



## Hello Competitive Soccer & the Louisiana Competitive Soccer League

“LCSL”

### Goodbye Premier & Division I

Starting with the 2011-2012 soccer year, there will be 2 levels of soccer in Louisiana: Recreational and Competitive.

**Recreational Soccer** is defined as teams formed WITHOUT the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability. Teams are formed by a method to create a balanced or impartial distribution of playing talent among all teams participating. Each player shall be required to play the minimum of 50% of the time.

**Competitive Soccer** is defined as teams formed WITH the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to a team on the basis of talent or ability. Each player has no guarantee of minimum playing time.

**Competitive team tryouts** for the following soccer year shall be conducted during the established Tryout Period. At the conclusion of the Tryout Period, an established Dead Period will ensue. Teams may not host tryouts or directly solicit players during the Dead Period. Invitations for team membership shall be extended to players on the Invitation Date. The invitations must be sent by one of the approved methods detailed in Policy 311.

Players shall accept in writing, by email, or by online registration to only one team. Players who are not placed/selected by this procedure may contact any team with openings after the Dead Period.

### Tryout Period for 2011

|                  | U11-U13 Boys & Girls | U14-U19 Boys & Girls |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Tryout Period:   | May 2 – May 26       | June 6 – June 16     |
| Dead Period:     | May 27 - June 1      | June 17 – June 24    |
| Invitation Date: | May 31               | June 23              |

## **What does this mean to your Club?**

All Competitive teams are encouraged to participate in the "LCSL". The "LCSL" is for all U11-U18 Boys & Girls. To participate in a Competitive State Cup (the previous Premier or Division I), the team must participate in the "LCSL" or a Region III Premier League. Every team that participates in one of the above leagues will be eligible to participate in a Competitive State Tournament. There will still be a U19 State Tournament however there is no league play requirement. The U19 Teams may elect to participate in either the Competitive I or II State Tournament.

## **What is the Louisiana Competitive Soccer League?**

The "LCSL" is a league where depending on your level of play you will either participate in a Regional league or a State Wide League. There will be a champion at each age group/gender of each league and results will determine which level of the Competitive State Tournament you participate in and will provide seeding for the State Tournament. Generally most teams will need to allocate slightly less than half of the available weekends in a given playing season to league play, including weekends for potential playoffs if applicable and make up dates.

## **When do you apply to the Louisiana Competitive Soccer League?**

Teams must apply to the "LCSL" by August 8<sup>th</sup>. If a U11 or U12 team is formed after the August 8 deadline, there will be an additional period to add a team to the "LCSL" for the spring. The deadline for this Letter of Intent will be November 15.

## **What input does a team have toward the schedule for the Louisiana Competitive Soccer League?**

On your letter of intent U11-U13 teams can list 2 weekends for each of the seasons (Fall & Spring) and U14-U18 teams can list 3 weekends (Fall through Spring combined), when their team is not available to play league games (Blackout Dates).

Teams can also list tournaments that they would be willing to play league games in and the "LCSL" schedule will try to incorporate these tournaments. However only half of a team's league games can be played in a tournament and the game must be the first game of the day for both teams and the tournament must have previously agreed to allow league games to be regulation length.

With agreement of their opponent and the Competitive Commissioner, U11-U13 teams can re-schedule 2 games for each of the seasons (Fall & Spring) and U14-U18 teams can re-schedule 3 games (Fall through Spring combined).

## **Determination of which league your team will play in?**

Level of play (State or Regional League) for the initial year of "LCSL" will be determined by the results of the 2011 State Tournaments. Teams must maintain more than 50% of their roster to retain their placement, otherwise they will be placed in the Regional league initially. Teams can petition the Competitive Committee if they feel extenuating circumstances exist why their team should be in the State Wide League. The top finishing teams from the 2011 Premier State Tournament will be eligible to participate in the Region III Premier Leagues.





