICES

Twin State Basement Services specialize in basement waterproofing, crawl space encapsulation, and expert foundation repair to protect your home from moisture, mold, and structural issues. Our team uses advanced solutions to ensure long-lasting protection and peace of mind. Trust us to keep your foundation strong and your space dry.

# OUR PARTNERS



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



**KING  
STREET  
CENTER**

## KING STREET CENTER

Vermont Green FC is partnering with King Street Center to make matches more accessible and inviting to historically marginalized communities. The program is focused on building community ties between VGFC players and King Street Center youth and families. Players will join King Street Center youth regularly to engage in soccer activities and discuss their path toward playing soccer at the highest levels. Vermont Green will donate free tickets through its "Spread the Love" initiative so they can attend home games throughout the season.

## JUBA STAR FC

Vermont Green is partnered with Juba Star Football Club to expand access to soccer and work towards equitable play in the state. Juba Star FC is a Somali Bantu-led organization that has operated in the state since 2006. The organization was established to provide a safe space for the growth and development of former refugee and immigrant youth in Vermont. The organization runs free soccer clubs for youth and adults, ages 14 and older, and provides assistance with transportation to games and practices, and mentorship for youth.



## ANTI-RACIST SOCCER CLUB

**ANTI RACIST  
SOCCER CLUB**

Anti-Racist Soccer Club is a coalition of players, clubs, and experts fighting racism in American soccer. The ARSC membership is open to teams and leagues at the professional and youth levels, supporter groups, and any other soccer-affiliated organization. ARSC works with interested parties to develop a ten-point plan anti-racism framework that is unique to that community. ARSC monitors and evaluates member plans to ensure accountability.

# ABOUT VERMONT GREEN

Vermont Green Football Club is a Burlington-based soccer team competing in USL League Two, the fourth tier of the American soccer system. Since its debut season in 2022, the club has quickly made a name for itself by combining competitive play with a bold, values-driven mission. Home matches are held at Virtue Field on the University of Vermont campus, where supporters gather to cheer on the team in an energetic and inclusive atmosphere.

What sets Vermont Green FC apart is its deep commitment to environmental justice. The club's mission is to build a soccer organization that addresses the climate crisis and promotes sustainability at every level—from using kits made with 100% recycled materials to donating 1% of its annual revenue to environmental causes as part of One Percent for the Planet. Vermont Green FC believes soccer can be a powerful force for social and ecological change.

Off the pitch, the club is equally committed to community. Through soccer programming, volunteer coaching, and regular community engagement, Vermont Green FC helps create opportunities for local youth communities to connect through sport. The club is more than just a team—it's a platform for impact.

Vermont Green FC continues to grow both in stature and influence, inspiring fans with a model of how soccer can be played with purpose and integrity. As they compete and engage, the team remains focused on uniting sport, sustainability, and justice to create lasting change.



# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MISSION

The Club is prioritizing five goals in pursuit of our environmental justice mission. More details on these goals can be found on our website, [www.vermontgreenfc.com/mission](http://www.vermontgreenfc.com/mission).

## **Net Zero**

We will become a net zero club following Science Based Targets (SBTi) initiative standard. Net zero targets will follow climate science-based requirements and environmental justice principles.

## **Fight Systemic Racism**

We will stand up to systemic racism in soccer and beyond. We are working with the Anti Racist Soccer Club on a 10 point plan to advance anti-racist actions and behaviors at the club and in the community.

## **Giving**

As 1% for the Planet members, we have committed to donating 1% of our annual net sales to non-profits working on behalf of the environment.

## **Purpose-driven Merchandise**

We source merchandise that satisfies the highest standards of environmental stewardship and social responsibility. We are also building a program that will allow our supporters to participate in the circular economy.

## **Educate and Advocate**

It all starts here. We are using our platform to raise awareness of and advocate for ways we can collectively transform our society through the lens of environmental justice.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

Be part of the mission on matchday—travel sustainably, bring a reusable water bottle, and sort your waste into the proper bins. Choose merch made with purpose and donate old clothes or gear at designated drop-offs. Even small actions at Virtue Field can make a big impact.

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vermont Green FC acknowledges that our playing ground sits on land that is a site of meeting and exchange for Indigenous peoples since time immemorial.

Ongoing generations of Indigenous peoples, namely the Western Abenaki [A-ben-A-kee], have stewarded this land.

The Western Abenaki are the caretakers of this land which they call Ndakinna [in-DAH-kee-NAH], or "homeland."

