



## **2018 Spring Season Competition Formats and Promotion/Relegation POLICY**

(February 14, 2018)

### **BOYS 13 UNDER**

Premier I Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each sub-division retain their Premier I Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier I Divisions are relegated into the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (6 teams are relegated).

Premier II Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season in each sub-division 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place are promoted into the Premier I Division for the 2019 Spring Season. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place retain their Premier II Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier II Divisions are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (4 teams are promoted and 6 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (Red, Blue, and White-three divisions) At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from each of the sub-divisions are promoted to the Premier II Division for either the 2018 Fall Season (a total of 3 teams are promoted). Teams in the First Division Qualifier do not compete for promotion.

Boys 2018 Spring Season 13U teams compete for Boys 14U (2005's) 2018 Fall Season slots.

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Premier I Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each sub-division retain their Premier I Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier I Divisions are relegated into the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (6 teams are relegated).

Premier II Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season in each sub-division 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place are promoted into the Premier I Division for the 2019 Spring Season. 3<sup>rd</sup>

through 5<sup>th</sup> place retain their Premier II Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier II Divisions are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (4 teams are promoted and 6 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (First Red, First Blue, First White, First Black, and First Green – five divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from each of the sub-divisions are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 5 teams are promoted). Teams in the First Division Qualifier do not compete for promotion.

Boys 2018 Spring Season 14U teams compete for 15U (2004's) 2019 Spring Season slots.

### **BOYS 15 UNDER**

Premier I Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each sub-division retain their Premier I Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier I Divisions are relegated into the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (6 teams are relegated).

Premier II Division: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season in each sub-division 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place are promoted into the Premier I Division for the 2019 Spring Season. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place retain their Premier II Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the

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two Premier II Divisions are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (4 teams are promoted and 6 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (East Blue, East Red, East White, West Blue, and West Red -five divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from each of the sub-divisions are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 5 teams are promoted). Teams in the First Division Qualifier do not compete for promotion.

Boys 2018 Spring Season 15U teams compete for 16U (2003's) 2019 Spring Season slots.

### **BOYS 16 UNDER**

Premier I Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each sub-division retain their Premier I Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier I Divisions are relegated into the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (6 teams are relegated).

Premier II Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season in each sub-division 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place are promoted into the Premier I Division for the 2019 Spring Season. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place retain their Premier II Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier II Divisions are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (4 teams are promoted and 6 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (Central Blue, Central Red, East Red, West Blue, and Central White -five divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from each of the sub-divisions are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 5 teams are promoted).

Boys 2018 Spring Season 16U teams compete for 17U (2002's) 2019 Spring Season slots.

### **BOYS 17 UNDER**

Premier I Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each sub-division retain their Premier I Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier I Divisions are relegated into the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (6 teams are relegated).

Premier II Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season in each sub-division 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place are promoted into the Premier I Division for the 2019 Spring Season. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place retain their Premier II Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the remaining teams from the two Premier II Divisions are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (4 teams are promoted and 9 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (West Red, West Blue, Central Blue, East Red, and East White-five divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from each of the sub-divisions are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 5 teams are promoted). Teams in the First Division Qualifier do not compete for promotion.

Boys 2018 Spring Season 17U teams compete for 18U (2001's) 2019 Spring Season slots.

### **BOYS 18 UNDER**

Premier I Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each sub-division retain their Premier I Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the two Premier I Divisions are relegated into the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (6 teams are relegated).

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two Premier II Divisions are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (4 teams are promoted and 6 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (East Blue, East Red, West Blue, East White, and Central Blue-five divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from each of the sub-divisions are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 5 teams are promoted).

Boys 2018 Spring Season 18U teams compete for 19U (2000's) 2019 Spring Season slots.

### **BOYS 19 UNDER**

Premier I Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division.

Premier II Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division.

First Division: (two divisions: East Blue, West Blue) Round robin within the division.

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First Divisions: Round robin within the division (Red, Blue, and White-three divisions) At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from each of the sub-divisions are promoted to the Premier II Division for either the 2018 Fall Season (a total of 3 teams are promoted). Teams in the First Division Qualifier do not compete for promotion.

Girls 2018 Spring Season 13U teams compete for Girls 14U (2005's) 2018 Fall Spring Season slots.

### **GIRLS 14 UNDER**

Premier I Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each sub-division retain their Premier I Division status for either the 2018 Fall Season or the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 5 teams from the two Premier I Divisions are relegated into the Premier II Division for either the 2018 Fall Season or the 2019 Spring Season (10 teams are relegated).

Premier II Divisions: Round robin within your sub-division. At the conclusion of the round robin season in each sub-division 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place are promoted into the Premier I Division for either the 2018 Fall Season or the 2019 Spring Season. 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams retain their Premier II Division status for either the 2018 Fall Season or the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 5 teams from the two Premier II Divisions are relegated to the First Division for either the 2018 Fall Season or the 2019 Spring Season (4 teams are promoted and 10 teams are relegated).

First Division: Round robin within the division (Red, Blue, White, Black and Green -five divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from each of the sub-divisions are promoted to the Premier II Division for either the 2018 Fall Season or the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 5 teams are promoted). Teams in the First Division Qualifier do not compete for promotion.

