



Under 13 COMPETITION STRUCTURE and PROCEDURES 2017-18 SOCCER SEASON

PROPOSED as of February 15, 2017

The MRL will conduct an Under 13 competition for teams during the 2018 SPRING SEASON

Placement of teams into tiers for the 2018 Spring Season will occur using the following process:

--The MRL determines the number of teams from each state association that will be placed into the Premier I and Premier II tiers based on Premier I participation during the past three years (similar to what will be used for U14 placement in the 2017 Fall Season)

--State Associations shall rank their U13 teams and forward their rankings to the MRL for automatic placement as per the tier allotment. *For example based on the attached charts, Indiana on the Boys side will place 1 team in the Premier I tier; 2 teams in the Premier II tier; and any other teams will be placed in the First Division tier. Indiana on the Girls side will place 1 team in the Premier I tier; 1 team in the Premier II tier; and any other teams will be placed in the First Division tier.*

Since MRL team registration for the 2018 Spring Season in this age group will take place in mid to late November, this will allow State Associations the opportunity to structure 2017 Fall Season competitions in-state to better assess rankings of teams (i.e. tournament play; state league play). State associations may also use the State Cup results and any process that they deem appropriate in ranking the teams for the MRL. In theory, teams will have played the 2016-17 season as Under 12 teams in small sided games competition and the 2017 Fall Season will be these teams first exposure to 11 v 11 competition as Under 13 teams.

Any issues not covered within these procedures are subject to ruling by the MRL Commissioner in consultation with the MRL Technical Sub Committee.

Subject to revision