We recognize the trauma that violence and forced displacement by the hands of colonizing peoples has caused these communities.

We are guests on this land and will respect and uplift Indigenous histories, cultures and peoples.

We give thanks for the opportunity to share the joys of this beautiful land and in turn are committed to protecting it.



# TICKET POLICY

The Vermont Green FC ticket is a revocable license, and the holder of this ticket voluntarily assumes all risks and dangers incidental to attendance at this event, whether occurring before, during or after the game. This ticket may be taken, and admission refused upon refunding the purchase price appearing thereon. This ticket will not be replaced if stolen or destroyed. It is understood that the license granted by this ticket for the purpose of viewing the game only as an eyewitness.

Vermont Green FC further reserves the right to eject and prosecute any person whose conduct is deemed unbecoming (e.g., throwing objects, abusive or vulgar language). The consumption and/or possession of intoxicating beverages at this contest, outside designated areas is prohibited. Violators will be ejected without refund. All carried items will be searched upon entry, and entrants themselves are subject to search.

Ticket holder expressly grants Vermont Green FC permission to use holder's image in connection with any live or recorded transmission, reproduction, or publication of this event.

Tickets obtained from sources other than Vermont Green FC may be lost, stolen or counterfeit ticket and in such cases will not be honored. Any person buying tickets from other sources does so at his/her own risk. Individuals ages 5 and older must have a ticket. Children ages 4 and under are admitted free of charge.

Unless specifically authorized in advance by Vermont Green FC, this ticket may not be offered as a prize in a sweepstakes or contest.

Date and time are subject to change. No refunds or exchanges.



# VOLUNTEER WITH VERMONT GREEN

We believe that soccer can be a powerful catalyst for a more environmentally sustainable and socially just world, and we're immensely grateful for the volunteers who show up to help build the club alongside us. We're looking for volunteers who are able to support specific matchday roles such as: stadium set up, ticketing, merchandise, ushering, and clean up. Volunteers are provided a staff t-shirt, post-match pizza, and custom merchandise discounts.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any additional questions [click here!](#)



Local Motion is our bike valet partner that has made biking to the matches more accessible. Check out their [website](#) for more resources. Rent a bike, learn more about community action, check out the bike ferry!

The Bike To The Match initiative incentivizes sustainable transportation that will address one of the club's environmental missions Two raffle winners who have biked to our match will be entered to a win a prize that will be announced at during the match. Today's prize...A Bivo water bottle!



# BIKE TO THE MATCH



Vermont's Finest  
**BEN & JERRY'S**  
Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough  
Vanilla Ice Cream with Gobs of Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

Vermont's Finest  
**BEN & JERRY'S**  
Half Baked  
Chocolate & Vanilla Ice Creams with Gobs of Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough & Fudge Brownies

# ABOUT USL2

USL League Two is the leader in pre-professional soccer in North America. The League holds a vital role as it continues to provide the elite platform for those pursuing professional careers domestically and internationally.

The USL League Two regular season takes place during the summer from early May to mid-July. Each team plays at least 12 regular season games within their division, splitting the number of home and away matches. Each division winner qualifies for the playoffs, as well as the second-place team of select divisions. The playoffs are split into conferences and occur in late July, culminating in the League Two Final in early August.

## WHY USL2?

Vermont Green FC competes in USL League Two, the proven developmental leader in North American soccer's evolving tiered structure.

USL League Two (formerly the PDL) features clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

USL League Two is an important stepping-stone for top professionals now playing throughout the world, with more than 70 percent of all selections in the MLS SuperDraft since 2010 having League Two experience.

By joining USL League Two, Vermont Green FC fills a gap in the Vermont soccer system, giving the state's top players the opportunity to train and compete at the highest level while maintaining their collegiate eligibility.

## NORTHEAST DIVISION

The USL League Two Northeast Division is a dynamic and competitive region that showcases the depth of soccer talent across New England and upstate New York. With clubs based in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York, the division blends long-standing organizations with ambitious newcomers.

Competing teams, AC Connecticut, Albany Rush, Black Rock FC, Boston Bolts, Boston City FC, New England Futbol Club, Seacoast United Phantoms, Vermont Green FC, and Western Mass Pioneers, bring a range of histories, playing styles, and community-driven missions to the field.

The Northeast Division is known for offering both a high level of play and a special ability to grow one of the country's most passionate soccer regions.





# FOLLOW ALONG

