



# Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

## NLC Endorsements – 2020/2021

All teams seeking endorsement by MSYSA must be in good standing and must have played (or been scheduled to play) in either 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. 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 **U15 – U19 GIRLS** age groups, MSYSA will make endorsement decisions based on the chart below. The chart takes into account where a team finished in their most recent season of play and the most recent State Cup.

	State Cup Champions	State Cup Finalists	State Cup Semifinals	State Cup Quarterfinals	State Cup Round of 16	State Cup First Round
NLC Premier I	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NLC Premier II	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NLC First*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
*NLC First – Bottom 3 Finishers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case
MSPSP Premier I – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case
MSPSP Premier I – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
MSPSP Premier I – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MSPSP Premier I – Other	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Other	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No





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For the **U14 GIRLS and U14 – U19 BOYS** age groups, teams who were endorsed by MSYSA and accepted by NLC for the Spring 2020 season (that was cancelled due to COVID-19) shall be endorsed by MSYSA for the 2020-2021 seasonal year provided that the team has maintained a majority of their roster from last year. Teams who have NOT maintained a majority of their roster or teams who were not previously endorsed/accepted may apply for NLC participation, but those endorsement decisions will be made by MSYSA on a case by case basis. Those teams are encouraged to delineate each player on the roster and show the player’s previous team and where that team was supposed to play in the Spring 2020 season (league & division).

For the **U13 GIRLS AND BOYS** age groups in the spring, only those teams who compete in the Fall 2020 “National League Conferences Qualifying” division(s) of MSPSP will be eligible for the National League Conferences in the Spring season. MSYSA will endorse teams from the “NLC Qualifying” divisions as noted below.

Number of NLC Qualifying Divisions	Endorsement Process
1 Division	Top 8 teams are endorsed
2 Divisions	Top 4 teams from each division are endorsed
3 Divisions	Top 3 teams from each division are endorsed
4 Divisions	Top 2 teams from each division are endorsed
5 Divisions	Top 2 teams from each division are endorsed
6 Divisions	Top 2 teams from each division are endorsed

If/when MSYSA has to recommend U13 teams for the various divisions of NLC (Premier I, Premier II, and/or First Divisions), teams will be recommended for divisions based on how they finished in the Fall 2020 season of play. 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 MSPSP will be recommended for the highest divisions of the National League Conferences.

If teams are tied on points (or average number of points per game), MSYSA will break ties on a case-by-case basis but generally in this order: head-to-head, most games won, and goal differential.

