

Addendum to the LHGCL Rules for 2020-21 Soccer Year

Maximum Number of Teams in Each Age Group

AGE GROUP	DIVISION I	DIVISION II
11U	20	10
12U	18	18
13U	17	18
14U	17	10
15U	17	18
16U	17	18
17U	17	10
18U	15	10
*19U	13	13

* 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, 14U, 17U, & 18U

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

12U, 13U, 15U & 16U

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

Grand Champion awards will be presented to the top team in division I based on points earned throughout the entire 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.

19U

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

Each division may conduct a playoff during 2 specified weekends in the spring (generally the last weekends in April) with seedings based on fall results. The format will generally be similar to a tournament format but may be varied based on the number of teams wishing to compete in each division. At the board's discretion, one or more divisions may be combined for the playoffs. Teams may

opt out of the spring season playoff up to 2 weeks before the start of the playoffs with no adverse consequences.

Champion awards will be presented to the top team in each division based on spring results.

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.

11U

DI = 20 Teams

1st thru 10th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

11th thru 20th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 10 Teams

1st thru 5th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

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

12U

DI = 18 Teams

1st thru 10th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

11th thru 18th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 18 Teams

1st thru 7th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

8th thru 18th place are relegated and must re-qualify.

There will be 4 open spots for DII in QT.

13U

DI = 17 Teams

1st thru 10th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

11th thru 17th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 18 Teams

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

9th thru 18th place are relegated and must re-qualify.

There will be 4 open spots for DII in QT.

14U

DI = 17 Teams

1st thru 9th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

10th thru 17th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 10 Teams

1st thru 7th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

8th thru 10th place are relegated and must re-qualify.

There will be 4 open spots for DII in QT.

15U

DI = 17 Teams

1st thru 9th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

10th thru 17th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 18 Teams

1st thru 7th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

8th thru 18th place are relegated and must re-qualify.

There will be 4 open spots for DII in QT.

16U

DI = 17 Teams

1st thru 9th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

10th thru 17th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 18 Teams

1st thru 6th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

7th thru 18th place are relegated and must re-qualify.

There will be 4 open spots for DII in QT.

17U

DI = 17 Teams

1st thru 9th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

10th thru 17th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 10 Teams

1st thru 6th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

7th thru 10th place are relegated and must re-qualify.

There will be 4 open spots for DII in QT.

18U

DI = 15 Teams

1st thru 14th place earn a BYE and remain in DI

15th place earn a BYE into DII

DII = 10 Teams

1st thru 10th place earn a BYE and remain in DII

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

19U

19U DI = 13 Teams

19U DII = 13 Teams

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.

11U – 18U Age Groups

Due to the pending change in division team numbers for the 2021-2022 season, the relegation promotion rules above do not offer the opportunity for any Division II teams to promote to Division I. Therefore, we shall implement a Challenge Match as described below.

Challenge Match

In each age group, the Division II winner earns the right to a Challenge Match versus the lowest ranked team remaining in Division I for the bye this team received based on regular season play. This match shall take place as soon as all teams within the age group have completed their Spring season. There shall be no Club Pass Players allowed for this Challenge Match. There must be a winner declared at the end of the match. All standard rules shall apply including two full five minute overtime periods and FIFA kicks from the penalty spot if necessary. The winner of the Challenge Match shall receive a Division I bye for the 2021-2022 season. The loser of the Challenge Match shall receive a Division II bye for the 2021-2022 season.