## Format of League Play & State Tournaments:

Fall (Sept-Nov) 11 weekends

Spring (Feb-March)

9 weekends

| Age Group | Type of League | Seasons       | Approximate # of Teams & # of League Game  | Weekends Committed to League Play (including make-up & playoff weekends) | State Cup Format (Each Division or Competitive Level will crown a State Champion)                                       |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|--|--|---|
| U11       | Regional       | Fall Season   | 6-7 Teams per League   | 4 Weekends   |   |
| U11       | Regional       | Spring Season | Leagues will be realigned after Fall Season<br>5- 6 Teams per League   | 3-4 Weekends   | Multiple Divisions comprised of 8 teams   |
|           |                |               |  |  |   |
| U12       | Regional       | Fall Season   | Leagues will be formed by geography and results of U11 League and State Tournament<br>6-7 Teams per League   | 4 Weekends   |   |
| U12       | Regional       | Spring Season | Leagues will be formed by results of U12 Fall League.<br><br>Top 16 teams will be in 3 leagues.<br>5-6 Teams per League<br><br>Remaining Teams<br>5-6 Teams per League | 4 Weekends<br><br>4 Weekends   | Competitive 1:<br>Top 16 Teams<br><br>Competitive 2: Next Ranked 8 or 12 Teams<br><br>Competitive 3:<br>Remaining Teams |
|           |                |               |  |  |   |
| U13       | State Wide     | Fall Season   | Top 6 teams from Competitive 1 State Tournament. Each team will play each other twice,<br>10 league games  | 6 Weekends   |   |
| U13       | State Wide     | Spring Season | 6 Teams from the Fall State Wide League plus 4 top teams from Fall Regional Leagues. 10 teams  | 5-6 Weekends   | Competitive 1:<br>Top 8 Teams from State Wide League  |
| U13       | Regional       | Fall Season   | 6-7 teams per league.<br>5-6 league games<br>Top 2 teams from each league will participate in a Playoff Weekend  | 5 Weekends   | Competitive 2 *:<br>Remaining teams from State Wide League plus top teams from Regional Leagues. 8 or 12 Teams          |
| U13       | Regional       | Spring Teams  | 5 Teams per league<br>4 league games<br>Top 2 teams from each will participate in Playoff  | 4 Weekends   | Competitive 3:<br>Remaining Teams   |

\* U13 Competitive 2 State Champion can advance to President's Cup Regional Tournament



## Format of League Play for 2011-2012 (Transition Year as determined by Competitive Committee)

U14-U18      Fall-Spring      (Sept – Oct and March-mid April)      14 Weekends

| Age Group | Type of League             | Seasons       | Approximate # of Teams & # of League Game   | Weekends Committed to League Play (including make-up & playoff weekends)  |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------------|---|---|
| U14-U18   | Region III Premier Leagues | Fall & Spring | Top teams from Premier State Tournament   | As determined by Regional rules   |
| U14-U16   | State Wide                 | Fall & Spring | 6-8 Teams comprised of teams from Premier State Tournament not participating in Region III Leagues plus the highest finishing teams from Division I State Tournament. Limitation to ensure that no more than 50% of the teams are from the Division I State Tournament. If league has 6 or less teams each team will play each other twice otherwise each team will play each other once. | 6 Weekends over Fall & Spring   |
| U14-U16   | Regional                   | Fall & Spring | 8-9 teams per league<br>If any of the leagues have 4 or 5 teams all Regional leagues will play either other twice.  | 5 Weekends over Fall & Spring   |
| U17-U18   | State Wide                 | Fall & Spring | Will only be comprised of teams that participated in Premier State Cup unless Division I team petitions Competitive Committee.<br><br>U17 & U18 will play a combined league. If State Wide League has 4 or 5 teams, each team will play each other twice.   | 5 Weekends over Fall & Spring<br><br>If the state wide league has less than 4 teams, the Regional III League teams will participate in the State League |
| U17-U18   | Regional                   | Fall & Spring | 7 Teams per league  | 4 Weekends over Fall & Spring   |

### Format of State Tournaments:

|         | Competitive 1<br>(advances to USYS Regional Championships)  | Competitive 2<br>(advances to Regional Presidents Cup)   | Competitive 3   |
|---------|---|--|-----------------|
| U14-U16 | Either 6 or 8 teams. Comprised of the Region III League Teams and the higher finishing teams in the State Wide League.  | Remaining teams from State Wide League plus top teams from Regional Leagues. 8 or 12 Teams   | Remaining Teams |
| U17-U18 | 6 teams in each single age group, Comprised of the Region III League Teams and the higher finishing teams in the State Wide League. If for some reason there are less than 6 teams it will drop to 4 teams. | Single Age Group. Remaining teams from State Wide League plus top teams from Regional Leagues. There will be no more than 16 teams and if necessary a Competitive 3 State Tournament will be formed. |                 |