



# 2010 SPRING SEASON Competition Formats and Promotion/Relegation Policy

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## BOYS UNDER 14

### **BOYS UNDER 14 PREMIER DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within your sub-division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements) for a total of two Regional Wild Card Slots.

**Relegation:** At the conclusion of the season, the top five teams retain Premier Division status within each sub-division, subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04). The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers in both sub-divisions are relegated into the First Division for the 2011 Spring Season (a total of 6 teams are relegated).

### **BOYS UNDER 14 FIRST DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Five sub-divisions of around eight teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 13.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the five sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2011 Spring Season. A second place team from one of the five sub-divisions with the best record (subject to MRL Rule 6.05 Uneven Number of Games) will be promoted. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2010 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

## BOYS UNDER 15

### **BOYS UNDER 15 PREMIER DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within your sub-division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements) for a total of two Regional Wild Card Slots.

**Relegation:** At the conclusion of the season, the top five teams retain Premier Division status within each sub-division, subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04). The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers in both sub-divisions are relegated into the First Division for the 2011 Spring Season (a total of 6 teams are relegated).

### **BOYS UNDER 15 FIRST DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Six sub-divisions of around eight teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 13.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the six sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2011 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2010 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

## BOYS UNDER 16

### **BOYS UNDER 16 PREMIER DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within your sub-division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements) for a total of two Regional Wild Card Slots.

**Relegation:** At the conclusion of the season, the top five teams retain Premier Division status within each sub-division, subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04). The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers in both sub-divisions are relegated into the First Division for the 2011 Spring Season (a total of 6 teams are relegated).

### **BOYS UNDER 16 FIRST DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Six sub-divisions of around seven or eight teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 13.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the six sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2011 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2010 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

## BOYS UNDER 17

### **BOYS UNDER 17 PREMIER DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within your sub-division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements) for a total of two Regional Wild Card Slots.

**Relegation:** At the conclusion of the season, the top five teams retain Premier Division status within each sub-division, subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04). The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers in both sub-divisions are relegated into the First Division for the 2011 Spring Season (a total of 6 teams are relegated).

### **BOYS UNDER 17 FIRST DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Six sub-divisions of around seven or eight teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 13.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the six sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2011 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2010 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

## BOYS UNDER 18

### **BOYS UNDER 18 PREMIER DIVISIONS**

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within your sub-division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements) for a total of two Regional Wild Card Slots.

### **BOYS UNDER 18 FIRST DIVISION**

**Playing Format:** Four sub-divisions with teams playing a round robin scheduling within each sub-division.

## GIRLS UNDER 14

### GIRLS UNDER 14 PREMIER DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within your sub-division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements) for a total of two Regional Wild Card Slots.

**Relegation:** At the conclusion of the season, the top three teams retain Premier Division status within each sub-division, subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04) for either the 2010 Fall or 2011 Spring Season (decision must be made by June 30). The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers in both sub-divisions are relegated into the First Division for 2010-10 (a total of 10 teams are relegated).

### GIRLS UNDER 14 FIRST DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Six divisions of around seven or eight teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 13.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the six sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2010 Fall or 2011 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2010 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

### NOTES REGARDING THE 2010-11 SEASONS FOR THIS AGE GROUP

- In 2010-11, the MRL is expected to operate with a ten-team Premier Division in the Girls Under 15 age group during both the Fall and Spring Seasons (a total of 20 Premier Division slots).
- Competition during the 2010 Spring Season shall result in 12 pre-determined Premier Division slots for the 2010-11 seasons (6 teams that retain Premier Division status and 6 teams that earn promotion).
- It is expected that an additional 8 Premier Division slots shall be offered to teams for the 2010-11 season based on the following team eligibility requirements:
  - Any team that participated in the MRL's 2010 Spring Season that did not earn a Premier Division slot; or
  - Any team that participates in the 2010 RegionalsAny other teams that enter the MRL in 2010-11 shall be placed in the First Division.
- The MRL Technical Committee in conjunction with the State Association Directors of Coaching shall make the additional selection of teams to participate in the Premier Divisions for the 2010 Fall and 2011 Spring Seasons.
- Teams that earn a Premier Division slot based on 2011 Spring Season play are not limited to participating in one Premier Division season in 2010-11.

## GIRLS UNDER 15

### GIRLS UNDER 15 PREMIER DIVISION

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within the division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements).

**Relegation:** At the conclusion of the regular season, the top eight teams retain Premier Division status, subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04). The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place finishers are relegated into the First Division for the 2011 Spring Season (a total of 2 teams are relegated).

### GIRLS UNDER 15 FIRST DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Two sub-divisions of seven to nine teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 13.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the two sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2010 Spring Season. A total of 2 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2010 Spring Season, a total of 10 teams will have earned Premier Division slots (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

## GIRLS UNDER 16

### GIRLS UNDER 16 PREMIER DIVISION

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within the division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements).

**Relegation:** At the conclusion of the regular season, the top seven teams retain Premier Division status, subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04). The 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place finishers are relegated into the First Division for the 2011 Spring Season (a total of 3 teams are relegated).

### GIRLS UNDER 16 FIRST DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Three sub-divisions of around eight teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 13.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the two sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2010 Spring Season. A total of 3 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2010 Spring Season, a total of 10 teams will have earned Premier Division slots (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

## GIRLS UNDER 17

### GIRLS UNDER 17 PREMIER DIVISION

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within the division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements).

**Relegation:** At the conclusion of the regular season, the top eight teams retain Premier Division status, subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04). The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place finishers are relegated into the First Division for the 2011 Spring Season (a total of 2 teams are relegated).

### GIRLS UNDER 17 FIRST DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Two sub-divisions of eight to ten teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 13.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the two sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2010 Spring Season. A total of 2 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2010 Spring Season, a total of 10 teams will have earned Premier Division slots (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

## GIRLS UNDER 18

### GIRLS UNDER 18 PREMIER DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within your sub-division with games to be played on or before May 30. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2010 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements).

### GIRLS UNDER 18 FIRST DIVISION

**Playing Format:** One sub-division of teams playing a round robin schedule to be completed on or before June 13.

## MRL WILD CARDS AT 2010 REGIONALS

The MRL Wild Card Slot #2 for the 2010 Regionals in the Girls U15, U16, U17 and U18 age groups is determined by play during the 2010 Spring Season. The top ranked team in the Premier Division in each of these Girls age groups that is not a State Association Representative or State Association Drawn Wild Card shall represent the MRL at the 2010 Regionals in South Dakota.

In gender age groups that have two Premier Divisions (Boys U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, and Girls U14), the top ranked team in each of these sub-divisions that is not a State Association Representative or State Association Drawn Wild Card shall represent the MRL at the 2010 Regionals in South Dakota. Red Division representatives are designated as MRL Wild Card Slot #1 and Blue Division representatives are designated as MRL Wild Card Slot #2.