



# North Puget Sound League Player Pass Operating Procedure

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Washington Youth Soccer (WYS) incorporates the option for WYS-sanctioned leagues to use the player pass within league play. The NPSL will only permit per the Player Pass as per outlined in this Operating Procedure.

## NPSL Required Player Documentation:

- A) A player must hold a valid player card for a club within the association of the team for which they are seeking to play on a pass (This is a WYS rule). Players from higher division NPSL teams may be used on a pass to a team in a lower division at the discretion of the NPSL Director of competition. However, use of the Player Pass by coaches to manipulate rosters for the express purpose of winning matches, at the determination of the NPSL Director of Competition and Board, will not be tolerated and may subject the team to disciplinary actions. Players from higher division teams should be those less skilled players needing more playing time and should not be accorded more playing time than the normally rostered players on team. Players may also be played up from lower age groups into higher age groups on pass.
- B) Players rostered on teams participating in the RCL are not eligible to play in NPSL matches using the player pass. Exceptions may be granted under exceptional circumstances as approved by the Director of Competition and the Operations Committee. The Washington Youth Soccer Player Pass can also be used outside the NPSL matches by players rostered to NPSL teams that wish to participate in RCL teams within their Associations & Clubs. Please refer to your club or association policies for further details on this option.

## Procedure and Roster Requirements:

- A) All player passes must be approved by the Director of Competition no later than 24 hours prior to the game. Email should be sent to [yshabash@comcast.net](mailto:yshabash@comcast.net). Required information includes number of regularly rostered players available to play, player name wishing the pass, information on the team to which the player is rostered including age group, league and division.
- B) Coaches must notify their opposing coach no later than 10pm the night prior to the match that a player pass is being used for a particular game and will note on the game roster which players on the roster are being used on a player pass using the NPSL Roster for Players on Player Pass
- C) When the team roster number for a given weekend is under 14 players for U13 and above, under 12 players for U11 &12 and under 11 players at U10, a team may request players on pass **only** to bring roster numbers up to 14, 12 or 10 players respectively. Any player listed on the roster for a given game is counted against the final number **regardless of whether they play in the game or not**. If players are not fit or unavailable to play they should not be on the game roster and should not be **suitied up** on the bench. Injured players or otherwise unavailable players are welcome, however to support their team from the bench.
- D) In the event of goalkeeper injury, a goalkeeper on a pass can be requested even if the roster number with the field players is above 14, 12 or 11. The goalkeeper on pass must however **only** play in goal.