

## **Policies and Procedures for Consideration of Promotion to the Midwest Regional League (MRL)**

Kentucky Youth Soccer applies the following criteria (in order listed below) when considering an application for team promotion into the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional League (MRL):

### **1. Performance and Placement in the Kentucky Youth Soccer State Open Cup.**

- a. Teams that finish in the top 4 of the most recent Kentucky Youth Soccer State Open Cup may be considered for MRL acceptance provided they meet the criteria in section 2 below.
- b. Teams that finish outside the top 4 in State Open Cup competition that wish to be accepted to the MRL must meet the requirements in section 2 and 3 below to be considered.

### **2. Number of players returning to the team roster from the most previous season**

- a. More than 50% of the players returning to the roster from the previous season is required for consideration to the MRL.
- b. To be automatically recommended, more than 50% of a team's roster must be registered with the same club as the previous year.
- c. If more than 50% of the players from the previous year's roster register with a team from a different club, the application will be reviewed. Automatic recommendation to the MRL is not guaranteed.
- d. If less than 50% of the players from the roster register with a team from a different club, an application may be submitted. Automatic recommendation to the MRL is not guaranteed.

### **3. League Standings**

- a. Teams that participated in the Premier Division of the MRL the previous year may be considered for acceptance provided they meet the criteria in section 2 above.
- b. Teams that participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the MRL the previous year may be considered depending on the previous season's MRL record and provided they meet the criteria in section 2 above.
- c. Teams must participate in the Premier Division (Top Division) of their respective league during the most recent available season of competition to be eligible to be promoted into the MRL.
- d. Teams that finish in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Premier Division of their league the previous season may be recommended for promotion into the MRL unless they fail to meet the criteria in section 2.
- e. Teams that finish below 1st place in the Premier Division may be considered for promotion to the MRL if they finish in the top 2 of the Premier League Standings.
- f. The MRL Technical Committee will determine division placement for all teams that apply to participate in the MRL.

#### **4. Minimum Coaching Standards**

- a. All Head Coaches are required to have at least a minimum of a USSF D License in order for a team to apply for promotion to MRL.
- b. Beginning in the Fall of 2013, all Head Coaches are required to have at least a minimum of a USSF C License in order for a team to apply for promotion to MRL.

Applications for promotion to MRL are reviewed by the Kentucky Youth Soccer Director of Coaching & Assistant Director of Coaching. A final decision to determine which teams are recommended for promotion is the responsibility of these two parties. All decisions are final