*At the conclusion of the 2016 Spring Season, a total of 10 teams will have earned Premier I Division slots for the 2018-19 season with teams choosing to compete in either the 2018 Fall Season or the 2019 Spring Season.*

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**NOTES REGARDING THE 2018-19 SEASONAL YEAR FOR THIS AGE GROUP**

- In 2018-19, the MRL is expected to operate with a Premier I Division of up to ten teams in the Girls Under 15 age group during both the Fall and Spring Seasons (potentially a total of 20 Premier I Division slots).
- Competition during the 2018 Spring Season shall result in 10 pre-determined Premier I Division slots for the 2018-19 seasons (6 teams that retain Premier I Division status and 4 teams that earn promotion).
- It is expected that up to an additional 10 Premier I Division slots shall be offered to teams for the 2018-19 season based on the following team eligibility requirements:
  - Any team that participated in the MRL's 2018 Spring Season that did not earn a Premier I Division slot; or
  - Any team that participates in the 2018 Regionals
- Any other teams that enter the MRL in 2018-19 shall be placed below the Premier I Division.
- The MRL Technical Subcommittee in conjunction with the State Association Directors of Coaching shall make the additional selection of teams to participate in the Premier I Divisions (if necessary) for the 2018 Fall and 2019 Spring Seasons based primarily on MRL and State Cup/Regional Cup results.
- Teams that earn a Premier I Division slot based on 2018 Spring Season play are limited to participating in one Premier I Division season in 2018-19, and must designate by June 30<sup>th</sup> as to which season they will be competing for a Regional Wild Card slot through the MRL.

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Premier II Division: Round robin within the division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 3<sup>rd</sup> place are promoted into the Premier I Division for the 2019 Spring Season. 4<sup>th</sup> place through 6<sup>th</sup> place retain their Premier II Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the Premier II Division are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (3 teams are promoted and 3 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (Red, and Blue-two divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from the First Division Red and First Division Blue are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 2 teams are promoted).

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Premier II Division: Round robin within the division. At the conclusion of the round robin season 1<sup>st</sup> place through 3<sup>rd</sup> place are promoted into the Premier I Division for the 2017 Spring Season. 4<sup>th</sup> place through 6<sup>th</sup> place retain their Premier II Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the Premier II Division are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (3 teams are promoted and 3 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (Red, White, Blue and Black -four divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from the First Division Red, First Division White, First Division Blue and First White Black are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 4 teams are promoted).

Girls 2018 Spring Season 16U teams compete for Girls 17U (2002's) 2019 Spring Season slots.

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their Premier II Division status for the 2019 Spring Season; the bottom 3 teams from the Premier II Division are relegated to the First Division for the 2019 Spring Season (3 teams are promoted and 3 teams are relegated).

First Divisions: Round robin within the division (Red, White and Blue-three divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from the First Division Red, First Division White, and First Division Blue are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 3 teams are promoted).

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First Division: (one division) Round robin within the division. (Red and Blue-two divisions). At the conclusion of the round robin, the first place teams from the First Division Red and First Division Blue are promoted to the Premier II Division for the 2019 Spring Season (a total of 2 teams are promoted).

Girls 2018 Spring Season 18U teams compete for Girls 19U (2000's) 2019 Spring Season slots.

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Premier I Division: Round robin within the division.

Premier II Division: Round robin within the division.

First Division: (one division) Round robin within the division

**MRL WILD CARD TEAMS AT 2018 REGIONALS --2018 SPRING SEASON**

**2018 SPRING SEASON**

**Boys 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U**

**Girls 13U, 14U**

The top ranked team in each of the two Premier I Division sub-divisions within their respective gender age groups that is not a State Association Representative or based outside of Region II shall represent the MRL at the 2018 Midwest Regional Championships. Red Division representatives are designated as MRL Wild Card Slot #1 and Blue Division representatives are designated as MRL Wild Card Slot #2. If no Premier I Division team in a sub-division is eligible to represent the MRL as a Wild Card, then the process will revert to the opposite sub-division awarding the Wild Card to the next eligible top ranked team. If no Premier I Division team is eligible to represent the MRL as a Wild Card, then the process will include the top ranked teams from the Premier II Division until a Wild Card is determined.

**Girls 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U**

The top ranked team in Premier I Division within each of these Girls age groups that is not a State Association Representative, State Association Drawn Wild Card or based outside of Region II shall represent the MRL at the 2018 Midwest Regional Championships. The MRL Wild Card Slot #2 for the 2018 Midwest Regional Championships in the Girls U15, U16, U17, U18 and 19U age groups is determined by play during the 2018 Spring Season. If no Premier I Division team is eligible to represent the MRL as a Wild Card, then the process will include the top ranked teams from the Premier II Division until a Wild Card is determined.

**ADDITIONAL MRL WILD CARDS**

Again with the 2018 Midwest Regional Championships, additional MRL Wild Card teams may be added in a gender age group to replace what was previously known as the "State Association Drawn Wild Card" (a second team from a state association to fill an open slot where a state association does not send a representative to the Regionals). In such situations, a Premier I Division team with the best record (in accordance with the MRL Rules) from either of the two Premier I Divisions in such gender age group that is not a State Association Representative or MRL Wild Card as described above, shall fill the slot at 2018 Midwest Regional Championships. If no Premier I Division team is eligible to represent the MRL as a Wild Card, then the process will include the top ranked teams from the Premier II Division until a Wild Card is determined.