

National League:
Piedmont Conference (NLPC)

NOMINATION CRITERIA

FOR NCYSA TEAMS APPLYING TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE

- These criteria were last updated January 2023.
- The National League (Piedmont Conference) (NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE) is administered by USYS South Region to provide a competition environment for the best teams from South Region State Associations.

Currently, some of the teams in the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE are granted positions based on their past performance in the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE and some positions are granted by nomination from the State Associations.

These nomination criteria describe the order in which the spots that NCYSA nominates to the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE will be filled.

NOTE: If one of the NCYSA nomination criteria is filled by a team that already has a spot in the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE, or if a team declines to participate, the next team in line will be offered that position.

There may be times that NCYSA is asked to nominate teams to the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE when there are no existing nomination criteria to fill those positions. When this is the case, the NCYSA Promotion Relegation Committee will make decisions on how those positions are filled.

CONTACT US:

Teams that have questions about the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE nomination criteria should contact NCYSA Representative to the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE, Colby Morton, at classic@ncsoccer.org.

CURRENT FALL SEASON 13U Boys and Girls (Play in Spring):

Currently, the 13UG and 13UB Divisions of the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE play their NLPC season in the spring. This is the youngest age group that offers league play in the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE.

NCYSA will administer a playoff at the end of the fall 13U season to determine the order of nomination for 13U Spring NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE positions. The number of teams involved in the playoff will be determined by the number of teams needed to fill the NCYSA spots and the number of "FIRST Divisions" in the NCYSA Classic League.

Teams must agree to accept the slot in the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE, if offered, to participate in the playoff.

HERE ARE THE SCENARIOS TO DETERMINE TEAMS FOR 13U PLAYOFFS AT THE END OF THE FALL:

- If there are 2 FIRST Divisions in the fall season, the top 3 teams of each FIRST division would be given the opportunity to play in an 8-team playoff, along with the next 2 teams overall based on % pts.
- If there are 3 FIRST Divisions in the fall season, the top 2 teams of each FIRST division would be given the opportunity to play in an 8-team playoff, along with the next 2 teams overall based on % pts.
- If there are 4 FIRST Divisions in the fall season, the top 2 teams of each FIRST division would be given the opportunity to play in a 12-team playoff, along with the next 4 best teams based on % pts.
- If there are 5 FIRST Divisions in the fall season, the top 3 teams of each FIRST division would be given the opportunity to play in a 16-team playoff, along with the next team overall based on % pts.
- If there are 6 FIRST Divisions in the fall season, the top 2 teams of each FIRST division would be given the opportunity to play in a 16-team playoff, along with the next 4-teams overall based on % pts.
- If there are 7 FIRST Divisions in the fall season, the top 2 teams of each FIRST division would be given the opportunity to play in a 16-team playoff, along with the next 2-teams overall based on % pts.
- If there are 8 FIRST Divisions in the fall season, the top 2 teams of each FIRST division would be given the opportunity to play in a 16-team playoff.

RISING 14U Boys and Girls:

Some of the teams that will be participating in the rising 14U NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE earned spots based on their performance in the 13U NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE Spring League. Generally, these spots will be designated from teams that won their 13U NLPC Spring League.

The following criteria will be used by NCYSA to nominate teams to represent NC in the 14U NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE divisions:

NCYSA will nominate teams in the following order:

1. NCYSA USYS State Cup Champion
2. NCYSA USYS State Cup Finalist
3. Highest Relegated NLPC team
4. Highest Finisher in the ELITE division (both East and West) based on % pts.
5. 2nd Highest Finisher in the ELITE division (both East and West) based on % pts.
6. Next Highest Relegated NLPC team
7. NCYSA USYS State Cup Semi Finalist (higher seed)
8. NCYSA USYS State Cup Semi Finalist (lower seed)
9. 3rd Highest Finisher in the ELITE division (both East and West) based on % pts.
10. 4th Highest Finisher in the ELITE division (both East and West) based on % pts.
11. 5th Highest Finisher in the ELITE division (both East and West) based on % pts.
12. 6th Highest Finisher in the ELITE division (both East and West) based on % pts.

IF THERE ARE TIES AMONG TEAMS WITHIN ELITE, IN RELATIONSHIP TO % PTS, then the following tie breaking procedures are used:

1. Winner of head to head competition, if teams tied played each other, then;
2. Goal differential (difference in goals scored and goals allowed with a max of five goals)
3. Least goals allowed
4. Coin toss by the VP of Classic, or their delegate.

RISING 15U to 19U Boys + 15U Girls:

The rising 15U to 19U Boys + 15U Girls NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE Divisions play in the fall. Some of the teams that will be participating in the rising 15-19UB and 15UG NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE earned spots based on their performance in their previous year's NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE League.

The following criteria will be used by NCYSA to nominate teams to represent NC in the rising 15-19UB + 15UG NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE divisions:

These teams play with the NCYSA Classic league (14G/B and 15-18B) during the Spring season prior to, which is why the criteria references that Spring season play as part of its factors.

NCYSA will nominate teams in the following order:

1. First Place Spring NCYSA Premier Division
2. USYS State Cup Champion
3. Second Place Spring NCYSA Premier Division
4. USYS State Cup Finalist
5. Highest Relegated NLPC team
6. Third Place Spring NCYSA Premier Division
7. Second Highest Relegated NLPC team
8. Fourth Place Spring NCYSA Premier Division
7. USYS State Cup Semi Finalist Higher Seed
8. USYS State Cup Semi Finalist Lower Seed
9. Additional teams in order of finish in NCYSA Premier Division

RISING 16U to 19U Girls:

The rising 16U-19UG NL: Piedmont Conference teams play their NLPC league games during the Fall season (at the same time as the NCYSA Classic League play).

Some of the teams in the NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE will have earned spots, based on their performance in their previous Fall NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE season.

There may be additional slots in the league to be nominated by NCYSA.

NCYSA will nominate teams in the following order:

1. Top NCYSA finisher in previous years NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE
(If already retained per NLPC retention guidelines, move on to the next criteria)
2. Second NCYSA finisher in previous years NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE
(If already retained per NLPC retention guidelines, move on to the next criteria)
3. USYS State Cup Champion
4. First Place Fall NCYSA Premier Division
5. USYS State Cup Finalist
6. Third NCYSA finisher in previous years NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE
(If already retained per NLPC retention guidelines, move on to the next criteria)
7. Fourth NCYSA finisher in previous years NL: PIEDMONT CONFERENCE
(If already retained per NLPC retention guidelines, move on to the next criteria)
8. Second Place NCYSA Premier Division
9. USYS State Cup Semi Finalist Higher Seed
10. USYS State Cup Semi Finalist Lower Seed
11. Additional teams in order of finish in the NCYSA Premier Division