

Tournament Roster Guidelines, Guest Player Policy, and Attendance Impact



1. Tournament Roster Management

When managing tournament rosters, Evolution Soccer Club focuses on the development and advancement of our players within our program. Our initial step in preparing for tournaments is to evaluate the current roster to determine if any modifications are necessary. If the roster is short, we promote players from within the club before looking for external options.

Selections for tournament participation will be based on each player's merit, attitude, commitment, and overall readiness to compete at a higher level. This approach ensures that we build a strong, cohesive team while providing our players with valuable opportunities for growth and advancement.

Promoting Players from Within

When evaluating players for tournament call-ups, we consider the following factors:

- **Technical & Tactical Ability** – Demonstrated proficiency and understanding of the game at the next level.
- **Work Ethic & Commitment** – Consistent effort and dedication in training and games.
- **Coachability & Attitude** – A positive approach to feedback and a growth mindset.
- **Team Needs** – Ensuring the promoted player enhances team dynamics and cohesion.

2. Guest Players as a Last Resort

While we strive to fill roster spots from within, there may be instances where guest players are considered, such as:

- Injuries or absences significantly impacting team depth.
- Special tournaments or showcases where additional players are needed to remain competitive.
- A temporary need to fill a specific positional gap that cannot be addressed internally.
- Financial limitations that necessitate seeking external players to fill roster spots.

Guest players will only be used when all internal options have been exhausted. When selecting guest players, preference will be given to players who align with the club's playing style, values, and long-term development goals.

3. *Training Attendance and Its Impact on Roster Spots*

At Evolution Soccer Club, consistent and on-time attendance at training sessions is vital for both player development and team success. Regular participation not only fosters individual growth but also significantly impacts roster spots and playing time for tournaments.

Attendance Expectations for Tournament Selections

- ***Timeliness and Preparation:*** Players are expected to arrive on time and be fully prepared for each session, including wearing the appropriate gear and being mentally engaged.
- ***Impact on Playing Time:*** Frequent tardiness or absences can reduce playing time during tournaments. Players who regularly miss training may see their roster positions affected, as coaches prioritize athletes who demonstrate commitment and readiness, including guest players when necessary.
- ***Selection Considerations:*** Players who consistently arrive late or miss training without valid reasons will be affected by reduced playing time and may also be overlooked for promotions or opportunities as guest players in tournaments.

By maintaining high standards for attendance and commitment, we create a competitive environment that not only helps players grow individually but also strengthens the team's overall cohesion. Our aim is to ensure that all players have the best chance to contribute and excel during tournaments.