

MSPSP DIVISION FAQ

Fall

Boys' age groups for the fall season are U13, U14 and U15 Supplemental. Girls' age groups for the fall season are U13 through U19.

Spring

Boys' age groups for the Spring season are U13 through U19. Girls' age groups for the Spring season are U13, U14, and U15 Supplemental.

MSPSP Competitive Pyramid





Premier 1

The highest level of MSPSP. Teams must earn placement into P1, most notably via success in P2 & state cup play. Teams that win Premier 1 are endorsed into the regional USYS National League Conference (NLC). Coaches must have a D license or higher. Teams at this level compete in the **Elite State Cup**.



Premier 2

The second tier of the 'Premier' divisions within MSPSP. Teams must earn placement, most notably via success in league & state cup play. Coaches must have a D license or higher. Teams at this level compete in the **Premier State Cup**.



Premier 3

The third tier of the 'Premier' divisions within MSPSP. Teams must earn placement, most notably via success in league & state cup play. Coaches must have a D license or higher. Teams at this level compete in the **Premier State Cup**



Classic I (Colors)

Classic 1 is the tier of competition below the 'Premier' divisions and is often where teams start within MSPSP. Classic 1 offers a competitive step-up from select against stronger competition across the state of Michigan and is the feeder into Premier 3. Poor performing teams are relegated to Classic 2.

Classic 1 may consist of multiple color divisions (Classic 1 Red, Classic 1 Blue, etc) where all divisions are considered competitively equal and play into Premier 3 via promotion.

Unlike in the Premier 1-3 divisions, teams can club passcard across the Classic Color divisions between club teams (Classic Red player to Classic Blue team) as eligible. You cannot do this in Premier 2a to Premier 2b for example.

Teams at this level compete in the **Premier State Cup**. Coaches must have a Grassroots license, E license, or higher.

Classic 2

Classic 2 is the lowest tier of competition within MSPSP, below Classic 1 and regarded as a step up from select & local leagues. Teams in Classic 2 either request to play here (lowest division) or are relegated from the Classic 1 division(s). Classic 2 teams participate in statewide play. Teams at this level compete in the **Premier State Cup**.

Classic 2 teams that perform poorly (relegation) will be advised to seek alternative options such as select / local leagues.

Coaches must have a Grassroots license, E license, or higher.



U13 Regional Divisions

At the U13 level only, MSPSP offers 'Regional' Classic divisions instead of Classic 2. The level of play in these divisions is similar to Classic 2. These divisions are created with the intent for less travel and offer a steppingstone into MSPSP.

If there are not enough teams for regional play in a team's area, that team will be moved to Classic 1. Regional divisions are generally offered for SE MI and Mid MI.

Teams at this level compete in the **Premier State Cup**. Coaches must have a Grassroots license, E license, or higher.

U15 Supplemental (Boys - Fall | Girls – Spring)

The Supplemental divisions offer players and clubs an opportunity for statewide competitive soccer when high school play is not offered/available.

The U15 Supplemental Season shall be focused on player development and participation.

The U15 Supplemental division has division-specific rules regarding rosters (minimum of 11), club passcarding (unlimited), small-sided play (9v9 permitted), etc. See the U15 Supplemental Division FAQ form for more info about this division's specific rules.

U19 High School Open Division (HSO)

MSPSP will offer a High School Open 'age-variant' division at the U19 level for players U15-U19. This division is considered U19 'Classic'. Teams can compose of age diverse players U15-U19.

Teams at this level compete in the **Premier State Cup**. Coaches must have a Grassroots license, E license, or higher.