

Davis Legacy Soccer Club

Guest Playing Policy

This policy provides the necessary structure for allowing guest players to play on/with existing Davis Legacy Soccer Club (DLSC) teams, and for allowing DLSC players to guest play for another club.

General Recitals

- DLSC teams are formed under the concept that there are sufficient players selected to avoid the need to utilize guest players.
- DLSC members on each team pay a significant amount of money for participation on that team, and within the club, and therefore should be the beneficiaries of playing time opportunities within the club.
- DLSC also strives to provide playing time opportunities to club players with outside teams and clubs to the extent possible.
- DLSC recognizes that there are circumstances that necessitate the use of guest players by a team.
- DLSC recognizes that an appropriate policy is needed to guide the decision-making process surrounding guest playing decisions.

Policy

Section 1. General

- Guest players should not play over existing members of the team unless they are playing a position no other player can play. Ex Goalkeeper.
- Guest players must play in the game.
- The loaning coach should choose the players that will guest play and not the manager or borrowing coach.

Section 2. League Games

- For U9-U12 teams: if 3 subs are available, guest players may not be needed.
- If a team has less than the minimum number of able-bodied individuals, and therefore needs a guest player or multiple guest players for the upcoming game, the team shall pull from players within the DLSC. This includes players from the ~~second~~ team in the same age group, if applicable, or from the younger age group red team, then white, then black.
- If the team is missing a goalkeeper for their upcoming game, for any reason, that team may use a guest goalkeeper from another team within the club even if the team meets the minimum number of able-bodied individuals capable of playing.

- Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Executive Director, or his or her designee, from granting an exception to the minimum number of able body individuals capable of playing, if in his or her professional opinion a valid reason not contemplated here arises.

Section 3. Tournaments

- A coach seeking to use a guest player for a tournament must first seek to utilize players from within the club. This includes players from the second team in the same age group, if applicable, or from the younger age group red team.
- If a team is missing a goalkeeper for their upcoming tournament for any reason, they may use a guest goalkeeper from another team within the club, even if the team meets the minimum number of able-bodied individuals capable of playing.

Section 4. Guest Players from Outside the Club

- If players from the second team in the same age group or the younger team are unavailable due to their own team's schedule or if they do not wish to participate, the coach may then seek to obtain guest players from outside the club. The coach must obtain approval from the Executive Director or their designee to use a player from outside the club.
- Under no circumstances can a coach approve the use of a guest player on their own.
- All applicable US Club loan player forms must be completed and signed by the Executive Director or their designee.
- Any guest player from outside the club who has been approved to participate in an upcoming tournament with a DLSC team shall only be allowed to train with the team during the week leading up to the event. At no time shall a guest player from outside the club train with a team for a period that exceeds one week. This requirement applies to each event for which the outside player is approved to participate.

Section 5. Guest Playing with Another Club

- Any DLSC player invited to guest play for a team outside the DLSC must obtain approval from the Executive Director or their designee before participating with that club/team.
- All guest players playing outside the DLSC for another club must be authorized via the required US Club loan forms. Such forms must be signed by the Executive Director or their designee.

Section 6. Handling of Reported Violations of Guest Playing Policy

- The DLSC President shall address all reported concerns and violations and notify the DLSC Board of Directors within ten business days of receiving the report of a concern or violation.
- All reported concerns/violations will be promptly investigated by the League President and the DLSC Executive Director. If a violation is confirmed, appropriate corrective

action will be implemented. The DLSC President and the DLSC Executive Director may, at their discretion, recommend corrective action necessary to remedy the violation to the Board of Directors for approval, if, in their opinion, it is warranted by the nature of the investigation. In addition, any action taken must include a conclusion and/or follow-up with the complainant to ensure complete closure of the concern.

- Anyone reporting a concern must act in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates an improper conformance to the policy. The act of making allegations that prove to be unsubstantiated and malicious, reckless, or made with foreknowledge that the allegations are false, will be viewed as a serious offense and could result in discipline, up to and including dismissal from participation with DLSC.
- All reports of concerns/violations, and investigations pertaining thereto, shall be kept strictly confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation. Disclosure of reports of concerns to individuals not involved in the investigation will be viewed as a serious offense and may result in discipline, up to and including dismissal from DLSC. Such conduct could also give rise to other actions, including civil lawsuits.

Section 7. Acknowledgement of Policy Contents

- Each Coach shall sign and acknowledge the receipt of this policy at the beginning of each season for their team. The signing shall be done simultaneously with the execution of the coach's contract for the upcoming season.
- Each team manager shall also receive a copy of the policy at the beginning of each new season for their team. This shall be done during the initial team meeting following the formation of the team.