

Club Pass Rules (as they pertain to East Region)

Rule 101. DEFINITIONS

- (4) ***“Club” means an organization providing soccer to youth players that is a member of a State Association; provided however, a “club” need not have the word “club” as part of its official name.***
- (5) ***“Club Pass” means a US Youth Soccer pass which-***
(A) issued to a registered youth player by a club in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member

Per this rule a player who is REGISTERED with a club can receive a club pass as long as they were REGISTERED to the club before 10 days prior to the East NCS Regional Tournament for the National Championships Series competition and did not compete in the NCS competition for another club that year.

Rule 221. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 (5): ***A Team*** must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the league ***and every level*** of the National Championships competitions by maintaining a minimum of 11 players common to the roster of the team ***at every level of the competition.***

Continuity of roster MUST be demonstrated at every level of the National Championships Series.

Section 2. (a) (1) ***A club may issue a club pass to any youth player who is a registered youth player of the club before the team to which such youth player is to be rostered for the Regional level of the National Championships competitions submits its National Championships roster for its first competition at the Regional level.***

(2) Only at the State Association level of the National Championships competitions (but not at the regional and national levels of the competition –

A player who is a REGISTERED youth player of a club may be issued a club pass and then be rostered to a team for the State Association’s Cup Competition (ONLY) as long as this transaction is done before the freeze date of the State Association and or Regional League whichever comes first.

- (A) ***a team may roster any player not having a club pass of that team’s club*** if a written request, stating the reason why this action has been requested, has been made to an approved by the State Association on a form provided ***by it; and***
- (B) at the time a team’s National Championships ***competitions*** roster for ***competitions at the State Association level is determined under this rule, the team may not have more than 5 rostered youth who were*** previously rostered ***during the current seasonal year with a club other than the club of which the team is a member, the rostering of such youth players with such club shall be made in compliance with the rules of the State Association of which the club is a member.***

Five (5) previously rostered players (previously known as “transfer players”) is the max a team can put on their roster who come from a different club and must be done before either the roster freeze date of their State Cup or Regional League, whichever comes first.

Section 3. (a) ***in addition to the application of the club pass provisions of the policy, a team participating in the National Championships competitions may release involuntarily a player from its roster if the***

Rule 221. TEAM ELIGIBILITY (Continued)

player has violated bylaws, policies, or requirements of the Federation, US Youth Soccer, the State Association, or the member of the State Association through whom the player is registered.

A team can release players as long as they comply with the articles in Section 3 (a).

Section 3. Every team in the National Championships **competitions** shall have a team roster, a **National Championships roster determined under this rule based on the players on the team's roster**, and a game roster for every match or competition.

(1) Team Roster

A team roster shall have a minimum of 9 registered players on its roster at all times

(2) National Championships Roster

A team shall have a National Championships roster based on its team roster at the State Association level of the National Championships competitions, approved by the State Association where the team resides. **The team** roster may have up to 22 youth players on the roster **at all levels of the competitions**.

(3) Game Roster

The game roster shall be prepared by the team and submitted to the competition authority at a time set by the State Association for State Cup play, by the Region for Regional Cup play, and not later than 60 minutes prior to each scheduled game in National Championships play **at the national level**. The game roster shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of 7 players. Every player listed on the game roster must be included on the team's **National Championships** roster to be eligible to participate with the team **in the National Championships competitions**.

Numbers so stated in this rule MUST be adhered to by all teams

Section 6. The team must provide its **National Championships** roster for **National Championships competitions as follows**:

- (1) at the State Association level**, prior to the team's first National Championships game at the State Association level or no earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of that age group competition of the State level;
- (2) at the regional level, at the time of the team's registration for the team's age group competition at that level that shall be determined by the region which shall be no later than 7 days prior to the beginning of the team's age group competition at the regional level; and**
- (3) at the national level, at the time of the team's registration for the team's age group competition at that level that shall be determined by the National Championships Committee which shall be no later than 7 days prior to the beginning of that team's age group competition at the national level.**

Make sure you follow the dates set by your State Association, your Region for Regional Competition and for National Competition determined by the National Championships Committee.

Teams that complete in National Conference and wish to add Club Pass players to their roster for State Cup MAY do so ONLY IF (a) the player(s) are REGISTERED to the Club prior to the State Association freeze date and (b) National Conference League has ended prior to the State Association freeze date.

Section 7. (a) At the regional and national levels of the National Championships competitions, a team of a club may have on its National Championships roster an eligible player of that club who was not on the team's National Championships roster at the prior level of the team's National Championships competition.

(b) A player may be rostered to only one team's National Championships roster at each level of the National Championships competitions during the seasonal year.

Section 8. **A team may compete in only one age group of the National Championships competitions during the seasonal year.**

A team may club pass a REGISTERED youth player of their club (if said player was registered to their club no later than 7 days prior to their Regional or National Roster) so long as they comply with the designated club pass freeze date and the player's team has been eliminated from the previous NCS competition.

A player MAY NOT be rostered to more than one NCS roster for each level of the NCS. However, a player may be club passed to a team's Regional Championships roster (so long as they comply with the aforementioned club pass rules) and if that team is eliminated at the end of Regional Competition, be club passed to another team (so long as they comply with the aforementioned club pass rules) for the National Competition.

Rule 224. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. A player must be properly registered and rostered in accordance with the rules of US Youth Soccer and the State Association

Section 2. A **youth** player may be on the **National Championships** roster of only one team's at each level of the National Championships competitions **during** any seasonal year; **provided, however, that a youth player who was rostered to a team of a club at a National Championship competition level that has been eliminated and does not advance to the next level of the competition and who has been issued a club pass of that club in accordance with this policy may be rostered to another team of that club at the next level of the National Championship competitions. Subject to the foregoing, and subject to the provisions of Rule 221, Section 1 (5) at each level of the National Championships competitions, a team may add to its National Championships roster for that level as many registered youth players holding club passes of that club of which a team is a member as the team or its club determines so long as the roster does not exceed 22 players. A team may not change the club of which it is a member at any time after the commencement of the National Championship competitions and in any event only in compliance with the rule of the State Association of which the club is a member.**

Section 4. **The first National Championships roster of a team to which the player is rostered is the only team with which the player may participate at each level of the National Championships competition for a seasonal year.**

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A club team wins Regionals and will be going the National Championships: that team can now club pass a player (or players) in their club as long as said player (or players) were registered to the club at least 7 days prior to the National competition and the player's team has been eliminated from the previous NCS competition. Roster cannot exceed 22 players and must be in accordance with Rule 221, Section 1(5).

Even if a player is registered with more than one club that player may only club pass with the club in which they played State Cup (i.e. you dance with the one that brought you).

A player may only club pass to the club in which they were ROSTERED to for either State Cup or Regional League whichever came first.

Rule 241. PASSES, ROSTERS, AND UNIFORMS

Section 1. At the **State Association, regional,** and national levels of National Championships competitions, each player and team official listed on a team's **National Championships** roster must carry the US Youth Soccer member pass. **The member pass issued to a player shall be a club pass identifying the club by name or other appropriate means of identification.** The US Youth Soccer member pass must carry a current photograph of the player or team official, as the case may be, and be signed by the appropriate official of the State Association.

Section 2. Each player at the **State Association, regional,** and national levels of the National Championships competitions must be listed on the US Youth Soccer **National Championships** roster **for the players team for**

that level. All information listed on the **roster must be verified** by the appropriate official of the State Association and signed by that official **for each level of the National /Championships competitions.**

Section 3. (a) **The team's National Championships** roster and the US Youth Soccer member passes must be available at the game site at all times. The roster shall include the number of each player's jersey.

The only person who has to sign the member pass is that of the appropriate official of the State Association.

For every level of competition in the National Championships Series the player must be listed on their team's roster. Per the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors (BOD), players no longer have to sign the National Championships Competitions Roster – Adopted by the BOD on November 19, 2011.

National Championships Competitions Game roster and member passes **MUST** be available at game site at ALL times.