



2017-2018 Seasonal Year Overview

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Introduction

The mission of the Southern Regional Premier League (SRPL) is to provide the top teams in US Youth Soccer Region III the opportunity to play the most competitive schedule possible and to assure the continued growth and development of elite level players. SRPL is a pathway to Regional and National based competitions. Top teams earn automatic bids to the US Youth Soccer Region III Southern Regionals and to the US Youth Soccer National League.

In 2017-2018, the SRPL will have league play in Boys and Girls age groups as follows:

- 13U (2005's) – for players born on January 1, 2005 or later
- 14U (2004's) – for players born on January 1, 2004 or later
- 15U (2003's) – for players born on January 1, 2003 or later
- 16U (2002's) – for players born on January 1, 2002 or later
- 17U (2001's) – for players born on January 1, 2001 or later
- 18U (2000's) – for players born on January 1, 2000 or later
- 19U (1999's) – for players born on January 1, 1999 or later

EAST Sub-Region: east-Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, east-Tennessee

Fall 2017 SRPL play (mid-August through early December): 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U

Spring 2018 SRPL play (January through April): 13U

10-12 teams per age group and flight

The East Sub-Region will offer the following tiers of competition in each age group:

- 13U: Premier (north) and Premier (south)
- 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U: Premier, 1st Division-North, 1st Division-South
- 18U: Premier, 1st Division (Note, in 2018/19 a North & South will be added to 1st Division)
- 19U: Premier

13U Competition

SRPL Play

SRPL will offer two sub divisions (North and South) within the Premier tier. After the 2017-2018 season, teams from each of the two sub-divisions will be allocated as follows:

Teams finishing in 1st place through 5th place will retain their Premier tier status within SRPL in 2018-2019 at 14U. All other teams will be relegated to the First Division tier in 2018-2019 at 14U within the SRPL subject to review by their State Association, who are solely responsible for establishing the criteria for endorsement from their State Association to the SRPL.

Southern Regionals

The 1st place teams from each of the two Premier sub-divisions shall have a playoff match at a date, time and location as solely determined by the SRPL Commissioner, to determine the SRPL representative to the 2018 Southern Regionals.

National League (NL)

It is expected that the SRPL will be allocated 2 slots (from across all sub-regions) to the NL at 14U for the 2018-2019 season. The 13U team representing the East Sub-Region at the 2018 Regionals (winner of the Southern Regionals playoffs) is expected to automatically earn a slot into the 2018-2019 NL.

14U, 15U, 16U, & 17U Competition

SRPL Play

SRPL will offer a Premier Division and 1st Division with two sub divisions (North and South) within the 1st Division tier. After the 2017-2018 season, teams from each of the Premier and 1st Divisions will be allocated as follows:

Teams finishing in 1st place through 6th place in Premier Division will retain their Premier tier status within SRPL in 2018-2019 at the next age category (i.e. 14U to 15U, 15U to 16U, etc.). All other teams will be relegated to the First Division tier in 2018-2019 at next age category within the SRPL subject to review by their State Association, who are solely responsible for establishing the criteria for endorsement from their State Association to the SRPL.

Teams finishing 1st and 2nd place in their respective 1st Division-North and South will be promoted to Premier. All other teams will be relegated to back to their State Association in 2018-2019 subject to review by their State Association, who are solely responsible for establishing the criteria for endorsement from their State Association to the SRPL.

Southern Regionals

The 1st place team in Premier Division in each of the 14U, 15U, 16U, & 17U will be the SRPL representative to the 2018 Southern Regionals.

National League (NL)

It is expected that the SRPL will be allocated 4 slots (from across all sub-regions) to the NL at 15U, 16U, 17U & 18U for the 2018-2019 season. At 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U one spot will go to the East and West Sub-Region winners with other two NL spots being determined by the NL committee.

18U Competition

SRPL Play

SRPL will offer a Premier Division and 1st Division. After the 2017-2018 season, teams from each of the Premier and 1st Divisions will be allocated as follows:

Teams finishing in 1st place through 6th place in Premier Division will retain their Premier tier status within SRPL in 2018-2019 at the next age category, 19U. All other teams will be relegated to back to their State Association in 2018-2019 subject to review by their State Association, who are solely responsible for establishing the criteria for endorsement from their State Association to the SRPL.

Teams finishing 1st place through 4th place in the 1st Division will be promoted to Premier. All other teams will be relegated to back to their State Association in 2018-2019 subject to review by their State Association, who are solely responsible for establishing the criteria for endorsement from their State Association to the SRPL.

Southern Regionals

The 1st place team in Premier Division will be the SRPL representative to the 2018 Southern Regionals.

National League (NL)

The National League does not offer a 19U division.

19U Competition

SRPL Play

SRPL will offer a Premier Division. After the 2017-2018 season the 19U ages out of SRPL.

Southern Regionals

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NORTH Sub-Region: Arkansas, north-Louisiana, north-Mississippi, west-Tennessee

Fall SRPL play (mid-August through early December): 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U

Spring SRPL play (February through April): 13U, 14U

10 teams per age group and flight.

Premier division only offered

SRPL Play

SRPL will offer only offer a Premier Division in 13U-19U for the 2017-18 season. Teams finishing in 1st place through 6th place will retain their Premier Division status with SRPL in 2018-2019 at the next age category (i.e. 14U to 15U, 15U to 16U, etc.). All other teams relegated back to their US Youth Soccer state association. Remaining spots for the 2018-2019 seasonal play will

be filled by application process pending approval of the SRPL selection committee. 19U ages out of SRPL for the next season.

Southern Regionals

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National League (NL)

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At 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U it is expected that the SRPL will be allocated 4 slots (from across all sub-regions) for the 2018-2019 season. At 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U one spot will go to the East and West Sub-Region winners with other two NL spots being determined by the NL committee. NL does not offer 19U.

SOUTH Sub-Region: Alabama, west-Florida, south-Louisiana, south-Mississippi
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West Sub-Region winners with other two NL spots being determined by the NL committee. NL does not offer 19U.

WEST Sub-Region: North Texas, South Texas, Oklahoma

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Spring SRPL play (January through April): 13U

12 teams per age group and flight.

Premier division only offered

SRPL Play

SRPL will only offer a Premier Division in 13U-19U for the 2017-18 season. League placement for 2018-2019 is based on approval from each respective State Association (STX, NTX, and OK) and is based on SRPL, National League, State Cup, or State League results from the previous season of play. 19U ages out of SRPL for 2018-2019.

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Administration

SRPL is governed by the Region III Council and Charter to administer SRPL. A Commissioner has been appointed to oversee the day-to-day operations of SRPL.

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