



## Spring 2009 Region I Premier League Application

**Qualifications for Entry:** Participation in the Spring 2009 Region I Premier League will qualify teams for their National Championship Competition.

The Region I Premier League is available **ONLY** to those teams within the 15 State Associations of Region I. Only a US Youth Soccer organization member can apply to compete in the Region I Premier League. A team cannot be sponsored by a US Youth Soccer Member. Any US Youth Soccer club or organization that attempts to sponsor a non US Youth Soccer team is subject to disciplinary action and dismissal of the sponsored team.

**Age Groups:** Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 and Under 18 both Boys and Girls

**League Info:** The League will consist of a sixteen (16) team Premier Division for both boys and girls in the Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 age groups. The league season will begin in March and will conclude the weekend of Mothers Day with Semi-Finals and Finals.

The sixteen teams will be divided into two (2) groups of eight. Each team will play each team in their group once for a seven (7) game schedule. At the end of league play there will be a semi-final and a final for the top four teams (top two teams in each group).

Games will be played on weekends and there generally would be two (2) games each weekend.

**Team Acceptance:** The Region I Premier League is for the top sixteen teams through out the Region in the U14 to U18 age groups for both girls and boys. The competition is designed to allow the very best teams in Region I to play each other in a league format. With only sixteen positions available in any age group through out the Region, entry into the league is competitive. Each year, selection of the 16 teams becomes more difficult. We have established a promotion/relegation system to assure that the best 16 teams are selected for the league. An automatic bid for the Premier League will be given to:

- The semi-finalists of the previous year's Regional Championship (four teams)
- The top four teams in each of the North and South divisions from the previous year's Premier League play (eight teams).
- Each of the two Sub-Regional leagues champions (two teams).

Therefore 14 of the 16 bids may be earned by teams playing within the various regional competitions.

**Rosters:** All teams must demonstrate a continuity of roster from the previous year to the current year. To demonstrate continuity of roster, a minimum of 51% of the players from the team's previous year roster must be on the team's current roster. Any team that does not meet the continuity of roster requirement will be fined \$2000 and will be automatically removed from the league. Teams that are new to the league must submit their roster with their League Application.

The frozen roster for each team is due in the League Administrator's office by 12:00 noon, of the Wednesday before the first scheduled match for the team's age group as published on the Region I website. This requirement does not change if the first game has to be rescheduled due to weather or other factors. The original submission date for rosters will not change.

If the team's State Association date for freezing rosters is earlier than the Premier League date, the team's roster is frozen on the State Association date.



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**Wildcards:** The Boys and Girls Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Champions of the Region I Premier League will be the automatic wildcard (regardless of their team's actual age level) for the 2009 Boys and Girls Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Region I National Championships respectively.

- If a Premier League Champion is a State Champion, the wildcard of that age group will go to the Premier League's Runner-Up.
- If the Runner-Up is a State Champion, the wildcard of that age group will go to the Premier League's third place team.
- If the third place team is a State Champion, the wildcard of that age group will go to the Premier League's fourth place team.
- If the fourth place team is a State Champion, the wildcard of that age group will go to the Premier League's fifth place team.
- If the fifth place team is a State Champion, the wildcard of that age group will go to the Premier League's sixth place team.
- If the sixth place team is a State Champion, the wildcard of that age group will revert back to the Region I Championship Committee.

There will be no play off to determine the fifth and sixth place teams. The league's tie breaker rules will be applied to the two teams finishing in third place in each division to determine the fifth and sixth place teams.

Teams participating in the Boys and Girls Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Region I Premier League are subject to their own State Association's National Championship Rules as well as all US Youth Soccer National Championship Rules.

A team that participates in the Boys or Girls Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Region I Premier League and does **NOT** participate in their State Association's National Championship competition **CANNOT** be the automatic wildcard and/or alternate.

A team who captures the Boys or Girls Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Region I Premier League Championship and has forfeited a game(s) in their State Association's National Championship Competition (either prior to or after the Premier League Competition) **CANNOT** be eligible for an automatic wildcard and/or alternate in the Region I Championships.

**Guest Players:** Guest Players will **NOT** be allowed on any teams participating in the Region I Premier League.

**Application Procedures:** Each Application and required Team Information Form **MUST** be accompanied with a \$500 League Fee (check made payable to Region I). Teams not accepted into the League will receive their \$500 back. (**Note:** The \$500 league fee does not cover the Referee game fees). Teams who, upon notification of acceptance, withdraw from the league will forfeit their League Fee. A team official and the president of the team's club must sign each team's application.

