



# Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

## National League (Team Based) Endorsements – 2025/2026

All teams seeking endorsement by MSYSA must be in good standing and must have played in a USYS or MSYSA affiliated league in the most current season of play. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis 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 2024-2025 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.

For the **U13 BOYS & U13 GIRLS in FALL 2025**, MSYSA will endorse the 2025 Junior State Cup U12 Quarterfinalists (Division 1) and the top team from each U12 Tier 1 Bracket from the Spring 2025 season of the Director's Academy (that was not a JRSC Quarterfinalist). Other teams may apply and be considered for vacant positions, however, MSYSA is under no obligation to endorse these teams.

For the **U13 – U14 BOYS & U13 GIRLS in SPRING 2026**, MSYSA will make endorsement decisions primarily based on league play in the following manner:

League Play (Fall 2025)	Endorsed?
National League, Team Based Premier I	Yes
National League, Team Based Premier II	Yes*
Great Lakes Premier League – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Yes
Great Lakes Premier League – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Yes
Great Lakes Premier League – Other**	Case by Case**
Other	No

*\*The team shall be endorsed, unless that team finishes in last place of their bracket*

*\*\*The team shall not be endorsed, unless it finishes (on points) within an acceptable competitive distance from the top 2 teams as decided by MSYSA.*



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For the following age groups/season:

- **U14 BOYS in FALL 2025**
- **U14 GIRLS – U19 GIRLS in FALL 2025**
- **U14 GIRLS in SPRING 2026**
- **U15 – U19 BOYS in SPRING 2026**

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
GLPL – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case
GLPL – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case
GLPL – Other	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case	No
Other	Yes	Yes	Yes	Case by Case	No	No

*Keep in mind that MSYSA endorsement does NOT mean acceptance into the National League. National League 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 National League is not guaranteed endorsement for any other seasons of play.*