

# CYO Guest Player Policy

## League guest players will be allowed under the following conditions:

1. Teams may use a maximum of two (2) guest players per game for any CYO league game. The players must be rostered to a CYO team and may only guest for a team within their own school.
2. A player can only guest play for a team in the same age group that competes in the same or higher division as the division of the team for which the player is rostered or on a team in an older age group.
3. The guest player's regular coach has an option to grant permission for his/her player to be a guest player. Permission will be considered granted when the player arrives at the game.
4. A guest player cannot play in more than two games a day and must have at least the time equivalent of a one game break between games in which he/she plays.
5. A guest player must honor the commitment to the team to which he/she is rostered and is not permitted to miss any part of the game of their rostered team in order to guest play.
6. A team cannot ask or encourage a rostered player to miss a game in order to use or make room for a guest player.
7. **The coach who is using the guest player must notify the Referee and the opposing coach they are using a guest player(s). A player may not guest play without notification prior to the start of the game.**
8. No guest player is permitted to play in any league game without prior permission.
9. The uniform of the guest player must be the same as the team for which they are guesting. A guest player ejected from a game which they are guesting will serve the suspension in the next regularly scheduled game and cannot play for another team during the suspension period. **An individual player may only serve as CYO League Guest Player 2 times per season.**
10. **Guest players are not permitted during tournament.**

These rules have been established to allow a team to account for injury, illness or a lack of sufficient numbers on a team and to discourage players of a higher age or grade from playing "down". These rules will benefit all school by allowing players to help fill in gaps where needed. By limiting the amount of time a player is allowed to guest will also prevent a coach from "stacking a particular game".