



## 2018-19 KPL STRUCTURE

### Overview

With the recent news of the expansion to the 11U Academy, the Kentucky Premier League wanted to review and update our overall League Structure to provide a more coherent and clearly defined composition of the league. The hope is this information will clearly allow clubs to better understand how the league will look in upcoming seasons in terms of participation in the KPL and other leagues and/or tournaments.

After a review of the structural options for KPL 11U Academy and the KPL, as a whole, by the staff of Kentucky Youth Soccer and the Technical Committee of the KPL, the recommendation was to create the following structure:

### League Structure – 11U and 12U KPL Academies (Promotion and Relegation System)

As the KPL expands to the 11U division, we wanted to make sure teams are in the best spot to succeed and develop through participation in the KPL. To achieve that goal, we will follow the structure below:

- **Divisions** – Teams will be accepted as per traditional KPL policies, and they will be divided into two divisions (Premier and First Divisions) of eight (8) teams and those teams will play each other once, for seven (7) total games, during the Fall season. Based on their performance in the Fall, the top two (2) teams from the first division will be placed in the Premier Division and the bottom two (2) teams from the Premier Division into the First Division for the Spring. Those teams will then play seven games to determine the champion of each Division.
- **Games and Travel** - To help alleviate some of the travel concerns we have heard from teams, clubs will be mandated to hold “Club Playdates” to allow multiple games to be played at the same location on the same day between multiple teams. This will allow a team that has to travel to get two games completed in any one day and as many as three in a weekend. KPL will help schedule these dates by coordinating with clubs to host these playdates and potentially creating travel partners. The idea would be to have upwards of four (4) of these “Club Playdate Weekends” in both the Fall and Spring allowing teams to complete their schedule in as few as four weekends. Clubs can further use these dates to schedule games in other divisions as well, which will help maximize our referee pool.

### League Structure – 13U and 14U

- **Divisions** - Beginning with the 13U and 14U Division, teams will be split into two divisions, Premier and First, following the traditional KPL Model. We will strive to have two divisions of eight (8) teams, and teams will play each other twice during the entire seasonal year (August-June). A Champion will be declared at the conclusion of the Spring.

### League Structure – 15U-19U

- **Divisions** – These divisions will follow the traditional model of up to eight (8) teams playing each other once through the season whenever possible. However, in order to fit the number of games into the recommendations of the technical committee of 6-10 games in these older divisions, the KPL reserves the right to modify as necessary. For example, if a division only has five (5) teams, they will play each other twice, or divisions may be combined, usually limited to 18U and 19U.