

Why Should Ohio South Have a State League?



- Vertical Integration.....A clear, structured process of qualification, promotion and relegation
- Simply, the qualification and subsequent movement of teams between league divisions must be determined by results on the field.....not by selection based upon opinion.
- Between the Regional League (MRL) and National League, the structure for promotion and relegation is objective, clear and concise. We now need to extend that process from the National and Regional League level to the State level
- [National League](#)
- [Midwest Regional League \(MRL\)](#)
- [Ohio South State League \(OSSL\)](#)
 - Clear, objective criteria for selection to the Ohio South State League
 - Clear, objective criteria for recommendation to the Regional League (MRL)
 - By doing so, we further highlight the importance of ALL GAMES in State Cup.....not just who wins the event and advances to Regionals
 - All games in Round Robin play are now critical.....reaching the round of 16 and round of 8 become a vital criterion for an invitation to the Ohio South State League.....and subsequently, an invitation to the Regional League (MRL)
- A true Ohio South State League uniting all teams in all districts
- Ohio South elite level programs that are integrated and complimentary to one another.....not isolated and in conflict with one another; State League, State Cup and ODP
 - Complimentary scheduling for all State Cup, State League and ODP events
 - Blackout dates for State League play to allow players to participate in ODP
 - Direct ODP evaluation and recommendation of players participating in the State league to ODP
 - Focused parent behavior and education campaigns
 - Focused coach behavior and education campaigns

At Ohio South, we have a lot of respect of some great things that are happening in some of our other state associations. Let Ohio South be a leader in U.S. Youth soccer.....let's be a model of integration, simplicity and unity.....let the other states follow our lead!