



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

NLC Endorsements – 2023/2024

All teams seeking endorsement by MSYSA must be in good standing and must have played (or been scheduled to play) in Elite-64, the National League Conferences, or Michigan State Premier Soccer Program in the most current season of play. Exceptions may be made as determined by the MSYSA Executive Director.

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. In all cases, teams are expected to have a minimum of 11 returning players from the 2022-2023 seasonal year (returning from the team specifically, not the club). Any team not meeting that requirement must submit a written request for exemption to the MSYSA Executive Director.

If/when MSYSA has to recommend U13 teams for the various divisions of NLC, teams will be recommended for divisions based on how they finished in the Spring 2023 season of Director’s Academy. A team’s ‘finish’ means the number of points earned (or average number of points earned per game, if applicable). Simply put, the teams that finish the highest in the Director’s Academy will be recommended for the highest divisions of the National League Conferences.

For the **U13 BOYS & GIRLS in FALL 2023**, MSYSA will endorse the 2023 Junior State Cup Quarterfinalists (Division 1) and the top team from each U12 Tier 1 Bracket from the Spring 2022 season of the Director’s Academy (that was not a JRSC Quarterfinalist). Other DA Tier 1 and JRSC Division 1 may apply and be considered by MSYSA, however, MSYSA’s intentions for endorsements are stated above.

For the **U13 – U14 BOYS & U13 GIRLS in SPRING 2024**, MSYSA will make endorsement decisions primarily based on league play in the following manner:

League Play (Fall 2023)	Endorsed?
NLC Club vs. Club	Yes
NLC Premier I	Yes
NLC Premier II*	Yes
<i>*NLC Premier II – Last Place Finish</i>	Unlikely
MSPSP Premier I – 1 st Place	Yes
MSPSP Premier I – Other	No
MSPSP Premier Qualifying – 1 st Place	Yes
MSPSP Premier Qualifying – Other	No
Other	No





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For the following age groups/season:

- **U14 BOYS in FALL 2023**
- **U14 GIRLS – U19 GIRLS in FALL 2023**
- **U14 GIRLS in SPRING 2024**
- **U15 – U19 BOYS in SPRING 2024**

MSYSA will make endorsement decisions primarily based on league play and State Cup play in the following manner:

	State Cup Elite Champions	State Cup Elite Finalists	State Cup Elite Semifinals	State Cup Elite Quarterfinals	State Cup Elite First Round	State Cup Premier Any Round
NLC Club vs. Club	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA
NLC Premier I	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA
NLC Premier II*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA
*NLC Premier II – Last Place Finish	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unlikely	NA
MSPSP Premier I – 1 st Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case
MSPSP Premier I – 2 nd Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MSPSP Premier I – 3 rd Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case	No	No
MSPSP Premier I – Other	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case	No	No
Other	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case	No	No

Keep in mind that MSYSA endorsement does NOT mean acceptance into the NLC. NLC makes the final decision regarding which teams to accept and which teams to decline.

Furthermore, a high-school aged team endorsed by MSYSA for a supplemental season of NLC is not guaranteed endorsement for any other seasons of play.