

**Croton AYSO Borrowed/Guest Player Policy**  
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As a recreational soccer league, Croton AYSO's goal is to maximize soccer playing time for each participant in a competitive, challenging and enjoyable match environment. As such, Croton AYSO generally seeks to have teams with small rosters even if this results in less overall "wins". From time to time, small rosters can result in a team experiencing a shortage of players. The following policy is intended to deal with such circumstances.

"Guest Players" (i.e. any player who is not listed on your official season roster) may only be utilized in "Extraordinary Circumstances". "Extraordinary Circumstances" would include a reasonable expectation by the coach that:

- (i) the team will have less than the minimum number of players which play on the field at a given time for such age group (i.e. U10 less than 7, U12 less than 9, U14 less than 11), or
- (ii) given the anticipated circumstances of the match (gametime temperature, conditioning of players, etc.) the lack of substitutes would substantially interfere with the ability of the team and its players to have a safe and enjoyable match.

Such "Extraordinary Circumstances" would not include:

- (i) a desire to field a more competitive team,
- (ii) a preference by the coach or the players to have more substitutes (i.e. if a team can realistically play without substitutes or with the number of substitutes available, then the team should play without Guest Players).

In the event that the coach determines Extraordinary Circumstances exist, a reasonable attempt to follow these procedures should be completed before a Guest Player can play in an AYSO game:

- 1) **AYSO Guest Players**. Contact AYSO coaches within your age group to see if there is an "Appropriate AYSO Player" who can serve as an AYSO Guest Player for the match in question. "Appropriate AYSO Player" would include:
  - (i) a player of the same gender and age group within Croton AYSO,
  - (ii) an advanced player of the same gender but younger age group within Croton AYSO and
  - (iii) for boys teams, a female player of the same age group (or an advanced player of a younger group) within AYSO.

**Any request of an AYSO Guest Player must be made FIRST through such player's AYSO coach.**

- 2) **Non AYSO Players (which includes all CrotonFC Guest Players).** If no AYSO Guest Players are available, AYSO coaches can seek an appropriate (by age and gender) Non AYSO Guest Player. **Given AYSO rules and insurance requirements, the following procedures must occur BEFORE any Non AYSO Guest Player may be utilized.**
  - i) If such proposed Non AYSO Guest Player is a current Croton FC Player (a "Croton FC Guest Player"), any request must be made first by contacting the CrotonFC coach of such CrotonFC Guest Player and the CrotonFC Director (crotonfc@gmail.com).
  - ii) Such Non AYSO Guest Player must register as an AYSO Player by doing the following:
    - (1) Login or create an account at: <https://www.ayso455.org/> and click on 'Register Now'.
    - (2) Select the division for which you are registering the Guest Player:
      - (a) U10 Guest Player
      - (b) U12 Guest Player
      - (c) U14 Guest Player
    - (3) Complete the registration form, accept all waivers, and **STOP before completing payment.**
    - (4) Email the Croton AYSO registrar ([reg@crotonsoccer.org](mailto:reg@crotonsoccer.org)) indicating your registration completion. The registrar will complete the payment for you and send a confirmation email.
  - iii) **Under no circumstances may any Non AYSO Guest Player participate in any AYSO game or practice until and unless confirmation of such registration has been received by the Croton AYSO registrar (reg@crotonsoccer.org).** NOTE: Failure to register such Non AYSO Guest Player is a violation of AYSO rules and could result in liability to Croton AYSO and its volunteers as such Non AYSO Guest Player would NOT be covered by any insurance without being registered.
- 3) **Notification.** No later than 6PM on the Friday prior to the scheduled match, an email needs to be sent to the AYSO Commissioner ([crotonayso@gmail.com](mailto:crotonayso@gmail.com)). If a Croton FC

Guest Player is proposed to be utilized, such email shall also be copied to include: (i) the Croton FC coach of such Croton FC Guest Player and (ii) the CrotonFC Director (crotonfc@gmail.com). Such email shall contain the following information

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(i) the age and gender of the team requesting the Guest Player,

(ii) the proposed Guest Player's name and registered team, and

(iii) a brief description of the Extraordinary Circumstances necessitating the use of the Guest Player. This notification is required EACH time a Guest Player is utilized (i.e. even if such Guest Player was utilized previously).