

## **CLUB INDEPENDENT (CI) GUEST PLAYING POLICY – CI-POL-006**

### **PURPOSE**

To establish a policy and procedure for guest playing for Club Independent (CI), referred to in this document as the Club, so that each Club team appropriately acquires guest player(s), abides by various guest playing rules, and ensures that the guest player(s) is insured.

### **APPLICABILITY**

This policy and procedure contained herein is applicable when a team under the Club umbrella seeks to acquire a guest player. Failure to follow these guidelines will be grounds for corrective actions of up to and including expulsion from the Club.

### **DESCRIPTION OF GUEST PLAYERS**

A guest player(s) is defined as any player that is not listed on the Club approved team roster. A guest player(s) can be a player from within the Club or from outside the Club, depending on certain ASA guest playing and division guidelines, tournament guidelines, and Club guidelines.

### **ASA GUEST PLAYING**

ASA General Membership Rules (As of May 2019):

- According to *Section 3.11 Guest Playing* of the *ASA General Membership Rules (As of May 2019)*, guest playing rules are the following:
  - *The head coach desiring the participation of a player must direct a request in writing, phone call, or email to the head coach of the team that the player is currently rostered, or to the Director of Coaching of the player's club (This applies to guest players from outside the team's club/association).*
  - *The individual contacted must grant approval for participation prior to the player partaking in any event or activity. If the player's current coach or Director of Coaching does not grant approval, the player is not permitted to participate.*
  - *Non-compliance with the guest playing provision either by the coach or player shall be deemed unethical and subject to disciplinary action.*

Alabama State League (ASL) (DI and DII) Rules and Procedures (As of April 2019):

- According to *Section 5.4 Guest Players* of the *ASL Rules and Procedures (As of April 2019)*, guest playing rules are the following:
  - *Guest players are defined as players from another club (for ASL purposes only). Guest players are not allowed for ASA ASL games.*

### **TOURNAMENT GUEST PLAYING**

There are various tournaments that have various rules and procedures regarding guest playing. Each Club team, Club coach, and Club manager shall abide by all tournament guest playing/guest player(s) rules and regulations.

### **CLUB GUEST PLAYING**

In addition to the above referenced ASA and various tournament guest playing rules and regulations, the Club has implemented the following additions:

- A Club coach and/or Club manager shall not allow any guest player(s) to play that is registered on a recreational team/league or is not registered on any team/league other than an approved ASA club team.

- No Club coach and/or Club manager shall arrange or participate in any guest player(s) opportunity outside of the team that they coach or manage.
- No Club coach and/or Club manager shall disseminate any Club player(s) contact information and/or Protected Personal information (PPI) in any form to any other person and/or team (Club team or team outside of the Club) at any time without the written (by email and/or letter) permission of the player(s) parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- The appropriate paperwork (including player cards) shall be processed before a guest player(s) is allowed to play.
- No guest player(s) can play down to a younger age group (i.e. 2002 player cannot play down on a 2003 team and so forth).
- A guest player(s) can play up to an older age group (i.e. 2003 player can play up on a 2002 team and so forth) if there is compelling evidence that a player(s) skill is developmentally appropriate as determined by the Director of Coaching (DOC) and/or the team's head coach with the written consent of the player(s) parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).
- No male guest player(s) is allowed to play on a female team.
- A female guest player(s) is allowed to play on a male team.

### **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Every player registered under the Club is covered by the Alabama Soccer Association (ASA) Certificate of Liability Insurance issued by Pullen Insurance Services, Inc. The Club player(s) family insurance coverage is the primary insurance coverage for a Club player. The ASA Certificate of Liability Insurance acts as secondary insurance coverage for a Club player.

### **PLAYERS NOT COVERED BY THE ASA CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Any player that is NOT rostered on an approved ASA club team roster is not covered under the ASA Certificate of Liability Insurance policy and is NOT allowed to be a guest player on a Club team.

### **GUEST PLAYING PROCEDURE – AYSO (RECREATIONAL) TEAMS**

This is the procedure for any Club team that is scheduling a friendly with an AYSO team.

1. After a potential game date/time/location has been determined between the Club team and the AYSO team, the Club team shall request (at least two (2) weeks before the scheduled date of the game) an official roster from the Club (Club President at [club.independent.soccer@gmail.com](mailto:club.independent.soccer@gmail.com) or Club Registrar at [registrar.club.independent@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.club.independent@gmail.com)).
2. The AYSO Regional Commissioner (RC) will submit an approval official AYSO roster to the Club President at [club.independent.soccer@gmail.com](mailto:club.independent.soccer@gmail.com) or to the Club Registrar at [registrar.club.independent@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.club.independent@gmail.com).
3. The Club President or Club Registrar will submit an approved official Club team roster to the AYSO Region Commissioner (RC) and to the AYSO team coach, as needed.
4. After it is determined, by the Club and by AYSO, that each player from the Club team and the AYSO team is covered under either the ASA or AYSO insurance policy, the Club President or Club Registrar will notify the Club team and the AYSO team coaches that the game is approved or not approved.

If a Club team is wanting to schedule any other friendly with another recreational team, from an organization other than AYSO, the Club team shall notify the Club President at [club.independent.soccer@gmail.com](mailto:club.independent.soccer@gmail.com) or Club Registrar at [registrar.club.independent@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.club.independent@gmail.com)) at least two (2) weeks before the scheduled date of the game for approval.