



## **Sequoia FC Teams Guest Player Policy, adopted December 2022**

**A. Definition:** Guest players are players who are not regularly rostered on a particular team, either from within Sequoia FC or from another club, who are invited to play with that team for a particular tournament.

### **B. Sequoia FC Teams requesting / receiving a guest player:**

1. Guest play is designed for situations of team hardship, e.g., replacing existing rostered players that are unavailable to play in a tournament because they are out-of-town, injured, or sick.
2. Guest players can include (a) players within Sequoia FC (e.g., from a younger team), or (b) a player from another club.
3. Guest players should only be used in games as necessary to avoid hardship and they should not take unnecessary playing time from existing team members. No guest player should play more in a game than any current team member who is willing and able to play.
  - a. An exception to this might occur when a team is using a goalkeeper from another team and existing team members are reluctant to fill that position. If a coach believes exceptional circumstances exist warranting a deviation from the guest player or playing time from Sequoia FC's policy, that coach must notify the DOC of the exceptional circumstances and must seek the prior approval of the DOC.
4. Any guest player must have a current US Club player card (i.e., be a registered Sequoia FC player or registered with another US Club affiliate team).
5. Guest Players may only be used for non-league competition (i.e., tournament only), per NorCal Premier rule. NorCal Premier 2022-2023 Handbook Section 6.5 states: *No guest Players (Players with a Player pass from another Club) are allowed to play in NorCal Premier League competitions.*
  - a. Team receiving the guest player will loan a Sequoia FC uniform to the guest player, which will be returned immediately after the competition event is over.
  - b. Guest players will pay an equal portion of the tournament fees (same as rostered players).
6. Priority should first be given to finding guests from within Sequoia FC (from younger teams) to support the development of our own players before looking outside the club.
7. If receiving a guest player from another club, a US Club Player Loan Form will be completed by both teams per US Club rule: <https://usclubsoccer.org/forms-documents/> . This is necessary so that the guest player will be covered by US Club insurance.
8. Guest player needs will be identified by team coaches and require approval from the DOC.

### **C. Sequoia FC players guest playing for other clubs:**

Sequoia FC supports guest play opportunities, and players are encouraged to guest for other clubs if invited, provided:

1. The event is not in conflict with a planned Sequoia FC tournament or other obligation for the player's team.
2. The player receives both coach and DOC approval.
3. A US Club Player Loan Form is completed.