

## MCYSA Guest Player policy

**9/6/18 edit to align with US Soccer Connect upgrade, permission for 10U, and flight ranking**

**9/9/17 edit to align with the Blue Star Sports NJYS Membership Process**

**11/13/16 Initial implementation**

MCYSA permits players to be a guest player on another team (without being secondary carded onto the roster), for league and league cup events, subject to certain criteria as described below (“Guest Player”). The goal is to permit players with abilities to play to their highest level without impacting the competitive balance of league and league cup play. By complementing the current player membership policies with the permission for Guest Players without a secondary permission, MCYSA is providing clubs with the flexibility to supplement rosters to reduce forfeits, avoid playing short, and facilitate completion of a season. The permission to Guest should always be considered prior to seeking a secondary permission within your club.

MCYSA will permit Guest Players when:

- A player has a NJYS Membership Pass and is rostered on a MCYSA team (“Primary Team”) and is invited to be a Guest Player on another MCYSA team (“Guest Team”) within the same NJYS club.
- Both the Members team and the Guest Teams are playing within MCYSA during the current season.
- Players maintain allegiance to the Primary Team with respect to scheduling, practices & games.
- Players are rostered on a 10U (new Spring ’18) or older team, subject to the following limitations:
  - A player may be a Guest Player for a same gender team no more than 1 to 2 years older than her/his birth year.
  - A player on a “B” team may be a Guest Player for the club’s “A” team that is playing in a flight higher than the “B” team in the same age bracket.
  - A female player may be a Guest Player on a male team in the same age bracket or 1 to 2 years older than her birth year.
  - When the US Soccer Connect (Stack Sports) permits due to Guest Player Rules (settings) that align with this policy.

Players are **not** permitted to be a Guest Player when:

- The Guest Team is affiliated with a club different from the player’s Primary Team.
- A player plays for a team outside of MCYSA’s current season.
- A player has primary card to an “A” team in a club and attempts to be a Guest Player to the “B” team in the same age bracket and gender.
- The Guest Team’s game is scheduled for a time like that of the player’s Primary Team, which would result in reducing the player’s availability to the Primary Team.
- ~~When a team is playing League Cup at the 8U-14U ages (removed Spring ’18)~~

- The Guest Team is playing in the same League Cup Bracket (Age & Gender) as the player's Primary Team. A Guest Player cannot play on more than one team participating in league cup at the same age bracket and gender
- When the Blue Star Sports (Bonzi) restricts due to Guest Player Rules (settings). The following settings were set at the August 2017 LC meeting;
  - Show guest player names and other information on rosters. Guest player will be chosen by the coach or club before printing. No write in fields are permitted to be used for Guest Players.
  - Maximum Games; Don't allow a Guest Player to appear on a team's Game Day Roster more than 10 times in this event
  - Maximum Teams; Don't allow a Guest Player to appear on Game Day Rosters for more than 5 teams.
  - Max Guest Player; 4 Guest players may appear on each Game Day Roster
  - Do not allow Guest Player to be rostered to a team in a lower Division
  - Guest Player can only play up a Division 99 times (unrestricted)
  - Guest Player can't be rostered to a Game Day Roster for a game less than \_\_\_ hours from last game (this setting not checked due to unfamiliarity of the system, the MCYSA Games Chair will monitor this setting's benefit to police use of a Guest player when their responsibility is to play with their primary team)

#### General game day instructions:

- The Guest player must print on the electronic created Game Day Roster (no write ins permitted)
- Clubs do not have to notify MCYSA prior to the use of a Club Guest Player.
- Game day procedures are the similar for Guest Players as primary Membership or secondary permitted players.
- The coach shall identify to the opponent and referee prior to check-in that a Guest Player(s) will be participating.
- The Guest Player's membership pass # information must appear on the game day roster.
- The Guest Player is required to present their Membership Pass during the pre-game check-in.
- The Guest Team must have onsite a copy of the Guest Player's Primary Team's NJYS roster to evidence that the player is an active player in MCYSA (if not on-site can be verified by the MCYSA Registrar or discipline will result)
- The Guest Player shall have a unique uniform number (or mark) for participation in the match.

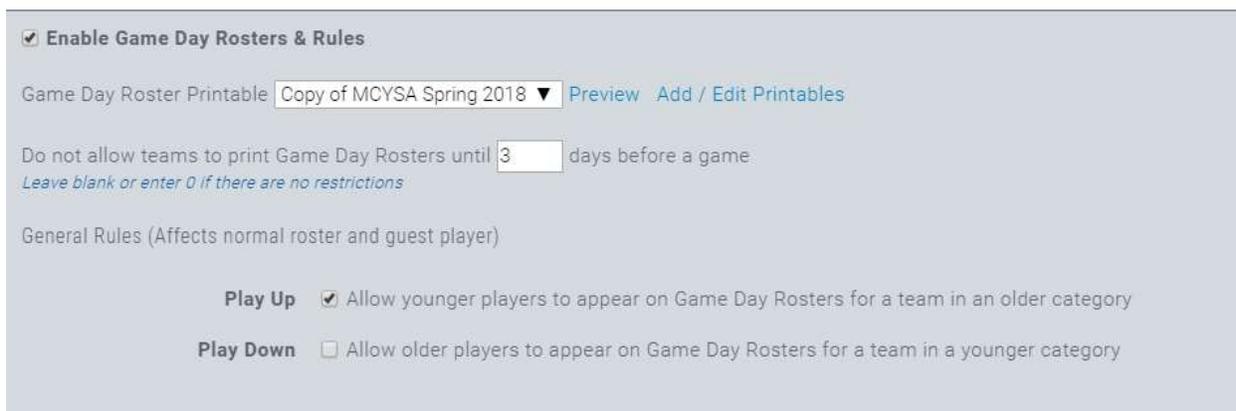
#### Protests:

- Any protests should be raised to the club's League Contact who then will notify the League's Games Chair, Discipline Chair and Registrar of the suspected violation and request a review.
- The request shall include the copy of the game day roster and the names of the Guest Player(s) in question.
- In the event that a player does not meet the criteria set above, the Games Chair will determine the outcome of the match and the Discipline Chair will determine any potential forfeit, fines,

and disciplinary action on the club, coach(es), and player(s) involved. In addition, club sanctions may be imposed, e.g., restricted use of Guest Players for the remainder of the seasonal year across the entire club (Fall through Spring).

