



The following criteria are the MINIMUM requirements Missouri Youth Soccer considers for recommending a team for acceptance into the USYS National League – Midwest Conference.

Recommendation is required but does not guarantee acceptance in to the NLMC and all rules & criteria apply. Please refer to the NLMC rules at <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/midwest-conference/> for further information.

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All participating teams 13U and above:

1. Team's Junior or State Cup Performance/Participation from previous year.
2. Previous Season NLMC performance (if applicable). **
3. Comparative performance against NLMC opponents or like opponents in USYS matches. ***
4. Club and team participation/registration in MYSA/USYS Programming and Programs (excludes programming administered directly by US Soccer Federation). ****
5. Any other information sent to State Office prior to application that is verifiable and accurate may be considered by MYSA at its sole discretion. Games within other USSF affiliates or competitions may or may not be considered.

Placement in Premier I, Premier II & MWC Missouri Qualifying Divisions are based on individual team performance. Relegation and promotion policies should be reviewed on the NL-Midwest Conference website. With the exception of the Missouri Qualifying Division, teams should expect to travel for most if not all of the games in the competition and the costs that are incurred to do so.

Any team that drops from participation after brackets have been posted may be fined and, at MYSA's discretion, not be considered for the competition in future seasons. Teams in bad standing or with a documented history of violations of MYSA, USYS and USSF policy will not be considered. If accepted, the USYS National League – Midwest Conference will take precedence over all other competitions with the exception of Missouri State Cup.

Forfeiture of games may result in relegation or denial of acceptance in future seasons and possible team/club fines at the discretion of National League-Midwest Conference and Missouri Youth Soccer Association. All teams are expected to fulfill their obligations to the league in full each season.

** Admission to NL-Midwest Conference is evaluated on a year by year basis and is not guaranteed. A team's previous performance in NLMC may determine that the team should not be accepted again or that it should be ranked below another team based on other performances including first and foremost the team's performance in Missouri State Cup.

*** State will only use for general reference rankings. Unless openings exist at the lowest level of competition after all other teams have been approved, state will NOT approve a team with no previous record together. A team playing lower than the top division of their age group in competitive local/state competitions will be placed in the MWC Missouri Qualifying Division.

**** The USYS NL Midwest Conference is specifically for members of Missouri Youth Soccer/US Youth Soccer affiliated clubs and teams. Clubs must register the majority of their teams/players with MYSA. Those who affiliate with another USSF member may not be considered for the competition at the sole discretion of Missouri Youth Soccer Association.

