

Addendum to the LHGCL Rules for 2019-20 Soccer Year

Maximum Number of Teams in Each Age Group

AGE GROUP	DIVISION I	DIVISION II
11U	20	16
12U	15	18
13U	15	19
14U	15	18
15U	15	20
16U	15	16
17U	15	15
18U	15	15
*19U	12	24

* The number of teams in the 19U divisions will vary based on the number of byes claimed and the number of returning 19U teams. The division placement is at the discretion of the LHGCL board of directors to create the best competitive environment.

Playing Formats, Promotion/Relegation/Byes, & End of Season Playoff

All Age Groups

Teams will be ranked at the end of the regular season using the method described in the LHGCL Rules Section IV, I, 1-5. Paragraph 6 of that section is specifically omitted for the ranking used to seed the playoff as required.

11U

No playoff is held for 11U division I and the byes are assigned as detailed below:

DI = 20 Teams

1st thru 12th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

13th thru 20th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 16 Teams

The teams in the Division are split into four 4 team brackets in a seeded snake based on points and tiebreakers from the regular season games. (1,8,9,16 in A; 2,7,10,15 in B; 3,6,11,14 in C; 4,5,12,13 in D). Each team plays the other three in their 4-team bracket. The teams are ranked based on their regular season points plus the points from the playoff. The team with the highest point total, using tiebreakers per the league rules, will be declared DII champion. Teams ranked 1 – 4 shall receive a DI bye for the next season. Teams ranked 5 – 8 shall receive a DII bye for the next season. The remaining 8 teams will be relegated and must re-qualify. There will be four open spots for DII in the QT.

12U – 14U

Each team will play the others in their Division one time over the entire regular season. An end of season playoff may be held as defined below:

12U DI = 15 Teams

The teams in the Division are split into three 5 team brackets in a seeded snake based on points and tiebreakers from the regular season games. (1,6,7,12,13 in A; 2,5,8,11,14 in B; 3,4,9,10,15 in C). Each team plays the other four in their 5-team bracket. The teams are ranked based on their regular season points plus the points from the playoff. The team with the highest point total, using tiebreakers per the league rules will be declared age group Grand Champion. Teams ranked 1 – 12 shall receive a DI bye for the next season. Teams ranked 13 – 15 shall receive a DII bye for the next season.

12U DII = 18 Teams

1st thru 4th place earn a BYE and are promoted to DI
5th thru 13th place earn a BYE and remain in DII
14th thru 18th place are relegated and must re-qualify.
There will be 4 open spots for DII in QT.

13U

13U DI = 15 Teams

The teams in the Division are split into three 5 team brackets in a seeded snake based on points and tiebreakers from the regular season games. (1,6,7,12,13 in A; 2,5,8,11,14 in B; 3,4,9,10,15 in C). Each team plays the other four in their 5-team bracket. The teams are ranked based on their regular season points plus the points from the playoff. The team with the highest point total, using tiebreakers per the league rules will be declared age group Grand Champion. Teams ranked 1 – 12 shall receive a DI bye for the next season. Teams ranked 13 – 15 shall receive a DII bye for the next season.

13U DII = 19 Teams

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5th thru 13th place earn a BYE and remain in DII
14th thru 19th place are relegated and must re-qualify.
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14th thru 20th place are relegated and must re-qualify.

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14th thru 16th place are relegated and must re-qualify.

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18U

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Divisions assignments for byes awarded into 19U will be determined based on availability and at the discretion of the LHGCL board.

19U

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19U DII = 24 Teams (these teams may be divided into two or more conferences at the discretion of the LHGCL board).

All Division I teams plus the 20 best Division II teams earn a BYE back into the League if they return N+1* players from their previous year's roster for the next soccer year. Any team intending to move back into 19U must inform the Age Division Commissioner prior to April 1. These teams will be placed in Division I or II as determined by a vote of the Executive Board of LHGCL. The promotion and/or relegation of teams moving from 18U to 19U may be adjusted by a vote of the Executive Board of LHGCL to accommodate returning 19U Bye teams.

*The N+1 formula is $\frac{1}{2}$ of a team's players plus 1 from the previous year's roster, calculated as of September 1 of the previous soccer year. Fractions will be rounded up to the next whole number.

Proposed Playing Format for 2020-21

The proposed playing format for the 2020-21 soccer year is based on two Divisions per age group in 12U – 18U. The 18U into 19U byes and promotion relegation shall be based on the number of returning 18U & 19U teams and is at the discretion of the LHGCL board.

11U

The 11U age group shall be selected through the qualifying tournament. Each team will play the others in their Division one time over the entire regular season. An end of season playoff may be held as defined below:

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