



## 2017 SPRING SEASON Team Selection, Tier Placement and Sub-Divisional Placement Criteria Boys and Girls Age Groups Under 15 through Under 19/20 as of August 8, 2016

The following procedures outline the specific steps taken to approve teams for the MRL and assign such teams into MRL Tiers and Divisions for the **Boys Under 15 as well as Boys and Girls Under 16 through Under 19/20 Age Groups** in the 2017 Spring Season. At the discretion of the MRL Commissioner, some steps may be skipped if not needed. The MRL Technical Committee works closely with the Region II DOC's in reviewing all team applications and to bring the process to conclusion.

**Premier I Division Tier** has been established based on the results of previous MRL play.

### **Review #1**

1. The MRL shall review all returning Premier I Division slotted team applications for any discrepancies and shall confirm that slots are being retained by returning teams. U-15 teams are slotted based on U-13 MRL performance, U-16 teams are slotted based on U-14 MRL performance, U-17 teams are slotted based on U-15 MRL performance, U-18 teams are slotted based on U-16 MRL performance and U-19/20 teams are slotted based on U-17 MRL performance.
2. In the event that one or more pre-qualified Premier I Division teams fail to re-enter for the 2017 Spring Season, the MRL Technical Committee/Commissioner shall determine which additional team(s) shall be accepted into the appropriate 2017 Spring Season Premier I Division.
3. In the **Boys and Girls Under 15 through 19/20 age groups**, the pool of teams to be considered include:
  - 2016 Spring Season Premier II Division teams that did not earn promotion.
  - 2016 Spring Season Premier I Division teams that were relegated.
  - New 2017 Spring Season Teams that are State Association State Cup Champions and participated in the 2016 Regionals, or participated in the 2015-16 National League, or 2016 Nationals.Additional teams may also be considered to insure the highest standard in the Premier I Division.  
Note that in the **Girls Under 15 age group**, teams that are participating in the 2016 Fall Season in the Premier I Division are ineligible for placement into the 2017 Spring Premier I tier.
4. If additional teams are proposed to be added to the Premier I Division, a list of such teams is distributed to state DOC's for comment. If no additional teams are proposed, then the process skips to Review #3 No. 1.

### **Review #2**

1. Team Rankings from the State DOC's is reviewed.
2. The Premier I Division(s) are reformulated (if needed).
3. The revised information is sent to the State DOC's for further review, investigation, and comment (if needed).

### **Review #3 (if needed)**

1. Any feedback from the State DOC's is reviewed
2. The "final" assignment of teams into Premier I Divisions is completed.

### **Review #4**

1. Submit to MRL Commissioner for posting.

**Premier II Division Tier** has been established based on the results of previous MRL play.

**Review #1**

- 1 The MRL shall review all returning Premier II Division slotted team applications for any discrepancies and shall confirm slots that are being retained by returning teams. U-15 teams are slotted based on U-13 MRL performance, U-16 teams are slotted based on U-14 MRL performance, U-17 teams are slotted based on U-15 MRL performance, U-18 teams are slotted based on U-16 MRL performance and U-19/20 teams are slotted based on U-17 MRL performance.
- 2 In the event that one or more pre-qualified Premier II Division teams fail to re-enter for the 2017 Spring Season, the MRL Technical Committee/Commission shall determine which additional team(s) shall be accepted into the appropriate 2017 Spring Season Premier II Division.
- 3 For any open slots in the **Boys and Girls Under 15 through Under 19/20 age groups**, the pool of teams to be considered include:
  - 2016 Spring Season First Division teams that did not earn placement into Premier II Division.
  - New 2017 Spring Season Teams that are State Association State Cup Champions and participated in the 2016 Regionals, or participated in the 2015-16 National League, or 2016 Nationals.Additional teams may also be considered to insure the highest standard in the Premier II Division.
- 4 If additional teams are proposed to be added to the Premier II Division, a list of such teams is distributed to state DOC's for comment. If no additional teams are proposed, then the process skips to Review #3 No. 1.

**Review #2**

- 1 Team Rankings from the State DOC's is reviewed.
- 2 The Premier II Division(s) are reformulated (if needed).
- 3 The revised information is sent to the State DOC's for further review, investigation, and comment (if needed).

**Review #3 (if needed)**

1. Any feedback from the State DOC's is reviewed.
- 2 The "final" assignment of teams into Premier II Divisions is completed.

**Review #4**

- 1 Submit to MRL Commissioner for posting.

