

NISL

Club Pass Policy and Procedures

Policy:

The Club Pass system allows teams to fill roster positions with players from other teams within the club. It is a great tool that provides additional playing time for players who may not be getting much time with their primary team, or who have proven capable of playing with a higher level or older age group team. Club Pass is also a tool for filling roster spaces on Premier level teams that may be short players due to injury or illness. It is NOT intended to move Premier players down to lower level teams simply to win matches.

Club Pass Defined by Indiana Youth Soccer:

Indiana Youth Soccer primary purpose of implementing the Club Pass includes providing development opportunities for players through “play up” experience. In embracing the spirit of the Club pass, NISL requires all teams follow Indiana Youth Soccer’s Club pass rules:

- 1) Players can not play down in level or age group. Players may only drop to a lower division of play if:
 - a. The player is coming back from an injury and needs rehabilitated.
 - b. The player is not getting significant playing time with the “first” team.
- 2) Players using the club pass may not exceed a maximum of two matches per day.
- 3) A maximum of 4 players may club pass per team each match. Those named as club pass players may change from match to match.
 - a. The number of eligible dressed players for each match may not exceed the team’s maximum roster size:
 1. Maximum roster size of 14 players for U11-U12 teams
 2. Maximum roster size of 18 players for U13-U14 teams
 3. Maximum roster size of 22 players for U15-U19 teams
 - b. U9/U10 teams are not limited on a number of club pass players, provided the maximum roster size of 12 players is not exceeded.

It is the responsibility of the coach to insure the Indiana Youth Soccer club pass policy is followed.

Please be aware of the Indiana Youth Soccer consequences of club pass abuse:

- 1) First Offense; A (2) game suspension and a \$500 fine to the club *
- 2) Second Offense; Coach is to be sanctioned as per Indiana Youth Soccer rules and a \$1000 fine to the club *

* Coaches will be held responsible for any violations of the above. NISL reserves the right to assess fines from the offending club(s). Indiana Youth Soccer may apply sanctions in regards to club pass abuse.

Further Club considerations in using the Club Pass system:

- 1) Please be considerate to families of club pass players through providing advance notice of player schedule changes or updates. A minimum of 2 weeks advance notice to families for game scheduling additions is recommended.
 - a. Although some unexpected circumstances may require last minute club pass players to be assigned, this shall NOT be standard practice.

- 2) The club pass should not be utilized to increase a player's number of matches. Utilizing the club pass should not increase a player's number of matches more than 150%.
 - a. Please keep in mind, increasing a U10-U14 player's matches beyond the recommended 20 per calendar year increases the risk of player's burn-out, overuse and fatigue related injuries, and is against US Soccer's Best Practices.

Coaches shall provide oversight of effective use of the club pass throughout the club. Use of club pass players will be documented to prevent the potential for abuse. Abuses will be forwarded to IYSA further action.

For more information on the Club pass please visit:

- <https://ssl.hammersoccer.com/Indiana/EmailSystem/eNewsletter/Photos/Club%20Pass-Indiana%20Youth%20Soccer.pdf>
- <http://www.indianayouthsoccer.org/Assets/Clubpass.pdf>