



## **PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE MRL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE US YOUTH SOCCER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS “2017-18 MRL Seasons to the 2018 Midwest Regional Championships”**

### **2017 FALL SEASON**

*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 or based outside of Region II shall represent the MRL at the 2018 Regionals. The MRL Wild Card Slot #1 for the 2018 Midwest Regional Championships in the Girls 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U age groups is determined by play during the 2018 Fall 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.

### **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.