

Wellesley United Policy on Guest Players in BAYS

This policy guides how Wellesley United Soccer Club (WUSC) manages guest players for BAYS matches. Please see the [BAYS policy](#) for key rules and eligibility for guest players. Key tenets are that players:

- Must prioritize playing for the team they are rostered on
- Can play up or in the same Division/Section in their own grade group
- Can play up one grade group level at the same or above Division as their current grade Division

Eligibility

A player must be in good standing with their BAYS rostered team and meets the BAYS eligibility defined above. If the player's rostered team has a match the same day, they will only be deemed eligible to be a guest player if they have confirmed their attendance to their rostered team's match in TeamSnap.

Process for coaches to request guest players

If a coach determines that they will not be able to field a competitive number of players for a match, they may request one or more guest players from WUSC. The request must be made via an email to the WUSC General Manager and Director of Coaching up to 3 days prior to the match date. Coaches must have the following number of regularly rostered players committed to attending the match before making a request.

7v7: 5-7 regularly rostered players committed

9v9: 7-9 regularly rostered players committed

11v11: 9-11 regularly rostered players committed

Coaches may not request specific players from other teams. WUSC will make all decisions regarding guest player participation.

Selection of guest players

Once a request for guest players is made to WUSC, the selection of those players will be made at the sole determination of the WUSC General Manager (or his/her designee) in collaboration with the Director of Coaching, the appropriate girls/boys director, and the age group coordinator. The criteria they will use to make this selection include:

- Player availability and eligibility (see above)
- Prior season coaches and tryout ratings
- Number of prior guest player appearances

Accepting a guest player position

If an offer is extended to participate as a guest player, parents must respond to the offer within 24 hours or WUSC will assume the player cannot participate and will offer the spot to another player.

Playing guidelines

Guest players fall under the same equal time playing guidelines as regularly rostered players on the team. Players must also prioritize their rostered teams match over appearing as a guest player for another team.