

## **Guest Player Policy**

Guest players are important to the Club and our teams. Proactive communication and careful organization will help us all. Please follow the following steps when hosting guest players for your team.

1. When looking for a player(s), please look within SRU first. This means looking at the other team in your age group. If you cannot find a player in your own age group, then look at the age groups older and younger within SRU. (Remember that you may find a player on an older team who is playing up). In the younger age group, there are usually players strong enough to join the older group for a game or tournament. U9-U14 players, generally, can only play up one age. There are exceptions, but they need to be considered on an individual basis. High School aged players can play up 2-3 ages depending on level.
2. Please do not select the same player over and over again. Select different players throughout the year. Guest players have a great opportunity to develop new skills through this experience, please be supportive of the entire club by selecting different players for your team.
3. When a guest player joins a team, the original team players have priority and should play the most. Goalkeepers and sudden injuries at the event are an exception to this rule. If a guest player is traveling and incurring costs, it is important that he/she play a sufficient amount of time to make his/her experience beneficial. However, please ensure that the original team players receive the most minutes in the game.
4. Please communicate this policy to all of your players and their families. Also, share this information with guest players and their families to ensure that everyone has the same information about roles and responsibilities.

### **SRU player(s) that guest play:**

For U11-U18, SRU player(s) incurs no cost for local tournaments where there is no coaching expense for hotel and food. *\*It is assumed that the guest player is needed to fill out the roster and the guest player has his/her own team entry fee expenses to pay for the year.*

For U11-U18, SRU player(s) incur their portion of team expenses for tournaments that incur coaching expenses for flights, rental car, food, etc...for events outside the area.

### **Non-SRU player:**

For guest players outside the club, if the tournament is local, they will pay their portion of team expenses (entry fee, coach's expenses, team expenses, meals, hotel) plus \$75.00, with half going to the club and the other half going to the team. If the tournament is not in Northern California, the guest player will pay their portion of team expenses, plus \$150.00, with half going to the club and the other half going to the team. It is assumed that guest players want to attend an event because it is generally a college showcase. This means that teams have cost incurred and the club has cost incurred for colleges, bios, website, etc.