

Region III (CENTRAL DIVISION) Premier League - Fall 2009 –Spring 2010

Cover Letter

US Youth Soccer Region III Premier League is starting its ninth year of the most competitive play possible considering the vastness of our region and the differing calendars of our member State Associations. This will be Premier League Central's 4th season after the combination of PL South and PL North.

This is our mission. We will continue striving to find ways to make the league more competitive, thereby fulfilling the intent to provide regular, highly competitive games for our top teams. Participation in the league has given the opportunity to our teams to compete at the most prestigious youth championships in the country, The US Youth Soccer Region III Championship and The US Youth Soccer National Championship Tournament. **Teams will have the opportunity to earn a spot at the US Youth Soccer Region III Championship Tournament through RIII Premier League competition.**

League Application and Cost:

The deadline for committing and applying to the US Youth Soccer Region III Premier League Fall 2009-Spring 2010 program is **July 17, 2009**. The completed application must be accompanied by the Entry Fee Check of \$475.00 and a separate Club check of \$1,000 for the performance bond to be considered. Clubs with more than three teams participating in the league and in good standing may submit one bond check. Checks should be made out to USYSA Region III. If a Club has less than three teams participating each team must submit a Performance Bond. **The Performance Bond must be a Club check not a team check.** Applications received after the deadline will be placed on a wait list. Teams are expected to pay referees prior to the start of each match (\$65.00 per team maximum). Teams will also bear the cost of hotels and travel. **Please take note that travel costs and time may be considerable due to the distances of our great sub-region.** The goal of the league will be to generally not have travel exceed approximately 6 hours.

Region III is divided into three sub regions for Premier League:

East – SC, NC, GA, and FL;

West – OK, NTX, and STX;

Central – AL, AR, LA, MS, and TN.

Selection Process

Teams are recommended for participation in the league by their State Association. Teams recommended and selected should have been champions, finalists or semi-finalists from their State Cup, top finishers in a recognized league, and have a proven record from top rated tournaments. Generally the league will have 2 teams from each of the five states in PL Central participate in age group/gender. States can submit more than two teams and these teams will be considered to fill slots.

Teams are selected for participation in the league by a committee made up of the representatives of the states participating in the Sub-Regional League. The decision of the committee is final.

NEW this year: Participation is open to any properly registered competitive team in good standing with a member National State Association and **is returning more than 50% of its players** from the previous year roster. Please note that individual states may have more restrictive and or additional rules.

League Schedule:

By nature of the participation of different states scheduling is naturally inflexible. In an attempt to help teams who wish to participate in the league, dates for play in the fall and spring, where applicable are chosen and announced with this application. An attempt is made to omit weekends that have large regional and national tournaments. Every effort will be made to schedule game times so that a team will only have a one night hotel stay.

If a team fills a slot originally allocated to a state other than their home state, they will follow the schedule of the state whose slot they have filled, and even this case, the goal will be that travel will generally not exceed approximately 6 hours. The State v State games will be in a location central to both teams. Or if both teams involved agree, the game can be played on one of the other scheduled play weekend as the 2nd game on Sunday.

As the TN Girls cannot begin league play until December, if a team fills a slot that has a play date scheduled during their high school season, the game will be scheduled on either a designated play date for their home state or on one of the designated make up dates outside their high school season.

Final games times and location of games will be determined once the league knows the composition of all age groups.

REGION III PREMIER LEAGUE CENTRAL – Team Application

DEADLINE July 17th, 2009

This form must be completed and returned with a \$475 entry fee and \$1000 bond fee.
 Clubs with more than three teams participating in the league and in good standing may submit one bond
 Checks are made payable to USYSA Region III and mail to:

