

## **Georgia Soccer Southern Regional Premier League Selection Criteria and Team Continuity Policy**

Georgia Soccer is a member of US Youth Soccer. US Youth Soccer is divided into Regions and Georgia Soccer is part of Region III. Region III created a Southern Regional Premier League (SRPL) for the most competitive teams in Region III to play each other on a scheduled basis. The league is comprised of boys and girls teams in the age groups of U13-U18.

Each State Association in Region III is offered slots in the the SRPL and each state decides the criteria for selecting teams to be included in the SRPL 1<sup>st</sup> Division from their state. Teams can get promoted to the SRPL Premier Division through a promotion criteria set up by the SRPL.

### **Georgia Soccer Criteria for Selection to the SRPL's Premier League East 1<sup>st</sup> Division**

#### **U13 SRPL Selection Criteria:**

Georgia will send four boys teams and four girls teams annually to compete in the Premier League 1<sup>st</sup> Division East Spring season. The top four (4) finishers in the U13 Classic 1 and Athena A Fall season shall receive the four (4) slots and represent Georgia in the Premier League 1<sup>st</sup> Division Spring season. If any of these top four teams declines the invitation to the Premier League 1<sup>st</sup> Division, the fifth place finisher shall receive the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Premier League slot, and so on, by league standing.

#### **U14-U18 SRPL Selection Criteria:**

Georgia Soccer will receive two to four (2-4) slots each year in the SRPL Fall U14-U18 Premier League 1<sup>st</sup> Division East. The selection criteria below shall be used to select the teams which shall receive the Georgia invitation to fill the Premier League 1<sup>st</sup> Division East slots:

1. Classic 1/Athena A 1<sup>st</sup> Place
2. State Cup Champion
3. State Cup Runner Up
4. Relegated from Premier (Top Division) of SRPL by standing
5. 1<sup>st</sup> Division Premier League finishers 3<sup>rd</sup> and below by standing
6. Classic 1/Athena A finishers 2<sup>nd</sup> place
7. State Cup Semi-Finalist, in order of their finish in Regional or state league play. If both semi-finalist were in 1<sup>st</sup> Division premier, whoever finished higher in standings will get priority. Semi-finalist who were 1<sup>st</sup> Division Premier league participants will have priority over Classic and Athena league 2<sup>nd</sup> and below finishers.

If a team declines the SRPL invitation, the next team in the order from the criteria above shall be offered the slot in the SRPL.

### **TEAM CONTINUITY**

To be considered the same team going from one SRPL season to the next, a team must retain at least 50%+1 players from the previous season. If a club is unable to field a team meeting this requirement, the available SRPL slot will be offered to the next qualified candidate, based on the Georgia Soccer selection criteria policy.