

ATTENTION: REFEREES

KEY HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT NEW GUEST PLAYER RULE FOR LEAGUE PLAY

CYSA recently approved [PIM 09-03](#), which allows the use of guest players in fall league play. Here are the highlights you — as a referee — need to know:

- Teams in Abronzino or Delgado may use up to 3 guest players in a game.
- The guest players MUST be from the same district, league and club as they team they will be guesting on.
- You, as a referee, can easily verify this by quickly glancing at each team's passes before check-in. The **first six digits** (DD-LL-CC) MUST match on all the passes. If a guest player's first six digits do NOT match the other passes, then he/she is from a different district, league or club — and he/she is not allowed to guest play with that team.
- Guest players must be the same age or younger than the team they are guesting on, and the team they are registered on (their regular team) must be the same age or younger than the team they will guest on. To clarify, a player of U15 age who normally plays up with a U16 team CANNOT guest on a U15 team — even though they are the correct age.
- One other restriction applies: players from a higher division within Abronzino or Delgado MAY NOT guest play on a team from a lower division within that age group. This is to keep "A" team players from guesting with a "B" team to help that "B" team win a key match.
- This last restriction will be difficult or impossible for you, as a referee, to police. If a coach of one team protests to you before or after a game that "illegal" guest players are/were used, note it on your game report and forward that game report to an appropriate league official (league director and/or referee contact). This determination will be made by league officials after the contest — with possible forfeits and coach sanctions if a violation is found.
- Only 18 players — including guest players — can be listed on the roster shown on the game card for a given contest. All players, including guest players, must be shown on the card.

Complete Text of E-Mail from League Directors to Coaches and Referees

Abronzino and Delgado Leagues now support guest players per [PIM 09-03](#). The following refinements and clarifications apply to both Abronzino and Delgado.

- 1) Guest players of up to 3 per game are allowed in Abronzino and Delgado games per PIM 09-03.
- 2) The guest player must be rostered on a team from the same district/league/club. The first 6 digits (DD-LL-CC) of the player's CYSA pass has to be the same as the team the player is guesting for. For example, a Juventus club player could not guest play for any team other than another Juventus club team.
- 3) A team using a guest player must be the same age or older than the age of the team which the guest player is registered. For example a U15 team can use guest players from another U15 or younger team. A player playing up an age group (with an older team) CAN'T guest play for a team in their own age group since the player is rostered with an older team.

4) A team using a guest player must be the same Abronzino or Delgado bracket or higher than the bracket of the team the guest player is registered on. For example,

(a) A Delgado player can guest play for an Abronzino team. An Abronzino 2nd bracket player can guest play for an Abronzino 1st or 2nd bracket, but not an Abronzino 3rd bracket team and not a Delgado team.

(b) An Abronzino player for an Abronzino top bracket, U14 team CAN'T guest play for an Abronzino u15 2nd bracket team.

5) The coach needs to have the membership pass and CYSA 1601 form for each guest player. The guest player(s) must be listed on the game card, including CYSA number(s). A 1611 guest player form is not required.

6) On any game day the maximum players in the roster cannot exceed 18, including any guest players being used.

7) Using an illegal player will result in forfeit of the match in which the illegal player played and may include severe sanctions for the coach. An illegal player in this case could be a player rostered on an older team, or a higher bracket player guesting for a lower division team.

The full text of the CYSA PIM 09-03 may be viewed at:

http://www.cysanorth.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=144&Itemid=196#PIM%2009-3%20GUEST%20PLAYER%20POLICY

NOTE: Don't forget to also check the passes for anybody who is in the technical area, including the coaches.