



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

NLC & MSPSP Relationship at the U13 Age Group

The below criteria will be used by MSYSA to determine NLC endorsement for U13 teams in the Spring season.

Each fall, MSPSP will offer U13 qualifying divisions in the following manner:

1. MSPSP will offer one or more “NLC Qualifying” divisions at the U13 age group (boys & girls) in the fall season. These divisions are open only to teams who participated in the MSYSA Directors Academy program in the previous Fall and Spring seasons. In cases where there are multiple “NLC Qualifying” divisions, all divisions will be considered competitively equal.
2. Only those U13 teams who compete in the Fall “NLC Qualifying” division(s) will be eligible for U13 NLC the following spring season.
3. At MSPSP registration, teams coming from the MSYSA Directors Academy will have the option to opt into the “NLC Qualifying” division(s).
4. Those teams that opt in for the “NLC Qualifying” division(s) will be placed in competitively equal divisions as determined by MSPSP.
5. Those teams that do not opt for the “NLC Qualifying” division(s) will be placed in their choice of a statewide or local MSPSP competition.
6. The number of teams interested in NLC endorsement shall influence the number of “NLC Qualifying” divisions. Ultimately, MSPSP will decide the number of “NLC Qualifying” divisions
7. MSYSA will endorse 8 or 9 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

If teams are tied on points, MSYSA will break ties on a case-by-case basis but generally in this order: head-to-head, most games won, and goal differential. On occasion, MSYSA may opt to endorse some or all of the teams tied on points within a given division instead of breaking the tie. The decision when to break ties and when not to break ties is at the sole discretion of MSYSA.