**First Divisions Tier** for these age groups is determined as follows:

**Review #1**

1. Previous season results are noted as applicable.
2. Teams are assigned a ranking within their State Association by their respective State DOC.
3. There is an elimination of any unqualified teams.
4. The preliminary geographic First Division placements are sent to the State DOC's for comment.

**Review #2**

1. Any feedback from the State DOC's is reviewed.
2. The First Divisions are reformulated (if needed).
3. The revised information is sent to the State DOC's for further review, investigation, and comment. (if needed).

**Review #3 (if needed)**

1. Any feedback from the State DOC's is reviewed.
2. The "final" assignment of teams into First Divisions is completed.
3. Teams are assigned to First Division sub-divisions, geographically.

**Review #4**

1. Submit to MRL Commissioner for posting.

## **2017 SPRING SEASON**

### **Team Selection, Tier Placement and Sub-Divisional Placement Criteria**

#### **Girls and Boys Under 14 Age Groups**

The following procedures outline the specific steps taken to approve teams for the MRL and assign such teams into MRL Tiers and Sub-Divisions for the **Boys and Girls Under-14 age groups** in the 2017 Spring Season. At the discretion of the MRL Commissioner, some steps may be skipped if not needed. The MRL Technical Committee, consisting of selected State Directors of Coaching (DoC's), works closely with the remaining Region II DoC's in reviewing all team applications and to bring the process to conclusion.

**Premier I Division Tier** has been established based on the results of previous MRL play.

#### **Review #1**

- 1 The MRL shall review all returning Premier I Division slotted team applications for any discrepancies and shall confirm that slots are being retained by returning teams. U-14 teams are based on U-14 team performance in the MRL 2016 Fall Season.
- 2 In the event that one or more pre-qualified Premier I Division teams fail to re-enter for the 2016 Spring Season, the MRL Technical Committee/Commission may determine which additional team(s) shall be accepted into the appropriate 2016 Spring Season Premier I Division.
- 3 In the **Under 14 age group**, the pool of teams to be considered include:
  - 2016 Fall Season teams that did not earn Premier I Division status.
  - New 2017 Spring Season Teams that are State Association State Cup Champions and participated in the 2016 Regionals, or participated in the 2016 Nationals.

Additional teams may also be considered to insure to the highest standard in the Premier I Division.

If additional teams are proposed to be added to the Premier Division, a list of such teams is distributed to state DoC's for comment. If no additional teams are proposed, then the process skips to Review #3.

#### **Review #2**

Any feedback from the State DoC's is reviewed.

Any team information -- provided directly or upon request -- in support of a change in assignment is reviewed.

DoC's are contacted to discuss any team inconsistent numbers / rankings / placement.

The Premier I Division(s) are reformulated (if needed).

The revised information is sent to the State DoC's for further review, investigation, and comment (if needed).

#### **Review #3 (if needed)**

Any feedback from the State DoC's is reviewed

The "final" assignment of teams into Premier I Divisions is completed.

#### **Review #4**

Submit to MRL Commissioner for posting.

**Premier II Division Tier** has been established based on the results of previous MRL play.

**Review #1**

- 1 The MRL shall review all returning Premier II Division slotted team applications for any discrepancies and shall confirm slots that are being retained by returning teams. U-14 teams are based on U-14 team performance in the MRL 2016 Fall Season.
- 2 In the event that one or more pre-qualified Premier II Division teams fail to re-enter for the 2017 Spring Season, the MRL Technical Committee/Commission shall determine which additional team(s) shall be accepted into the appropriate 2017 Spring Season Premier II Division.
- 3 In the **Under 14 age group**, the pool of teams to be considered include:
  - 2016 Fall Season teams that did not earn Premier II Division status.
  - New 2017 Spring Season Teams that are State Association State Cup Champions and participated in the 2016 Regionals, or participated in the 2016 Nationals.

Additional teams may also be considered to insure to the highest standard in the Premier II Division. If additional teams are proposed to be added to the Premier II Division, a list of such teams is distributed to state DoC's for comment. If no additional teams are proposed, then the process skips to Review #3.

**Review #2**

Any feedback from the State DoC's is reviewed.

Any team information -- provided directly or upon request -- in support of a change in divisional assignment is reviewed.

DoC's are contacted to discuss any team inconsistent numbers / rankings / placement.

The Premier II Division(s) are reformulated (if needed).

The revised information is sent to the State DoC's for further review, investigation, and comment (if needed).

**Review #3 (if needed)**

Any feedback from the State DoC's is reviewed.

The "final" assignment of teams into Premier II Divisions is completed.

**Review #4**

Submit to MRL Commissioner for posting.