



# EDEN PRAIRIE SOCCER CLUB

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### EPSC Guest Player Policy

Guest Players should be utilized when there is a true need to add to the team roster for a particular match including tournament play.

#### League Matches

**MYSA rule- 5 guest players only. TCSSL rule- 5 guest players.**

**U13-19,11 a side.**

<https://www.mnyouthsoccer.org/club-pass>

**Link above to MYSA Club Pass info.**

If the team has 14 of its regular roster available to play then guest players should not be required. By using guest players in this situation, we would be taking away key playing time from regular players. Examples- Team has 9 or less players-guest players up to 5. Team has 10 players-guest players up to 4 Team has 11 players-guest players up to 3 Team has 12 players-guest players up to 2 Coach does not have to use guest players if 12 or more are available from the regular roster, this is a coach decision.

Players may guest up to 1 year group older. Technical Director must approve guest playing 2 or more year groups up. TCSSL Players may guest play up, down or across levels. Players cannot play down in age.

Only EPSC players can guest play in EPSC league games (MYSA or TCSSL)

#### **U11-12, 9 A Side**

If the team has 12 players, it does not need guest players. Examples- Team has 9 or less regular players-guest players 3. Team has 10 regular players-guest players 2

Teams should utilize guests of the same age group whenever possible.

#### **U9-10, 7 A Side**

If a team has 10 players it does not need guests.

Examples-

Team has 7 or less players-up to 3 guest players Team has 8 players-up to 2 guest players.



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**Age eligible players may guest at any level. Guest across or up 1 year.**

### **Tournament Matches:**

Tournaments place a high demand on players with multiple game schedules and teams should try to maximize the roster size up to 18 players for u13 and older, 16 at u11-12. U9-10 Teams should look to roster at least 10 players.

Different tournaments allow different numbers of guest players, maximize the roster if possible. The same policy of age group players applies but a team may add lower age group players if needed. Check the individual tournament rules.

### **Non EPSC Players**

Coaches must get written approval (email) from other club coach or director to borrow players from other clubs.

### **EPSC Players Guest Playing Outside of EPSC**

Any EPSC player guest playing outside of EPSC, for another club, must get written approval from the age group Technical Director who must also notify the DoC

### **Below Age Group Guests:**

After exhausting own age group guest possibilities without being able to attain the desired match day roster number a team may offer guest opportunities to lower age group players who are deemed physically and emotionally ready to play up. Restrictions on numbers are the same as above.

### **Procedure of Invitations:**

Head Coaches of teams requiring Guest Player help will contact the Head Coach of the team containing potential guest players in person, by email or if no response by phone and notify the Technical Director. Players, Managers or Parents may not invite guest players. Once the Head coach of the releasing players team has agreed to specific guest players the team Managers may be involved in the process of supplying player passes. All passes must be returned to the releasing team as soon as is logistically possible.

### **Disputes:**

Any Head Coach who feels that the guest player policy is being abused or that another Head Coach is not working within the best interest of EPSC regarding Guest play ups should notify the Technical Director.

### **Penalties:**



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Head Coaches not following EPSC Guest Player Policy will attend a meeting with Director Of Coaching and Technical Director to discuss issues.

The player's best interests should guide all guest player decisions.

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