- Once final standings are declared, no further protests will be heard.

#### US Soccer Connect – Game Day Roster Settings as of the day of this policy update 9/6/18



**Enable Game Day Rosters & Rules**

Game Day Roster Printable  [Preview](#) [Add / Edit Printables](#)

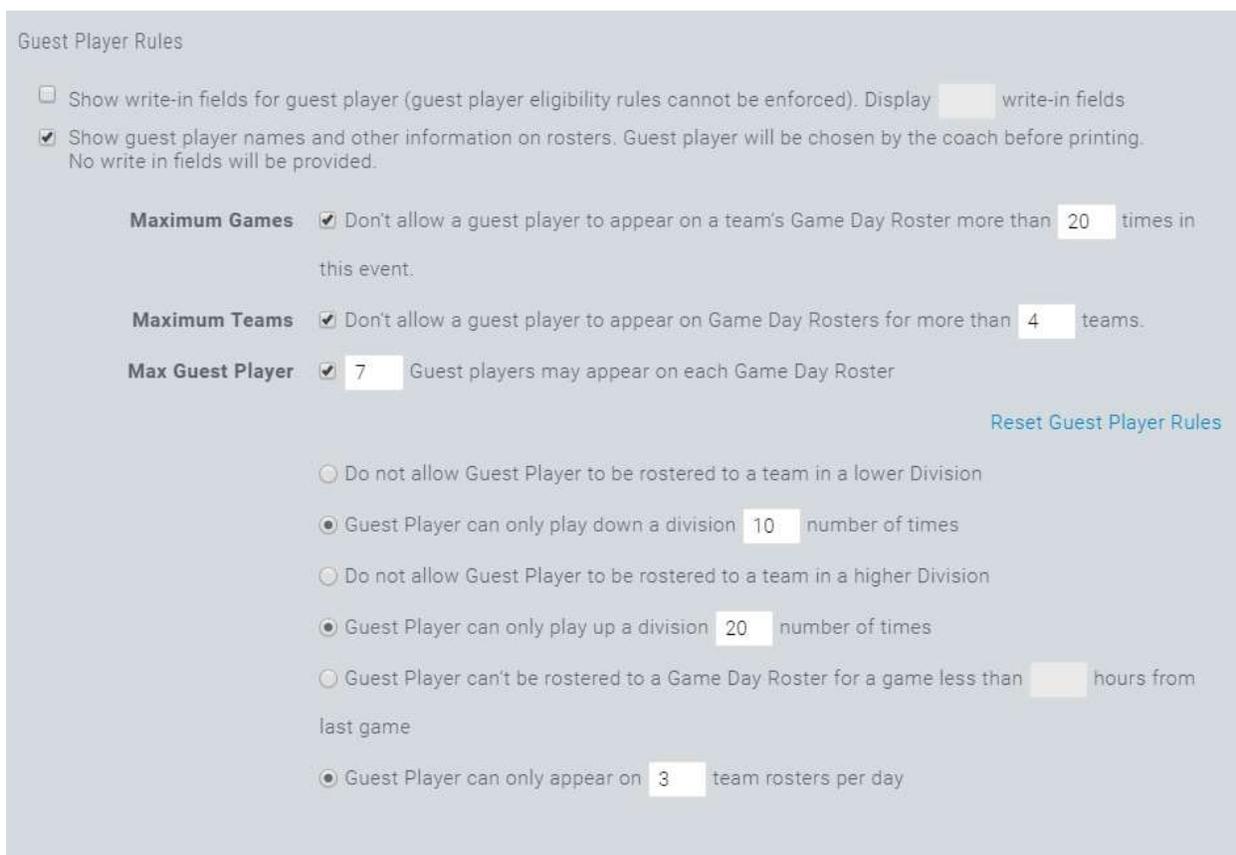
Do not allow teams to print Game Day Rosters until  days before a game  
*Leave blank or enter 0 if there are no restrictions*

General Rules (Affects normal roster and guest player)

**Play Up**  Allow younger players to appear on Game Day Rosters for a team in an older category

**Play Down**  Allow older players to appear on Game Day Rosters for a team in a younger category

Figure 1 Setting as of 9/6/18



Guest Player Rules

Show write-in fields for guest player (guest player eligibility rules cannot be enforced). Display  write-in fields

Show guest player names and other information on rosters. Guest player will be chosen by the coach before printing. No write in fields will be provided.

**Maximum Games**  Don't allow a guest player to appear on a team's Game Day Roster more than  times in this event.

**Maximum Teams**  Don't allow a guest player to appear on Game Day Rosters for more than  teams.

**Max Guest Player**   Guest players may appear on each Game Day Roster

[Reset Guest Player Rules](#)

Do not allow Guest Player to be rostered to a team in a lower Division

Guest Player can only play down a division  number of times

Do not allow Guest Player to be rostered to a team in a higher Division

Guest Player can only play up a division  number of times

Guest Player can't be rostered to a Game Day Roster for a game less than  hours from last game

Guest Player can only appear on  team rosters per day

Figure 2 Settings as of 9/6/18