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| <i>Alabama</i> | <i>Arkansas</i> | <i>Louisiana</i> | <i>Mississippi</i> | <i>Tennessee</i> |
| <i>Alabama Youth Soccer Assoc.</i> | <i>Wes Gross</i> | <i>Pat Gottung</i> | <i>Kay Bouler</i> | <i>Dale Burke</i> |
| <i>4760 Valleydale Road Suite 200</i> | <i>1100 E. Kiehl Ave., Ste. 3</i> | <i>8077 Winners Circle</i> | <i>628 Lakeland East Dr. Suite 1D</i> | <i>100 Country Club Dr Suite 100</i> |
| <i>Birmingham, AL 35242</i> | <i>Sherwood, AR 72120</i> | <i>Mandeville, LA 70448</i> | <i>Flowood, MS 39232</i> | <i>Hendersonville TN 37075</i> |

Team Name: _____ Age Group: U- _____ :Boys _____ :Girls _____
 State _____

Club Association: _____ Association: _____

Coach Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: (H) _____ Email: (W) _____

Phone: (H): _____ (W): _____ (C): _____

Manager Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: (H) _____ Email: (W) _____

Phone: (H): _____ (W): _____ (C): _____

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| Regional Premier League Record 2008-2009 | | | | |
| State Cup Record 2008-2009 | | | | |
| Team League Record for Spring 2009 | | | | |
| Team League Record for Fall 2008 | | | | |
| Tournament Record 2008/2009: (Disney, Dallas, Surf, WAGS, Raleigh) inc. Bracket | | | | |
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We have reviewed the:
-Play Dates for PL Central 2009-2010
-Application and Cover Letter
-Region III Premier League Policies and Rules (www.r3plc.com)
and fully understand and intend to abide by them:

PRINT NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Play Dates for PL Central 2009-2010

All games will played on the dates shown below. The locations will be determined after the composition of the league is known. The goal of the league will be to generally not have travel exceed approximately 6 hours. It is possible that one or two weekends the travel time could slightly exceed that.

Only State Cup games will take higher precedence over Region III Premier League games.

Games that can't be played due to weather, field or referee issues will be made up on the assigned Make Up Dates, so do not make commitments to attend tournaments or play games on the assigned Make Up Dates.

With regard to **ACT/SAT test dates**, the league will try to schedule games later in the afternoon (after 2:00) for U17 and U18 age groups; however that cannot be guaranteed. So if players are scheduled to take ACT/SAT test on play dates, please consider testing in the location of the games.

| | AL | AR | LA | MS | TN |
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| 8/22-23 | AL v AL | AR v LA | LA v AR | MS v TN (Boys Only) | TN v MS (Boys Only) |
| 8/29-30 | AL v LA | AR v MS | LA v AL | MS v AR | TN v TN (Boys only) |
| 9/12-13 | AL v MS | AR v TN (Boys only) | LA v LA | MS v AL | TN v AR (Boys Only) |
| 9/19-20 | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date |
| 9/26-27 | AL v TN (Boys Only) | AR v AR | LA v MS | MS v LA | TN v AL (Boys Only) |
| 10/10-11 * | AL v AR | AR v AL | LA v TN (Boys only) | MS v MS | TN v LA (Boys only) |
| 10/17-18 | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date |
| 10/24-25 | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date |
| 12/5-6 | AL v TN (Girls Only) | | | | TN v AL (Girls Only) |
| 12/19-20 | Make Up Date | | | | Make Up Date |
| 1/16-17 ** | | AR v TN (Girls Only) | | | TN v AR (Girls Only) |
| 1/23-24 | | Make Up Date | | | Make Up Date |
| 2/27-28 | | | | | TN v TN (Girls Only) |
| 3/6-7 | | | | MS v TN (Girls Only) | TN v MS (Girls Only) |
| 3/20-21 | | | LA v TN (Girls Only) | | TN v LA (Girls Only) |
| 4/10-11 | | | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date |
| 04/24-25 | | | Make Up Date | Make Up Date | Make Up Date |
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* Any Girls team accepted to WAGS tournament will play their scheduled games on one of the Make Up Dates as determined by the PLC Committee.

**Note if any team has players playing in the ODP championship tournament the game will be played on the Make Up Date as determined by the PLC Committee.

Final schedule will be posted on www.r3plc.com