

Michigan State Premier Soccer Program

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MSPSP DIVISION FAQs – Fall 2019

DIVISIONS:

- Boys' age groups for the fall season are U13, U14 and U15 Supplemental.
- Girls' age groups for the fall season are U13 through U19.
- The U13 age group in the fall season will have Regional (local), Statewide (color), and NLC Qualifying Divisions (for DA teams only).

U13 NLC Qualifying Divisions:

- One or more "NLC Qualifying" divisions within the U13 age groups (boys & girls) will be formed. These divisions are open only to teams who participated in the MSYSA Directors Academy program in the previous Fall and Spring seasons. Note: In cases where there are multiple "NLC Qualifying" divisions, all divisions will be considered competitively equal.
- Only those teams who compete in the "NLC Qualifying" division will be eligible for NLC in the Spring season. Note: the "NLC Qualifying" division is ONLY offered in the Fall season of U13. Teams not participating in this division will be eligible for NLC play beginning at the Fall U14 season.
- See U13 NLC / MSPSP Divisional Offerings document for more info regarding the NLC.

U13 Statewide (color) Divisions:

- Teams that do not qualify / opt for the "NLC Qualifying" division will be placed in their choice of a statewide or regional (local) MSPSP competition.

U13 Regional (local) Divisions:

- Geographically paired with neighboring & local clubs
- Note: if teams select to play Regional but not enough teams in their area apply, the team will have to play Statewide.

U15 Supplemental (Boys - Fall | Girls - Spring):

- The purpose of the Supplemental Season shall be to give those players and clubs an opportunity for statewide competitive soccer when high school play is not offered/available.
- The U15 Supplemental Season shall be focused on player development and participation
- The U15 Supplemental division has division-specific rules regarding rosters, club passcarding, small-sided play, etc. See the U15 Supplemental Division FAQ form for more info.

U14-U19 Divisions:

Teams not endorsed into NLC via the U13 NLC Qualifying division will be placed in the Premier 1 & 2 divisions (based on performance) for the Fall U14 season. The top teams from MSPSP Statewide U13 divisions will be placed into Premier 2 & 3. Based on performance, the remaining statewide teams will make up the available spots in Premier 3, and then form Classic 1, Classic 2, etc.

<u>Premier 1</u> – The highest level of competition within MSPSP. Teams must earn placement into P1, most notably via success in State Cup & league play. Coaches must have a D license or higher.

Premier 2 – The second tier of competition within MSPSP. Coaches must have a D license or higher.

Premier 3 – The third tier of competition within MSPSP. Coaches must have a D license or higher.

<u>Classic</u> – Tier of competition below Premier 3, sometimes below Premier 2. Coaches must have a Grassroots license, E license, or higher. Number of classic divisions offered varies with each age group as needed. A competitive step-up from select (travel).

U19 High School Open -

MSPSP will offer teams the option of HSO style-play at the lowest division offered in U19. Age differences are permitted here – teams can compose of players U15-U19 without adhering to the about the 51% rule.