



Guest Player Policy:

The Clarksville Soccer Club recognizes that from time to time guest players may be needed to reduce the hardship on a team with few substitutes and/or excessive absences of rostered players. The following document explains the Club's position for utilizing guest players in any capacity. This policy applies to guest players who participate in tournaments, friendlies, league play, practices, trips, camps, or any other activity that the CSC team is a participant.

1. Participation in games and competitions are almost exclusively reserved for CSC members in good standing who are committed to attending practices. Therefore, priority for guest play should be given to other players within CSC. Coaches must consult with the Director of Coaching and ask other CSC team coaches for guest players before pursuing guest players from outside of CSC.
2. Guest players from inside or outside of the club should never be added for the sole purpose of gaining a competitive advantage in specific games or competitions.
3. Coaches should not invite guest players from outside of CSC for "recruiting" purposes. This would be a violation of Policy 26 of the Tennessee State Soccer Association.
4. Guest players should be utilized in situations of true hardship. Guest players may be used to replace existing rostered players that are unavailable to play in a game or tournament because they are out-of-town, injured, sick, or otherwise unavailable.
5. Guest players should only be used in games or competitions as necessary to avoid hardship. They should not take unnecessary playing time from existing team members, and therefore, they should be utilized as substitute players and not starters. Exceptions to this might exist if a team does not have enough players to field a complete team without the guest player or if a team is using a goal keeper from another team and existing team members are reluctant to fill that role.
6. The number of guest players used may not exceed the number of unavailable and rostered players for a specific game or competition.
7. Guest players may be utilized for creating additional playing opportunities for teams with large rosters if the addition of the guest player(s) creates an opportunity to play as two separate teams; thereby increasing the playing opportunities and playing time for all rostered players.
8. A CSC coach requesting an outside guest player from another club must obtain documented approval from that club's head coach or Director of Coaching indicating approval for the guest player to participate in specific CSC games, competitions, or other activities. The CSC coach must then obtain approval from their CSC DOC to utilize the outside guest player.

If a coach believes exceptional circumstances exist warranting a deviation from the Guest Player Policy outlined above, then that coach must notify the Director of Coaching of the exceptional circumstances. That coach must obtain approval for the deviation from the DOC prior to utilizing a guest player. If any request to deviate from this Guest Player Policy would violate Policy 26 of the Tennessee State Soccer Association, then this request to deviate will not be granted.

CSC permits its players to guest play with other Club teams, but only if the CSC player has written approval of their team's Head Coach and their Director of Coaching.