

# **CLUB PASS POLICY**

## **Recent Questions & Answers**

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**Question:** Please clarify the "competition level" limitation. Specifically, we have a U16 team that will compete in the state league, and a U18 team in SECL; Will the U16 players be able to utilize the Club Pass on the U18 team?

Answer: Yes. In accordance with the CLUB PASS POLICY, a player rostered to a U16 Premier team would be allowed to "PLAY UP" in age group. (i.e. a U16 premier player would be allowed up play up on a U17 or older team in classic, 1<sup>st</sup> division or premier league play).

**Question:** To clarify a player playing premier can not play state div one? Are the premier league and 1<sup>st</sup> Division classified as the same level or down in competition?

Answer: A player playing in premier cannot play down in the 1st division at the same age group. For classic leagues, a player MAY PLAY DOWN one competition level (revised 6.12.2005)

**Question:** If a player is "playing up" on their primary team (e.g. U16 player is rostered on a U18 team), can they "club pass" play for a lower age level team as long as the player is age appropriate? Specific example: U16 player rostered on U18 classic team: Can they "club pass" play on a U16 or U17 state league team?

Answer: Not permitted. The player must play at the age level or higher as indicated on the pass card. Therefore, it is important to determine which age level teams will permanently roster players.

**Question:** The change in the policy now permits a player to play down one competition level, what are the competition levels?

Answer: The change in the policy only affects the classic leagues. The change in the policy now permits a player to "play down" one competition level. The recognized classic leagues (of record) are

- Southeast Classic Girls League (A, B, C, D, etc.)
- MYRSL / Metro (A, B, C, D and all crosssubdivisions within a group)
- East Central (National / American)
- MAYSA (A, B, C, D, etc.)
- Central Wisconsin Soccer League
- Kickers Classic League (A, B, C, etc.)

**Question:** A new policy now permits teams at U17 and older to permanently roster up to 22 – players. How does this affect the club pass usage?

Answer: WI Youth Soccer Association's State Board of Director's adopted the 22-player roster as well as continued the allowance of the CLUB PASS. A U17 or older team may permanently roster 22-players. Only 18 players shall be listed for a game. A team may use up to 4 club pass players for a game (in addition to the 22 possible players listed on the roster). The 4 club pass players DO NOT have to be listed on the TEAM ROSTER but MUST be listed on the GAME DAY ROSTER. Please refer to the 22-PLAYER Roster policy for TEAM ROSTER and GAME DAY ROSTER definitions.

**Question: (added 7/27/2005):** Are U11 / U12 age divisions considered recreational or competitive and if competitive, what are the minimum roster sizes and can these age groups utilize the CLUB PASS?

Answer: U11 / U12 age divisions may be recreational or competitive. This may be determined by the league in which the team participates. According to US Youth Soccer's Policies on players and playing rules, U11 / U12 teams are recommended to roster a minimum of 11 players. U11/U12 teams cannot roster more than 14 players according to WI Youth Soccer policy. If the U11/U12 teams participate in a competitive league, the teams/club may utilize the CLUB PASS in accordance with the policy. As a reminder, U11/U12 teams must utilize the 8 versus 8 format. U10 and younger age divisions shall still be considered RECREATIONAL ONLY.

**Question: (added 8/1/2005):** A player is registered on a U15 classic team. However, her age eligibility would allow her to play U14. Is she eligible to play for a U14 State League Premier Team with a club pass?

Answer: NO. The player's age eligibility in this regard is dictated by the age level printed on the pass card for the team to which s/he is permanently registered. Although the CLUB PASS does permit players at the CLASSIC LEVEL to play down one competition level; this only applies if the player is permanently registered at their appropriate U-Age level.

**Question: (added 8/1/2005):** Can a player registered on a younger state league (Premier/1<sup>st</sup> Division) team play up in age group at any competitive competition level?

Answer: Yes. A player can play up in competition level. A player can play across in competition level. The revision in the policy now permits players registered at the CLASSIC LEVEL to play down one competition level (but not age level). The policy also permits, for example, a player permanently rostered at U14 State league (Premier/1<sup>st</sup> Division) would be eligible to "play up" at U15 on a classic level team.

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