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**Colonials Switch to the NPSL's Keystone Conference for 2012 Season
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The Morris County Colonials will have a number of exciting new challenges in the summer, after it was revealed that they are part of the National Premier Soccer League's restructure following the addition of new teams in the North East for the 2012 season. The team will leave the Atlantic Conference and move to the Keystone Conference - a switch that will also see the squad playing rivals much closer to home.

The Colonials now enter a division with a previous NPSL champion - **FC Sonic Lehigh Valley** - as well as other teams from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Those familiar with the league over the last few years will recognize **Pocono Snow** (PA), **AC Crusaders** (NJ), **Buxmont Torch** (PA) and **FC New York** (NY). However, the NPSL's newest addition from Philadelphia will also play in the Keystone. Founded in 2001 by West African immigrants, Junior Lone Star FC have a strong pedigree as a team and will certainly test the Colonials and other conference rivals during the season.

The NPSL continues to build and expand across the country, resulting in the reorganization to accommodate teams and lessen travel commitments. The Colonials are beneficiaries of this with a considerable reduction in travel distances, though are part of an expansion to a 12-game regular season; the conference winners progress to National playoffs and the NPSL Championship.

Other recent entries to the NPSL include Fort Smith United, Galveston Pirate SC and the Rio Grande Valley Ocelots, who will all join the Western Conference. The Mississippi Storm and Myrtle Beach FC will also play in the NPSL for the first time, while the Midwest region expects AFC Cleveland, Detroit City FC and Greater Binghamton FC. More are still expected to join up in the coming weeks.

With trials scheduled soon, there has been no better time for players to sign up with the Colonials and make a name for themselves on a local and nationwide scale. Be sure to watch out for an announcement soon to have a chance at playing some of the best amateur teams in the US!

The Morris County Colonials are members of the National Premier Soccer League, the highest level of men's amateur soccer in the United States. They are part of the New Jersey Soccer Group, a management company for a family of soccer based organizations offering a full range of soccer services in New Jersey.