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## **Select Player Rule & Stipulations**

SYSA has implemented the Select player rule in an effort protect the recreational level and its essence from teams/coaches from overloading their rosters with higher level player. The number of lopsided scores have lead to poor experiences for true recreational teams and all SYSA club leaders have contributed to the rule as we now see it. Rosters must be formed in accordance to rule to be in compliance prior to the start of the season Sept 1 for Fall League or Apr 1 for Spring Soccer.

### **THE RULE/S**

#### **Rule 1.6**

Select players can join and play on existing Recreational teams. SYSA considers the definition of select players to include not only those who play on SYSA Seattle United Regional teams, but also on US Club Soccer teams as well, including Seattle Celtic, Emerald City and ANY club program that uses selection for forming the teams. All responsibility will fall on the coaches to confirm any and all select players on their roster and report them to their clubs and/or SYSA's registrars prior to the start of the season. (Refer to Rules of Competition - Rule 3.4.9)

#### **3.4.9 Dual Rostering Rule**

A U9 or younger player who participates in a junior academy program of the SYSA select and premier club may be dual-registered and rostered to a recreational team and club, and participate in an in-house league or in association league play.

Players registered and rostered to an SYSA select team or any other select club at U10 and above may, at the same time, be also registered, rostered and participate with an SYSA recreational team in association league play under the following conditions:

- a) The player participates with one and only one recreational team, in addition to the select team.
- b) For purposes of this rule, a select player is defined as a player on a team participating in the lower tier of select soccer, specifically, teams that participate with Seattle Regional

Select teams, Seattle Celtic, ECFC, BVB. Players participating with Premier level teams in other leagues are not eligible for dual-rostering. No Team may roster a Seattle United Premier or ECNL level player.

c) All dual-rostering must be approved by both the recreational club registrar and the SYSA registrar. The SYSA club along with the registrar and Executive director will consult to verify the player's participation is appropriate for recreational play.

d) A recreational team may have **NO MORE THAN THREE** select players total.

e) This rule applies to ALL select players registered both inside the association or other entities; and is the responsibility of the teams coach to confirm.

f) The select player must be rostered to the recreational team by September 30 of the current seasonal year and will be eligible to participate in both league play and the City Tournament. (No select players may be added to a recreational team after this date)

g) The SYSA registrar will maintain a list of SYSA select players participating under the Dual- Rostering Rule including the rostered teams.

h) If a team is found to have either too many select players or players that are ineligible, the coach will accept responsibility and be given until the next game to bring the roster into compliance by removing players. If the coach does not do this within the permitted time or if found to have egregiously broken the rule in either league or cup play, the team will be removed with no refund.

### **Disciplinary Action for breach of the Select Player Rule**

#### During League Play:

Step 1 - period of time remain before teams next game to bring the team into compliance.

Step 2 - forfeiture of all of the teams previous games if the team is not in compliance by next game.

Step 3 - removed form the schedule for the league for remainder of the season.

Step 4 - Second time a team is not in compliance during a league season the teams coaches will be banned from participation in SYSA programming for 1 year from the date of the incident.

#### During City Tournament:

Step 1 - Team is immediately disqualified for fielding an ineligible roster and thus eliminated from the tournament.

Step 2 - Second time a team is not in compliance during the City Tournament the teams coaches will be disqualified and and banned from entering the tournament for 1 year from the date of the incident.

## STIPULATIONS FOR BUILDING TEAM ROSTERS

### For all SYSA Citywide league Play, City Tournament & Spring Soccer

No more than **3 players (Total)** can be added from the following Select teams.

### ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Seattle United Regional Select players are eligible to play for Neighborhood Recreational teams. Each player counts towards the total of 3 select players on a teams roster.

<b><u>Seattle United Approved Team Names</u></b>	
Seattle United SH Blue	Seattle United NW Blue
Seattle United SH White	Seattle United NW White
Seattle United South Blue	Seattle United NW Gold
Seattle United South White	Seattle United NW Black

Seattle also has a small number of clubs outside of our affiliation to WYS and US Youth. Players from these are welcome to register and play within SYSA. However, these players are included in the total count of select players on a teams roster (No more than 3 select players total permitted).

<b><u>Other Non SYSA Eligible Select Teams</u></b>			
ECFC Green	Celtic Green	Celtic Orange	Celtic DPL
ECFC White	Celtic White	Celtic Black	BVB Academy
ECFC Blue	Celtic Gold	Celtic EA	Seattle City FC

### NON-ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Players from the following Premier & ECNL/ECRL teams are **NOT** eligible to play on a neighborhood Recreational team at any point of the season.

<b><u>Seattle United Affiliated Team Names</u></b>	
Seattle United Copa	Seattle United Samba
Seattle United Tango	Seattle United Nova
Seattle United ECNL	Seattle United ECRL