

South Carolina State Challenge/Premier League

League: Region III Premier League (max. 2 teams per state per division)

If you are a SCYSA State Challenge Cup Winner or 2nd Place Winner, then you will be asked to play in the Region III Premier League. If 1st or 2nd place decline the opportunity, then 3rd place will be asked. These teams must be comprised of the number of players listed in the chart below from the prior years 1st or 2nd place team. These two teams will be seeded 1st and 2nd in SCYSA State Challenge Cup based of their league record.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON LAST YEAR'S STATE CUP ROSTER	NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT MUST BE RETAINED FROM LAST YEAR'S STATE CUP ROSTER
22	12
21	11
20	11
19	10
18	10
17	9
16	9
15	8
14	8
13	7
12	7
11	6

If a team is not playing in the Region III Premier League, then they must play in the SCYSA State Challenge League to be eligible for SCYSA Challenge Cup.

Regardless of which league you play (Region III Premier League or the SCYSA State Challenge League) ---To be eligible for SCYSA Challenge Cup Play, a team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered youth players and the Team and its Affiliate Organization shall be in good standing with SCYSA. Any team having forfeited two (2) or more games during the current cup season shall be reviewed by the SCYSA Board of Directors and may be deemed ineligible for cup play. A team must compete in at least a four (4) team league during the current seasonal year and that competition shall consist of a minimum of one (1) game against each of three (3) different teams participating in the league. A team must demonstrate continuity on its roster by maintaining a minimum of nine (9) common players throughout the current seasonal year.

Seeding for First Round of State Cup will be based on each team's League results for the season just completed (min. of seven (7) league games). The Region III Premier League teams will be seeded first based on their record in the Region III Premier League. Then the next six teams will be seeded based on their record from SCYSA State Challenge League.

Entry Deadline Date-----Teams must play in the Region III Premier League or the SCYSA State Challenge League and must be entered to play by the leagues entry deadline.

CHALLENGE Cup: The two Premier League teams and the TOP six SCYSA State Challenge League teams **MUST** play in the Challenge Cup and all other SCYSA State Challenge League teams are finished with league and cup play. Teams participating in the SCSCCL and Region III Premier League must play in the same age group during cup play as they did during league play for their cup season.

- * Maximum of 8 teams will play in the Challenge Cup.
- * The first and second seed team will come from the Region III Premier League and the next 6 teams will come from the SCYSA State Challenge League seeded by their record.
- **If there is only one team in the Region III Premier League, then the next 7 will come from the Statewide League-seeded by their record. If no teams play in the Region III Premier League then all 8 teams will come from the SCYSA Challenge League.

Note: Highest seeded teams will play in their home district for the First Round of State Cup.