



# Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

## NLC Endorsements – 2024/2025

All teams seeking endorsement by MSYSA must be in good standing and must have played in Elite-64, Elite 64-Regional League, the National League Conferences, Michigan State Premier Soccer Program, or the Director’s Academy 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 2023-2024 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 2024**, MSYSA will endorse the 2024 Junior State Cup Quarterfinalists (Division 1) and the top team from each U12 Tier 1 Bracket from the Spring 2024 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 2025**, MSYSA will make endorsement decisions primarily based on league play in the following manner:

League Play (Fall 2024)	Endorsed?
Elite 64 – Regional League	Case by Case
NLC Premier I	Yes
NLC 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**	No
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 within 3 points of the top team in their bracket*





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For the following age groups/season:

- **U14 BOYS in FALL 2024**
- **U14 GIRLS – U19 GIRLS in FALL 2024**
- **U14 GIRLS in SPRING 2025**
- **U15 – U19 BOYS in SPRING 2025**

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

*\*\*The team shall not be endorsed, unless it is within 3 points of the top team in their bracket*

*Keep in mind that MSYSA endorsement does NOT 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.*