**Referee Fees:** The three (3) referee system will be used for all games. Fees will be announced at a later date.

**Assignment of Officials:** Game officials will be assigned by either the State Association's SRA or SYRA.

**Payment of Referee Fees:** Each team will be responsible for bringing their half of the referee game fee to the field. A team that fails to pay their half of the referee fees will be fined \$250.



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**Forfeit Fee:** Any team forfeiting a game will be fined \$250 and will also have to pay the entire referee fee of the forfeited game. Any team forfeiting a game after April 15 of the season will be fined \$500 and will also have to pay the entire referee fees of the forfeited game.

**Application:** The deadline date to enter is Friday, November 14, 2008. Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance will be sent to each team's Primary Contact via email on or before December 30, 2008.

**League Rules:** All applicants **MUST** download and read the Premier League Rules available on the Region I website.

**Game Availability:** All accepted teams must make themselves available for ALL Premier League Games beginning March 1st through Mother's Day Weekend (May 9-10, 2009). Game schedules will be published by the League Administrator and will not be changed within 72 hours of the start of the scheduled match.

Teams must recognize that the Region I Premier League becomes your primary playing league. Teams are expected to play the published league schedule in preference to any other league competition in which they may be entered. This requirement also applies to tournaments that the team may enter. If your team is not prepared to play the published league schedule, your team should not enter the Premier League.



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## Application Form *(Please Print or Type Clearly)*

Age Group Applying For (circle one): U14 U15 U16 U17 U18

Gender: Boys Girls

Birthdate of Oldest Player (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

State Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Club & Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Receives all correspondence)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit Application Form, Team Information Form **AND** League Fee of \$500 (check made payable to Region I) to:

**Region I Premier League Commissioner, 233 Nipmuc Road, Foster, RI 02825**

**Application, Team Info Form and League Fee Must Be Received on or before Friday, November 14, 2008**

- Post dates will **NOT** be accepted.
- Applications without the League Fee will **NOT** be accepted.
- Faxed or Email applications will **NOT** be accepted.
- Applications without team information form will **NOT** be accepted.

Teams not accepted into the League will have their League Fees returned. Teams who withdraw from the Premier League, after notification of acceptance, will forfeit their League Fee. The \$500 League fee does NOT include Referee Game Fees. Teams are responsible for bringing their half of the Referee Game Fees to the field. A team that fails to pay its Referee Game Fees will be fined \$250. A three-referee system will be used for all games.

All accepted teams must make themselves available for ALL Premier League Games beginning March 1st through Mother's Day Weekend (May 9-10, 2009).

Teams that provide false information on their league application will be removed from the league and will forfeit their application fee. Additional sanctions may be imposed.

**For all teams playing in the Premier League:** I attest that my team can demonstrate continuity of roster as defined as at least 51% of last year's players are returning on this year's roster.

The undersigned team representative of the applying team agrees to the above conditions. The Club President acknowledges the application of this team and the financial responsibility of the team's obligations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Team Representative Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Club President Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

**Failure to sign will make application null and void**



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State Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Club & Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact:  
(Receives all correspondence) \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The Region I Premier league is a US Youth Soccer league. When supplying information about your team's performance, please provide information about US Youth Soccer competitions, (i.e., US Youth Soccer National Championships, ODP, league play). Information concerning team playing results in US Club Soccer, Super Y league, etc will not be considered in the placement of your team in the Premier League.

1. Birth year of players. How many in each year?

U18 (8/1/90 – 7/31/91) \_\_\_\_\_ U16 (8/1/92 – 7/31/93) \_\_\_\_\_ U14 (8/1/94 – 7/31/95) \_\_\_\_\_  
U17 (8/1/91 – 7/31/92) \_\_\_\_\_ U15 (8/1/93 – 7/31/94) \_\_\_\_\_ U13 (8/1/95 – 7/31/96) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of returning players from 2007-2008 seasonal year? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you made significant changes to your roster for the upcoming season? If so, please list the names of those players and describe how they will or have impacted your team.

4. List your major tournament record for both the 2007-2008 seasonal year and the Fall 2008 Season. Please list the Tournament Name, Date, Age Group and Level of Competition and your W-L-T record. If the Tournament has a website, please list the address.



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5. List your most recent State Level National Championship record. Please note the dates of competition.
6. Do you have players on your State Olympic Development Program (ODP)?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list their names.
7. Do you have players participating at USYS Regional ODP Camps?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list their names.
8. Do you have players that have been selected to USYS Regional Teams?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list their names.
9. Do you have players that have been selected to National Player Pools?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list their names.
10. Please attach a copy of both your 2007-2008 League Standings

***If you have any additional comments or require additional space to answer any of the above questions, please feel free to attach additional sheets.***

**THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM!!!!!!**