



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

NLC Endorsements – 2021/2022

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 9 returning players from the 2020-2021 seasonal year. 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 2021 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 2021** age groups, MSYSA will endorse the 2021 Junior State Cup Quarterfinalists (Division 1) and the top team from each U12 Tier 1 Bracket from the Spring 2021 season of the Director's Academy (that was not a JRSC Quarterfinalist).

For the **U13 BOYS & GIRLS in SPRING 2022** and **U15 – U19 GIRLS** age groups, MSYSA will make endorsement decisions primarily based on league play in the following manner:

League Play (Fall 2020: U16 – U19 Girls) (Spring 2021: U15 Girls) (Fall 2021: U13 Boys & Girls)	Endorsed?
NLC Club vs. Club	Yes
NLC Premier I	Yes
NLC Premier II	Yes
NLC First*	Yes
*NLC First – Bottom 3 Finishers	Case by Case
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 **U14 GIRLS** and **U14 – U19 BOYS** age groups, 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 First*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA
*NLC First – Bottom 3 Finishers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case	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