



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

MSYSA Endorsement Criteria – 2018/2019

MSYSA may initially endorse up to eight teams per age group for the US Youth Soccer National League geographic conferences. All teams seeking endorsement by MSYSA must be in good standing and must have played in either the Midwest Regional League or Michigan State Premier Soccer Program in the most current season of play. Exceptions may be made as determined by the MSYSA Executive Director.

Teams will be given points based on the team performance in their most recent State Cup and league competitions. This point system is intended to assist the MSYSA Selection Committee. There are not a minimum number of points needed to guarantee endorsement.

A final decision about which teams are endorsed for participation is the responsibility of MSYSA, and MSYSA will decide all matters not provided for in these policies and procedures. U14 teams who are not endorsed for the fall season may still be considered for the following spring season, provided that they apply again and pay application fees by the appropriate deadline.

For the U13 age group in the spring, when MSYSA has to recommend teams for the various divisions (Premier I, Premier II, and/or First Divisions), teams will be recommended for divisions based on how they finished in the most recent season of play in MSPSP. A team’s ‘finish’ means the number of points earned (or average number of points earned per game if the MSPSP divisions each contained a different number of teams). In other words, the teams that finished the highest in MSPSP will be recommended for the highest divisions of MRL.

Questions on these guidelines should be sent to MSYSA Executive Director Tom Faro at tfaro@michiganyouthsoccer.org.

Point System: U14 – U19

STATE CUP Points	LEAGUE Points	
	Midwest Regional League	Michigan State Premier (MSPSP)
Champion – 12 pts Finals – 10 pts Semifinals – 8 pts Quarterfinals – 6 pts Round of 16 – 2 pts	MRL Premier 1 Division Play – 10 pts MRL Premier 2 Division – 8 pts MRL First Division Play (top ½) – 6 pts MRL First Division Play (bottom ½) – 4 pts <i>MRL Premier 1 Division Pre-Qualifier – 6 bonus pts</i> <i>MRL Premier 2 Division Pre-Qualifier – 4 bonus pts</i>	MSPSP Premier 1 1 st Place – 4 pts MSPSP Premier 1 2 nd Place – 2 pts MSPSP Premier 1 Other – 1 pt





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Point System: U13 (Spring)

Only those teams who compete in the Fall 2018 “National League Conferences (NLC) Qualifying” division(s) of MSPSP will be eligible for the National League Great Lakes or Midwest Conferences in the Spring season. Note: the “NLC Qualifying” divisions are for teams who participated in the MSYSA Directors Academy program in the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 seasons.

MSYSA will endorse up to 8 teams from the “NLC Qualifying” divisions as noted below. If teams are tied on points at the top of a given division, MSYSA will break ties on a case-by-case basis.

# MRL Qualifying Divisions	Endorsement Process
1 Division	Top 8 teams are endorsed
2 Divisions	Top 4 teams from each division are endorsed
3 Divisions	Top 2 teams from each division are endorsed + 2 additional “wildcards” based on established policy*

***Wildcard Policy –**

- For age groups with the SAME number of teams in each “NLC Qualifying” division and which require a wildcard for endorsement purposes, wildcard qualification shall be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:
 - Teams with the most points.
 - Winner of head to head competition. However, this criterion shall not be used when more than two teams are tied in points.
 - Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum goal differential of four goals per game.
 - Fewest goals allowed.
- For age groups with a DIFFERENT number of teams in each “NLC Qualifying” division and which require a wildcard for endorsement purposes, wildcard qualification shall be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:
 - Teams with the highest average number of points per game (number of points divided by number of games)
 - Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum goal differential of four goals per game
- If more than two teams are tied, the sequence shall be followed until one team is eliminated.
- Once one team has been eliminated, the remaining teams shall then restart the sequence above until the tie is broken.
- If teams are still tied at the end of the relevant sequences above, MSYSA will make endorsement decisions on a case-by-case basis.