

# Memo



**To:** U7-U19 Team Personnel, Zone Directors and Staff  
**From:** SYSI Office  
**Date:** Fri May 08, 2026  
**Re:** Permit Player Rules

Dear Team Personnel, Zone Directors and Staff,

The following rules are included in the [SYSI League Operating Rules and Regulations](#) in sections 13.0 Permit Players and 14.0 Game Sheets and have been adapted to a memo with the purpose of bringing more attention and awareness to these rules.

**Definition:** A permit player is one who is playing temporarily with a team other than the one with which the player is currently affiliated.

**Mini Soccer U5 to U9:**

U7-U9 mini teams may use the services of a permit player registered with another mini team in a younger age group provided that the permission of the legal guardian and coach of the permit player is obtained.

If teams have less than 6 players (U5/U7) and 7 players (U9) at a game, they can speak to the opposite team’s coach about using/borrowing the opposition’s players for purposes of the game. Example, if two U7 teams, A and B, are scheduled to play, and team A has fewer than 6 players, team A’s coach can ask team B’s coach about using players from team B for that game to even out the roster numbers for the purposes of the game. The rationale behind adopting this permitting rule is that there are no scores and standing at these age groups, and having this rule in place allows for the game to proceed, allows for more children to get playing time, and touches on the ball, as well as, looks out for the health and safety of the team who is short players so that players are able to take appropriate breaks throughout the game. (Added Jan 18, 2023)

**Youth Soccer:**

**U11-U19 teams shall not utilize permit players from a higher division, a team from within the same division, or an older age group. Youth teams shall only utilize the services of a permit player registered with another youth team in a lower division or a younger age group while following all other permit player rules and conditions.**

**League Permit Grid:**

Division	Eligible for same age lower divisions:	Eligible for lower age certain divisions:
U11 Alliance Premier	U11 Alliance Div 2, 3; U11 City Rec	U9 Development or Community
U13 Alliance Premier	U13 Alliance Div 2, 3; U13 City Rec	U11 Alliance Premier, 2, 3; U11 City Rec
U15 Alliance Premier	U15 Alliance Div 2, 3; U15 City Rec	U13 Alliance Premier, 2, 3; U13 City Rec
U17-19 Alliance Premier	U17-19 Alliance Div 2, 3; U17-19 City Rec	U15 Alliance Premier, 2, 3; U15 City Rec
U11 Alliance Div 2	U11 Alliance Div 3; U11 City Rec	U9 Development or Community
U13 Alliance Div 2	U13 Alliance Div 3; U13 City Rec	U11 Alliance Premier, 2, 3; U11 City Rec
U15 Alliance Div 2	U15 Alliance Div 3; U15 City Rec	U13 Alliance Premier, 2, 3; U13 City Rec
U17-19 Alliance Div 2	U17-19 Alliance Div 3; U17-19 City Rec	U15 Alliance Premier, 2, 3; U15 City Rec
U11 Alliance Div 3	U11 City Rec	U9 Development or Community
U13 Alliance Div 3	U13 City Rec	U11 Alliance Div 2, 3; U11 City Rec (*not Premier)
U15 Alliance Div 3	U15 City Rec	U13 Alliance Div 2, 3; U13 City Rec (*not Premier)
U17-19 Alliance Div 3	U17-19 City Rec	U15 Alliance Div 2, 3; U15 City Rec (*not Premier)
U11 City Rec	None	U9 Development or Community
U13 City Rec	None	U11 City Rec
U15-19 City Rec	U15 Alliance Div 3	U13 City Rec

\* City League players may only permit to the Alliance League a total of three (3) times within a season.  
 \* Alliance players cannot permit to the City Rec League (except U15 Alliance Div 3 players permitting to U15-U19 City Rec).  
 \* Alliance Div 3 teams cannot permit players from an Alliance Premier division.

**Lateral permitting is not allowed:**

- Lateral permitting of players between teams within the same division is not allowed except for in the City League where a Zone does not have a team in the lower City League age group (ie: where a Zone has two teams in U13G City but no teams to permit from in U11G, they may laterally permit between their two U13G City League teams for that season).

**Alliance Division 2 and Division 3:**

- Where Alliance Div 2 is split into two divisions (i.e: Div 2 and Div 3), Div 2 can permit from Div 3 and the lower age group's Premier division; the Div 3 teams can permit from the lower age group's Div 2 division teams but not from the Premier division.
- When an age group is not split into Div 2 and 3, the Div 2 division may permit from the lower age group's Premier division.
- When there are two pools within the same division (ie: U11B-2-pool 1 and U11B-2-pool 2), the Div 2-pool 1 cannot permit from Div 2-pool 2.

**City League U15-U19:**

- Where under-15 to under-19 City Leagues are combined, this division has been granted special consideration and approval to permit from under-15 Alliance Div 3 teams, due to the large range of birth years in this division where permitting from under-13 City League may not be ideal.

**Permit player residence and affiliation:**

- U5-U9 permit players must reside within the zone of the youth team and be a registered player.
- U11-U19 permits must be registered with another team in the same zone.

**Coach responsibility:**

- It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that all its permit players are eligible to participate in that capacity.
- Permission of the coach of the permit player must be obtained.
- The name of the permit player must appear on the game sheet with a "P" written beside their name.
- Coaches are encouraged to permit and offer exposure and developmental opportunities to a multitude of players and not just one/two with a purpose of winning.

**Number of permit players allowed per game:**

- **NEW: Effective Outdoor 2026**, in either season, a maximum of 4 permit players may be used in any game not exceeding the normal maximum number of players given the age/division OR until they can field a full starting lineup plus three, not exceeding 5 permit players, whichever is greater, per game.
- **League Playoffs and Final Matches:** For both outdoor and indoor league playoffs and championship games, permit players will be allowed to fill the roster up to the normal number of players on the pitch during a game plus one (i.e.: 7 players for 6v6, 8 players for 7v7, 10 players for 9v9, and 12 players for 11v11) The players permitting may not play in any other league playoff or championship games.

