



Policies and Procedures for Accepting 11U-12U Teams

Kentucky Youth Soccer applies the following criteria when considering an application for team wishing to participate in the Kentucky Premier League:

Section 1: Number of players returning to the team roster from the most previous season

- A. Over 50% of the applying team's roster **MUST HAVE** been rostered with the same club during the previous seasonal year to be considered for the next season Kentucky Premier League placement.
- B. 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 Kentucky Premier League is not guaranteed.

Section 2: Provided the team has met criteria from Section 1 above, teams may be *accepted* for Kentucky Premier League competition based on these policies:

- A. Teams that are participating in the US Youth Soccer National League are not required to play in the Kentucky Premier League. All teams participating in any of the MRL Divisions are required to play in the Kentucky Premier League and will be accepted. MRL teams opting to not play in the Kentucky Premier League may lose their spot in the Midwest Regional League.
- B. Teams that participated in the Premier Division of the KPL the previous year may be accepted into the League for the following season.
- C. Any team that finished in the bottom two of the KPL Premier league may be relegated from KPL or into the KPL Division 1
- D. Teams that finished in the bottom two of the KPL Division 1 may be relegated from the league
- E. Teams that finish in the top 4 of the most recent Kentucky Youth Soccer State Open Cup may be accepted for KPL competition.

Section 3: Provided the team has met criteria from Section 1 above, teams may be *considered* for Kentucky Premier League competition based on these policies:

- F. If the team applying has more than 30% of their roster on a current Olympic Development State Team, they may be considered for KPL competition.
- G. 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 considered for acceptance into the KPL. Teams that finish in the top two of the Premier Division of their league the previous season may be recommended for promotion into the KPL.
- H. All other circumstances will be reviewed by the Kentucky Youth Soccer KPL/MRL Technical Committee. They reserve the right to review teams scores & standings of teams that do not finish in the top two of their respective premier league or top four of State Open Cup for consideration into the Kentucky Premier League.