

## **Carmel United Brakes into the Top 20 of the ECNL Overall Club Ranking**

**AURORA, Colo. (July 19, 2011)** – The 2011 Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) National Championship came to a close Saturday, July 16, at Aurora Sports Complex in suburban Denver. While Eclipse Select SC (Ill.) was crowned the overall ECNL National Club Champion, Carmel United girls finished in an excellent 18<sup>th</sup> position. The Club's Top 20 finish was due to an incredible first year in the league with both the U16's and U17's winning the Challenge B National Championship and the U15's finishing as runner up in the ECNL Challenge A National Championship.

"All the girls performed excellently over this past weekend," said Carmel United Coaching Director Ralph Richards, who coaches both the U17 and U16 teams. "This weekend capped off what has been a great first season in the ECNL, and proved to me we belong competing against the best in the country on a week-to-week basis."

Both the U16's and U17's won their Challenge B National Championship games and were crowned and promoted to the top flight for the 2011-12 ECNL season. Both teams had overall records of 12-2-1, which shows the consistency in which they played at for the entire season.

However, it was the U15's that were the caviar performers in Colorado. Standing in 12<sup>th</sup> place with one league game remaining, and winning 3 games on a trout to get to the National Championship game was a major accomplishment. "Coach Ben Beasley and his girls have worked extremely hard for one another, continued Coach Richards. "In a roller coaster season of highs and lows, the team pulled together in the last month proving they are a contender for #1 in the country. What these young girls have achieved in such a short career so far is a major accomplishment and one the club and its coaching staff can be very proud."

The U18's, who were not in attendance in Colorado, also had a great season in the ECNL, finishing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the B Challenge division.

The overall accumulation of points from Carmel United's four senior teams equated to a total of 136 out of a maximum of 143 points. This total of points not only allowed the Club to finish 18<sup>th</sup> in the overall club standings, but places the incoming U15's in the A division along with the U16's, U17's and U18's for the upcoming season.

The club wishes all the success it achieved in the 2010-11 ECNL season to continue in 2011-12.