

## **Addendum to the LHGCL Rules for 2023-24 Soccer Year**

### **Maximum Number of Teams in Each Age Group**

AGE GROUP	(PRE-)ELITE	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	
11U	20	10	X	
12U	10	9	10	
13U	9	10	17	
14U	9	16	X	
15U	8	9	9	
16U	9	10	X	
17U	10	10	X	
18U	10	X	X	
*19U	12	X	X	

\* 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**

#### **11U**

Each team in Pre-Elite Division will play the other teams in their division once during the soccer year.

Each team in Division I will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Champion awards will be presented to the top team in each division based on total points earned throughout the entire soccer year.

Based on final standings, relegation/promotion for the following soccer year will be detailed below.

#### **12U & 15U**

Each team in Pre-Elite Division will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Each team in Division I will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Each team in Division II will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Champion awards will be presented to the top team in each division based on total points earned throughout the entire soccer year.

Based on final standings, relegation/promotion for the following soccer year will be detailed below.

#### **13U**

Each team in Pre-Elite Division will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Each team in Division I will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Each team in Division II will play the other teams in their division once during the soccer year.

Champion awards will be presented to the top team in each division based on total points earned throughout the entire soccer year.

Based on final standings, relegation/promotion for the following soccer year will be detailed below.

#### **14U**

Each team in Pre-Elite Division will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Each team in Division I will play the other teams in their division once during the soccer year.

Champion awards will be presented to the top team in each division based on total points earned throughout the entire soccer year.

Based on final standings, relegation/promotion for the following soccer year will be detailed below.

#### **16U & 17U**

Each team in Pre-Elite Division will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Each team in Division I will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Division Champion awards will be presented to the top team in division II based on points earned throughout the entire soccer year.

Based on final standings, relegation/promotion for the following soccer year will be detailed below.

#### **18U**

Each team in Pre-Elite Division will play the other teams in their division twice during the soccer year.

Champion awards will be presented to the top team in each division based on total points earned throughout the entire soccer year.

Based on final standings, relegation/promotion for the following soccer year will be detailed below.

#### **19U**

Each team will play the other teams in their division once during the fall season.

Champion awards will be presented to the top team in each division based on total points earned throughout the entire soccer year.

Based on final standings, relegation/promotion for the following soccer year will be detailed below.

#### **Promotion/Relegation/Byes**

##### **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.

Spots available in the league via the qualification tournament are dependent on the number of returning teams claiming their byes. The slots listed below are minimums.

## **11U**

Pre-Elite = 20 Teams

1st thru 10th place earn a BYE and remain in Pre-Elite

11th thru 18th place earn a BYE into DI

19th & 20th place earn a BYE into DII

DI = 10 Teams

1st & 2nd place earn a BYE and are promoted into DI

3rd thru 8th place earn a BYE into DII

There will be two open spots for DII in the QT.

## **12U**

Pre-Elite = 10 Teams

1st thru 9th place earn a BYE into Elite

10th place earns a BYE into DI

DI = 9 Teams

1st place earns a BYE is promoted into Elite

3rd thru 8th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

9th place earns a BYE into DII.

DII = 10 Teams

1st & 2nd place earn a BYE and are promoted into DI

3rd thru 7th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

8th thru 10th place are relegated and must requalify

There will be 4 open spots for DII in the QT.

## **13U**

Elite = 9 Teams

1st thru 8th place earn a BYE and remain in Elite

9th place earns a BYE into DI

DI = 10 Teams

1st thru 2nd place earn a BYE and are promoted into Elite

3rd thru 9th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

10th place earns a BYE into DII

DII = 17 Teams

1st thru 2nd place earn a BYE and are promoted to DI

3rd thru 11th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

12th thru 17th are relegated and must re-qualify.

Open spots for DII in QT will be available based on the number of teams not claiming byes.

## **14U**

Elite = 9 Teams

1st thru 8th place earn a BYE and remain in Elite

9th place earns a BYE into DI

DI = 16 Teams

1st place earns a BYE is promoted to Elite

2nd thru 11th place earn a BYE and remain in DI  
12th thru 16th earn a BYE and remain in DII.  
There will be 4 open spots for DII in the QT.

### **15U**

Elite = 8 Teams

1st thru 7th place earn a BYE and remain in Elite  
8th place earns a BYE into DI

DI = 9 Teams

1st thru 2nd place earn a BYE and are promoted to Elite  
3rd thru 8th place earn a BYE and remain in DI  
9th place earns a BYE into DII

DII = 9 Teams

1st thru 2nd place earn a BYE and are promoted to DI  
3rd thru 8th place earn a BYE and remain in DII  
9th place is relegated and must requalify  
There will be 3 open spots for DII in QT

### **16U**

Elite = 9 Teams

1st thru 8th place earn a BYE and remain in Elite  
9th place earns a BYE into DI

DI = 10 Teams

1st place earns a BYE and is promoted to Elite  
2nd thru 10th place earn a BYE and remain in DI  
Available spots for the qualification tournament will be determined by interest

### **17U**

Elite = 10 Teams

1st thru 8th place earn a BYE and remain in Elite  
9th thru 10th place earn a BYE into DI

DII = 10 Teams

1st thru 2nd place earn a BYE and are promoted to Elite  
2nd thru 10th place earn a BYE and remain in DI  
The final structure of 18U and 19U for the 2024-25 season will be dependent on the Frontier League formation of the combined 18/19U division. Teams participating with blended rosters are not eligible for an age pure 18U GCL division.

### **18U**

Elite = 10 Teams

1st thru 10th place earn a BYE  
The final structure of 18U and 19U for the 2024-25 season will be dependent on the Frontier League formation of the combined 18/19U division. Teams participating with blended rosters are not eligible for an age pure 19U GCL division.

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

## **19U**

19U Elite = 12 Teams

All Elite Division teams plus the 20 best Division I 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 Elite or Division I 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 Division Sizes for 2024-2025**

### **All Age Groups**

The following division sizes are proposed and may be modified based on number of teams returning and decisions of the board regarding their placement.

#### **11U**

Pre-Elite = 20 Teams

DI = 10 Teams

#### **12U**

Pre-Elite = 10 Teams

DI = 10 Teams

DII = 10 Teams

#### **13U**

Elite = 10 Teams

DI = 10 Teams

DII = 10 Teams

#### **14U**

Elite = 10 Teams

DI = 10 Teams

DII = 10 Teams

#### **15U**

Elite = 9 Teams

DI = 10 Teams

DII = 10 Teams

#### **16U**

Elite = 9 Teams

DI = 10 Teams

DII = 10 Teams

#### **17U**

Elite = 10 Teams

DI = 10 Teams

#### **18U**

Elite = 10 Teams

DI = 10 Teams

#### **19U**

Division sizes for 19U are greatly dependent on the number of teams wishing to return. The 19U commissioner and the board of directors will determine the division sizes appropriately.