

## **Magic City Soccer Guest Player Policy and Procedure**

The Magic City Soccer Club believes that team unity and cohesiveness are critical to team success and to individual player development. Commitment to one's assigned club team should be any player's first sports priority during the club season for that team. This includes a solid commitment to make training sessions a first priority and to fully participate in all competition opportunities selected by or assigned to that team by the organizations or leagues to which that team belongs. As such, Magic City Soccer Club policy prohibits guest player status for active club members on teams other than their assigned club team during the season for that assigned team. This includes both preseason and post season training and competition. However, the club recognizes that occasionally exceptional circumstances arise where an individual player may be considered for guest player status on a team outside the player's assigned club team during the club season.

Parents and players may request a guest player policy waiver to allow a player to 'guest play' on a team other than the assigned club team according to the following policy.

The athlete and parent/guardian must initiate the application process for guest player status by submitting a completed guest player application in writing to the club office at least 14 days prior to the applicable competition date requested in the guest player application. The player, or player's parent or legal guardian, must notify the Magic City club coach prior to submitting the written waiver application to the club office. Documentation or verification of the coach notification may be required during consideration of the application. The written application must include the completed parental consent form and player information sheet with complete current contact information as well as a letter stating the reasons why the player should be considered for guest player status. Upon receipt of a properly completed application at the club office, the Magic City Coaching Committee (consisting of the Director of Coaching, Club Executive Director, and the Directors of Competition) will review the application and consider its merits. After consideration and decision by the committee, the Director of Coaching will notify the player and parent/guardian of acceptance or denial of the request at least 7 days prior to the date of the competition.

Factors considered in evaluating the request will include, but not necessarily be limited to, the effect on roster size and viability of the club team for competition on that date (if applicable), the availability of other competition options for the player on the date, prior established history with the team requesting the guest player, the feasibility of that team's roster size for the target competition, the relative level of competition for both the club team and the requesting team, and the appropriateness of the level of competition considering the skill level and physical ability of the player.

If the Guest Player policy waiver is granted, the player will be required to notify both affected coaches (the player's club coach and the coach of the team requesting the guest player) and to obtain all necessary documentation including any official rosters, travel documents, player cards, or other items as required by MYSA or other state organization, the director of the tournament or competition in which the guest player will be competing, or any other organization with governing authority over the team accepting the guest player.

**GUEST PLAYER POLICY WAIVER REQUEST FORM & GUEST PLAYER INFO**

Please fill out the following two pages in ink completely and legibly. Incomplete forms will NOT be accepted. This Form Must Be Submitted 14 days Prior To The Date of Competition for Which Player is Requesting Guest Player Status.

The MAGIC CITY SOCCER CLUB (MCSC) requires permission from a parent/guardian for any soccer player to guest play on any team other than the assigned Magic City Club team.

This request must be approved by the Magic City Coaching Committee.

I, as parent/guardian, request permission for a waiver of the Magic City Soccer Club Guest Player Policy. I have read and understand the policy and believe there is good cause for the waiver. I accept responsibility for compliance with the policy as stated.

I request permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, currently a member of club team \_\_\_\_\_ to participate with \_\_\_\_\_(team) at \_\_\_\_\_(location/competition) on \_\_\_\_\_(date).

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Parent/Guardian Signature      Print Name      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player Signature      Print Name      Date

Approved to Guest Play:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MCSC Director of Coaching      Print Name      Date

**GUEST PLAYER CONTACT INFORMATION**

PLAYER NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH

\_\_\_\_\_

GENDER M / F

CURRENT MAGIC TEAM and COACH (include contact information)

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TEAM REQUESTING GUEST PLAYER and COACH (include contact information)

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PARENT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

MAILING

ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY

\_\_\_\_\_

ZIP

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E-MAIL

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HOME PHONE

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CELL PHONE

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WORK PHONE

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REASON FOR REQUEST:

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