



RIVER CITY ATHLETICS

Title: Roster Definitions & Expectations Policy	
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SCOPE All River City Athletics Players & Coaches

PURPOSE To create clear definitions of what each roster designation means and the expectations those designations should carry

POLICY This policy aims to create a structured and fair environment for all players, promoting skill development, teamwork, and positive experience for everyone involved in River City Athletics

PROCEDURE –

I. Player Classifications and Definitions

1. Full Rostered Players

These players have been selected through the team tryout process, have paid the full season fee, and have committed to attending all practices and games. They are expected to participate fully in all team activities and are prioritized for playing time and starting positions.

2. Training Players

These players are capable of playing but cannot commit to the full season's schedule. They attend practices to improve their skills and may participate in games when available. They pay a reduced fee and are considered supplementary to the full roster.

- 1. If a player takes part in more than half of the schedule league games, that player will be considered a full roster player, and the family will be asked to pay the difference of the fees
- 2. If a training player takes part in a tournament that player will be expected to pay the tournament fees similar to the full rostered player

3. Guest Pass or Player Pass Players

These players are invited for specific events, tournaments, or games. They may pay a per-game or tournament fee and are used to provide depth during times of player absence. They are not to start or reduce the playing time of full rostered or training players.

II. Playing Time Guidelines

• Full Rostered Players

These players are expected to receive the majority of playing time, with the goal of ensuring equitable participation across all players. Coaches should strive to provide substantial playing time, considering factors such as skill development, effort, and game situations.

- **Training Players**

Training players may receive playing time during games, but their participation ~~should~~ will not displace full rostered players. Coaches should use training players to provide depth and support, ensuring that full rostered players' playing time remains unaffected.

- **Guest Pass or Player Pass Players**

Guest pass players are not to start or reduce the playing time of full rostered or training players. Their role is to provide additional support during specific events or games, and their participation should be limited to these circumstances.

III. Player Expectations

- **Full Rostered Players**

- Commit to attending all practices and games.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, and respect for coaches and teammates.
- Actively engage in skill development and team activities.
- Communicate any absences or issues promptly to the coaching staff.

- **Training Players**

- Attend practices regularly to improve skills.
- Maintain a positive attitude and demonstrate respect for coaches and teammates.
- Understand that playing time in games is not guaranteed and is based on availability and team needs.
- Communicate any changes in availability to the coaching staff promptly.

- **Guest Pass or Player Pass Players**

- Participate only in the specific events or games for which they have been invited.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude and respect for coaches and teammates.
- Understand their role is to provide depth and support, not to displace other players.
- Communicate any changes in availability to the coaching staff promptly.

IV. Implementation and Compliance

Coaches are responsible for adhering to this policy and ensuring all players are treated fairly and equitably. Any concerns or violations of this policy should be reported to the respective Boys or Girls Director for review and resolution which can be in conjunction with the Director of Coaching or the Board of Directors.

Additional Information –

- Training players must be listed on an official roster with the governing body of youth soccer in Maine if they are going to play in any league games. If they are not listed on the official team roster, they are not eligible to play in any league games.
- Training players will count in the roster number/size toward the maximum number of players allowed in an age group.
- If the Training player is not going to play in any league game or tournament event they do not need to be placed on an official roster.
- Guest Pass or Player Pass Players must also be on an official league roster

REFERENCES

ATTACHMENTS

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This document was approved by the committee(s) noted below on the date(s) as noted: