

# **MSPSP CLUB PASSCARD SYSTEM**

## **FAQ's**

**1) What is the objective of the MSPSP Club Pass System?**

The MSPSP Club Pass concept's main objective is to allow coaches to move players freely within their own club, based on player development needs and specific team needs.

**2) What about potential abuse of the system?**

The club pass system has to be accompanied by some stipulations to curb unethical practice and potential abuse. The main restrictions are that players cannot play down in level and cannot play down an age group.

**3) What players will be affected by the MSPSP Club Pass System?**

Only players and teams currently registered in the MSPSP whose clubs choose to participate. A club pass player can only be used during any MSPSP league seasonal game. The club pass system does not apply to tournaments, Region II National League, State Cup, etc. However, teams utilizing MSPSP club passcards must meet all other roster requirements.

**4) Can a player play in a division above their current level of play?**

Yes.

**5) Can a player play up an age group above their current age group?**

Yes.

**6) Can a player play down in a division below their current level of play?**

No.

**7) Can a player participate on another team at their club that is in the same age and division?**

No.

**8) When will coaches be able to use a "Club Pass" player?**

Currently, this does not apply to coaches but may be implemented in the near future.

**9) Is this geared towards the needs of the big clubs? How will small clubs benefit from the club pass system?**

All clubs, regardless of size will benefit. In fact, smaller clubs could benefit even more. Circumstances such as injuries to players and unavailability of players affect the smaller clubs more adversely. The club pass will enable them to move players freely from the age group below or from the second team. Small clubs that have a hard time finding enough players for each team will be able to field more teams in the knowledge that they can reinforce squads by moving players as needed.

**10) Won't parents and/or team coaches get upset if their players are moved around?**

It is up to each club if, how, and when to use the club pass system. Clubs who do not see a need for it or who are happy to continue rostering and using players in the traditional way are not obligated to utilize the club pass. It will become an internal club policy on how to deal with the added flexibility of a club pass.

**11) How will the "Club Pass" system be administered?**

Each participating club will be responsible for identifying their MSPSP passcards by adding a unique identification to the card, i.e., sticker, stamp, etc. This will enable the referee and opposing coach to visually determine that there are club pass players participating in a regular season game. Club pass system participants will also be noted on the official MSPSP game sheet.

**12) What controls will be in place to avoid potential abuse of the system?**

Required identification of club pass players on the regular season MSPSP official game sheet and education of MSPSP club passcard participants.

**13) What sanctions will apply if the club pass system is abused?**

The existing sanctions (pertaining to using ineligible players in games) already in place would still apply, such as game forfeit, fines, etc.

**14) How will penalty point accrued by players (yellow/red cards) be handled?**

The existing rules still apply. This means that cards accrued will remain with the team and will also be carried by the player wherever he/she goes. The player must sit out his/her next physically played league game regardless of which team the card was received with.

**15) What will be the responsibility of the referee on a regular season game day?**

Normal regular season pre-game check-in with additional verification of any club pass players' age group.

**16) What will be the responsibility of the coach on a regular season game day?**

To check and verify the age group and division of play of any club pass players.

**17) How does the MSPSP Pass System affect players who are rostered to an older team?**

Players cannot play down in age group even if he/she is age appropriate. Clubs can deal with this issue by rostering the player in their true age group and using the MSPSP Club Passcard system to play the player up on any given game day.

**18) How can the club DOC's and/or Coaching Coordinators help to make the transition towards the club pass system run smoothly?**

By educating their players, parents and coaches on the purpose and limits of the system and by proactively creating mechanisms within their own club for dealing with the club pass system. The onus will be on the club DOC's and/or coaches to monitor and control how the club pass is used within their own club.