



# 2012 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 June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 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 2013 Spring Season (a total of 6 teams are relegated).

### **BOYS UNDER 14 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 10.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2012 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2012 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots for the 2013 Spring Season (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 June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 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 2013 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 10.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the six sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2013 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2012 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots for the 2013 Spring Season (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 June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 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 2013 Spring Season (a total of 6 teams are relegated).

### **BOYS UNDER 16 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 10.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the six sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2013 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2012 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots for the 2013 Spring Season (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 June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 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 2013 Spring Season (a total of 6 teams are relegated).

### **BOYS UNDER 17 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 10.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the six sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2013 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2012 Spring Season, a total of 16 teams will have earned Premier Division slots for the 2013 Spring Season (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 June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements) for a total of two Regional Wild Card Slots.

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

**Playing Format:** Two sub-divisions with teams playing matches within each sub-division. Play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 10.

## 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 June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 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 2012 Fall or 2013 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 2012-13 (a total of 10 teams are relegated).

### GIRLS UNDER 14 FIRST DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Six divisions of around eight teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 10.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the six sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2012 Fall or 2013 Spring Season. A total of 6 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2012 Spring Season, a total of 12 teams will have earned Premier Division slots for the 2012 Fall or 2013 Spring Seasons (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

### NOTES REGARDING THE 2011-11 SEASONS FOR THIS AGE GROUP

- In 2012-13, 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 2012 Spring Season shall result in 12 pre-determined Premier Division slots for the 2012-13 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 2012-13 season based on the following team eligibility requirements:
  - Any team that participated in the MRL's 2012 Spring Season that did not earn a Premier Division slot; or
  - Any team that participates in the 2012 RegionalsAny other teams that enter the MRL in 2012-13 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 2012 Fall and 2013 Spring Seasons.
- Teams that earn a Premier Division slot based on 2013 Spring Season play are not limited to participating in one Premier Division season in 2012-13.

## GIRLS UNDER 15

### GIRLS UNDER 15 PREMIER DIVISION

**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within the division with games to be played on or before June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 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 2013 Spring Season (a total of 3 teams are relegated).

### GIRLS UNDER 15 FIRST DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Three sub-divisions of around nine teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 10.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the three sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2013 Spring Season. A total of 3 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2012 Spring Season, a total of 10 teams will have earned Premier Division slots for the 2013 Spring Season (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 June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 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 2013 Spring Season (a total of 3 teams are relegated).

### GIRLS UNDER 16 FIRST DIVISIONS

**Playing Format:** Three sub-divisions of around nine teams. Round robin play within your sub-division to be completed on or before June 10.

**Promotion:** The top team in each of the three sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2013 Spring Season. A total of 3 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2012 Spring Season, a total of 10 teams will have earned Premier Division slots for the 2013 Spring Season (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 June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 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 2013 Spring Season (a total of 3 teams are relegated).

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**Promotion:** The top team in each of the three sub-divisions shall earn promotion into the Premier Division for the 2013 Spring Season. A total of 3 teams are promoted.

***At the conclusion of the 2012 Spring Season, a total of 10 teams will have earned Premier Division slots for the 2013 Spring Season (subject to the Concept of Competitive Distance (MRL Rule 4.04)).***

## GIRLS UNDER 18

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**Playing Format:** Round-robin play within your sub-division with games to be played on or before June 3. Top ranked team not a State Cup Champion from each sub-division shall earn the Wildcard slot to the 2012 Regionals (subject to eligibility requirements).

### GIRLS UNDER 18 FIRST DIVISION

**Playing Format:** Matches to be completed on or before June 10.

## MRL WILD CARDS AT 2012 REGIONALS

The MRL Wild Card Slot #2 for the 2012 Regionals in the Girls U15, U16, U17 and U18 age groups is determined by play during the 2012 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 2012 Regionals in Michigan (see MRL and Cup Rules for further information).

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 2012 Regionals in Michigan (see MRL and Cup Rules for further information). Red Division representatives are designated as MRL Wild Card Slot #1 and Blue Division representatives are designated as MRL Wild Card Slot #2.