



## POLICY

### “Defining New Teams to the MRL”

#### ***Definition***

“New Teams to the MRL” shall be defined as follows:

Any team that did not compete in the MRL during the previous year of MRL competition.

For 2017-18, “New Teams to the MRL” shall include all of the following:

For the 2017 Fall Season, all Under 14 teams shall be considered “New Teams to the MRL”

For the 2017 Fall Season, any Under 15 and Under 16 teams that did not participate in the MRL during the 2017 Spring Season shall be considered “New Teams to the MRL”

For the 2017 Fall Season, any Under 17 through Under 19 teams that did not participate in the MRL during the 2016 Fall Season shall be considered “New Teams to the MRL”

For the 2018 Spring Season, any Under 14 team that did not participate in the MRL during the 2017 Fall Season shall be considered “New Teams to the MRL”

For the 2018 Spring Season, any Under 15 through Under 19 teams that did not participate in the MRL during the 2017 Spring Season shall be considered “New Teams to the MRL”

#### ***Movement of Coach and/or Player(s) to another Club***

In situations where the team coach and/or player(s) may depart a MRL team from a previous season and join or create another team with another club following the end of MRL season, the team shall be considered a “New Team to the MRL.”

#### ***Mergers/Consolidations***

In situations where there is a mutual desire to merge or consolidate teams or entire organizations/clubs/teams, the MRL at its sole discretion may review and determine whether such teams resulting in the merger or consolidations should be considered “Returning MRL Teams” or “New Teams to the MRL.” In such situations, the MRL at its discretion may request additional information in regards to this matter including but not limited to the rationale for the merger/consolidation, a guarantee on the number of returning MRL level players for the coming season and any other matter that the MRL deems pertinent in the review of this matter.