



# Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

## NLC Endorsements – 2022/2023

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. In all cases, teams are expected to have a minimum of 11 returning players from the 2021-2022 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 2022 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 2022**, MSYSA will endorse the 2022 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). If a JRSC U12 Division 1 did not have a Quarterfinal Round, then MSYSA will plan to endorse the Semifinalists (Division 1) and the top TWO teams from each U12 Tier 1 Bracket from the spring DA season.

For the **U13 – U14 BOYS & U13 GIRLS in SPRING 2023**, MSYSA will make endorsement decisions primarily based on league play in the following manner:

| League Play<br>(Fall 2022)                       | Endorsed? |
|--|-----------|
| NLC Club vs. Club                                | Yes       |
| NLC Premier I                                    | Yes       |
| NLC Premier II*                                  | Yes       |
| *NLC Premier II – Last Place Finish              | Unlikely  |
| MSPSP Premier I – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place          | Yes       |
| MSPSP Premier I – Other                          | No        |
| MSPSP Premier Qualifying – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Yes       |
| MSPSP Premier Qualifying – Other                 | No        |
| Other  | No        |



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For the following age groups/season:

- **U14 BOYS in FALL 2022**
- **U14 GIRLS – U19 GIRLS in FALL 2022**
- **U14 GIRLS in SPRING 2023**
- **U15 – U19 BOYS in SPRING 2023**

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 <sup>st</sup> Place | Yes                       | Yes                       | Yes                        | Yes                           | Yes                         | Case by Case                |
| MSPSP Premier I – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Yes                       | Yes                       | Yes                        | Yes                           | No                          | No                          |
| MSPSP Premier I – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 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.*