**Number of times a player may permit:** There is no limit to the number of games a player may permit to during the regular youth league season within the league they are registered in (ie: Alliance League to Alliance League or City League to City League) .

- Alliance League players are restricted from and may not permit to the City League unless an exception has been granted by SYSI.
- City League players are allowed to permit to the Alliance League a maximum of three (3) times within a regular season. Any requests above the three would be submitted to the SYSI office by the Alliance team requesting the permit player and shall require special circumstances.
- Outdoor Season Only - Provincial Soccer League (PSL) - City League players are restricted from permitting to the PSL; Alliance League players may permit to the PSL; players who are registered solely on a PSL team may not permit to the City or Alliance Leagues; only under-13 players may participate and be registered on both an under-13 Alliance League team and an under-13 PSL team; under-15 and under-17 PSL players are not allowed to also permit or be registered on an SYSI Alliance League or City League team.

**Female players permitting to male teams:** Girls are allowed to permit to the equivalent boys divisions (under-13 girls Alliance Premier can permit to under-13 boys Alliance Premier but cannot permit to under-13 boys Alliance Div 2 or Div 3). All other permit rules still apply.

**Interlocked divisions:**

- When two divisions (e.g. under-13 Alliance Premier and under-13 Alliance Div 2) are amalgamated into one league and separate standings are kept, players from lower age/division teams are eligible for permit play with higher age/division teams in the same league only when the two groups are not playing each other (e.g. under-13 Alliance Premier vs under-13 Alliance Premier could permit under-13 Alliance Div 2 but not when it is under-13 Alliance Premier vs under-13 Alliance Div 2). All other permit rules still apply.

- When two divisions are amalgamated into one league, the team from the higher age/division are to adhere to the same permit rules that apply to the lower age/division team. For example, if under-17 Alliance Div 2 is amalgamated with under-17 Alliance Div 3, then the under-17 Alliance Div 2 could not permit under-15 Alliance Premier players when they play against the under-17 Alliance Div 3 teams and are to adhere to the same permit rules as the under-17 Alliance Div 3 teams. If it is a game between two under-17 Alliance Div 2 teams, then under-15 Alliance Premier players would be eligible permits for such games.

**Special Permission:** In circumstances where a youth team is unable to access a reasonable number of permit players from within their zone, the zone may request special permission from the SYSI office to use permit players from outside the zone or propose another option for consideration. Such permission must be in writing and be obtained in advance of using permit players from outside the zone. These permit players are governed by the same rules as permit players from within the zone. The SYSI office may request advice from the SYSI Advisory Committee if needed and will inform such committee of any SYSI office decisions made on special requests regarding permitting.

**Additional permit rules for teams exceeding recommended roster limits:** Zones do not need SYSI approval to exceed the recommended roster size, however, should a team have additional players on their roster over and above the recommended roster size they may not use permit players to fill beyond the recommended number of players initially set by SYSI, see Number of Players section. For example, if the roster size recommended maximum is 12 and the team has 14 players on their roster, then they can only use permit players when their total number of players available to play and those listed on the game sheet does not exceed 12 players. This stipulation is to ensure permit players are not detracting from roster players' playing time when adequate number of roster players are available for the game.

**Permit Infractions:** Fines, overturning of games, and/or discipline may result in the use of ineligible permit players, not listing a "P" next to permit players on the game sheet, or exceeding the number of permit players on a game sheet as per the SYSI game sheet infractions chart outlined below. Team coaches are to file a game protest along with a \$50 fee to the SYSI Office within four business days of the game played if they notice a discrepancy of eligible players or team personnel including permit player infractions. The fee will be returned if the protest is granted in favour of the team filing the protest.

Infraction	Overturning of Game	Performance Fine
Exceeded number of permit players allowed on game sheet	<b>Yes</b> – This infraction results in the game being overturned and a default loss for the team.	1 <sup>st</sup> offense \$50 Each additional offense \$100 with potential suspension and further discipline of team personnel and/or zone
Players laterally permitted on the game sheet (same division)		
Overage players permitted or listed on the game sheet without granted approval by SYSI		
Non-registered players or team personnel listed on game sheet		
Suspended players or team personnel listed on game sheet and not crossed out while serving suspension		
Infraction	Overturning of Game	Performance Fine
Failure to cross off players or team personnel on the game sheet that is not present at the game	<b>No</b> – This infraction does not result in a game being overturned.	1 <sup>st</sup> offense warning  2 <sup>nd</sup> offense \$50  Each additional offense \$100
Failure place a "P" next to permit players on the game sheet		
Failure to designate a gender rep on the bench/gamesheet (Added Jan 18, 2023)		
Failure to list full player names on the game sheet; ie: listing number only and no player name		
Failure to list accurate jersey numbers next to each player on the game sheet		

**Youth Players Permitting to Adult Leagues:** Senior teams may use the services of a youth player for league games under the following conditions:

- All relevant SAS rules are observed.
- Youth players are not allowed to permit in SASI Coed League or any SASI League finals.
- The permission of the youth coach is obtained.
- Players under a SYSI suspension are not allowed to permit in any senior games unless given written permission to do so by the SYSI office.
- After the youth season has ended youth players can no longer permit and must register with SASI on a team to participate.
- Players cannot be registered on both an adult and youth team. A youth player may transfer within season to SASI League however the player will lose their youth status for that season.

Any questions can be directed to SYSI at 306-975-3413 or email [admin@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca](mailto:admin@saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca).

Sincerely,  
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