

CDYSL Guest Player Policy

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(for "USYSA" Age 9 through 19 Travel players only)

In order to help clubs reduce the potential for game forfeitures due to a lack of players, the CDYSL allows guest players for CDYSL spring season league play, with the following limitations

- Guest players must be from the same club
- There is a limit (excluding U19) to the number of guest players permitted per game.
- There is a limit to the total number of players playing in particular game when guest players are used.
- For safety reasons, we want to limit how many age groups up a guest player could go (ie. We don't want a 12 year old playing on a U17 team)
- To avoid "stacking" a team, we want to prevent players registered with a higher level team, either upper age group (U16 eligible player playing on U17 can't guest play on U16) or higher level team (A team player can't guest play on B team)

This policy only applies to the Spring CDYSL Games. A Guest Player's first obligation is to his/her primary team at all times.

Effective Spring 2011 of CDYSL will allow "USYSA" Player Ages 9 through 19 travel players to also play as "CDYSL Guest Players", for CDYSL games only, within their own club under the limitations outlined below.

Players wishing to apply for a League Guest Player Pass must submit a **Guest Player Pass Request** to register as a League Guest Player.

Player Eligibility: The following conditions must be met before a player can apply for CDYSL Guest Player status:

1. **League Guest Player status is restricted to USYSA PLAYER ages U-9 and older or regardless of the TEAM AGE for which the player is registered.** (U8 eligible players registered on a U10 TEAM roster are not eligible to apply for League Guest Player status)
2. Guest players must be officially registered as a primary player on a member club team roster.
3. Guest players may only be added to a secondary team registered with the same member club as the primary team. **Guest play between clubs is not authorized.**
4. The guest team cannot be a lower level than the player's primary team.
 - Guest players may not play below the U-age or division for which their primary team is officially registered: i.e. A U16 age eligible player registered on a U18 team may not guest play on U16 or U17 team
 - An A team player cannot Guest Play on the B team in the same age group is not allowed
5. **U9 through U15 USYSA age players may NOT request guest player status on a team whose TEAM age is more than 2 years older than their PLAYER age regardless of whether or not their individual club policies allow it.** (ie: A U14 age player registered on a U16 team may not apply to guest play on a U17 team).
6. Boys are not allowed to guest play on a team registered as a "girls" team.
7. Girls registered on a "boys" team as their primary team, may not guest play on a team in a girls division.

Registration Procedures for CDYSL Guest Players:

1. Download and complete a **Guest Player Pass Request** (available on the CDYSL website under forms - www.cdysl.org/forms).
2. Indicate any teams you wish this player to be eligible for as a guest player.
3. Attach a photo and turn the pass into the CDYSL office along with the approved roster of the players Primary team.
4. The League Office will review the eligibility, approve the request and laminate the pass. The CDYSL Guest Player pass will be laminated in different color. These passes are only valid for CDYSL play.

Game Situations under which League Guest Players may be used: Once a player is certified by the league as a League Guest Player or he/she may only play for the secondary team if the following conditions are met:

1. **The team requiring guest players for a particular game may not have more than 9 players (on U10 teams) or 11 players (on U12 teams) and 14 players participating in the game (for teams U13 and above) or including the added guest players(s).** This rule is imposed to avoid giving the team with the guest player(s) an unfair advantage over its opponent and to avoid unfair treatment of the rostered players of the primary team.
2. **The game day roster for the above mentioned team may not contain more than three (3) guest players**
Secondary passes/rosters identifying guest players for the game must be presented to the referee along with the Primary team rosters before the game begins. (Primary players not playing should be crossed off)
Exceptions:
 - **U10-U12 game day rosters will be limited to 2 guest players**
 - **U19 teams where there will be no restriction on the number of guest players.**
3. **There are no scheduling conflicts with the primary team.** In the event of a conflict or the player must participate in the game played by their primary team. **The player's first obligation is to his/her primary team.**

Summary of Guest Player and Game Day Roster Limits

USYSA Player Ages <i>Note: This age is listed in ()'s on the Official Primary Roster</i>	Maximum # of Guests per Game Day Roster	Maximum # of Players on Game Day Team Roster (including Guests)
U09 & U10	2	9
U11 & U12	2	11
U13 – U18	3	14
U19	<i>Not limited except by Player and Primary Team Age</i>	14

Use the following chart to determine Secondary TEAM ages eligible for Guest Play based on USYSA Player and Primary Team AGE

USYSA Player Age* <i>Note: This age is listed in ()'s on the Official Primary Roster</i>	U-AGE of Primary Team	U-AGE of Secondary Team Eligible for Guest Play
U09	U10	U10, U12
U10	U10	U10, U12
U11	U12	U12, U13, U14
U12	U12	U12, U13, U14
U12	U14	U14
U13	U13	U14, U15, U16
U13	U14	U14, U15, U16
U14	U14	U14, U15, U16
U14	U15	U15, U16
U14	U16	U16
U15	U15	U15, U16, U17
U15	U16	U16, U17
U16	U16	U16, U17, U18, U19
U16	U17	U17, U18, U19
U16	U18	U18, U19
U16	U19	U19
U17	U17	U17, U18, U19
U17	U18	U18, U19
U17	U19	U19
U18	U18	U19
U19	U19	U19

* For official USYSA Player age definitions or refer to the CDYSL website www.cdysl.org/agematrix
 OR Check age noted in ()'s on Primary team's official roster