

Marin COED Soccer League Player Transfer Process

Purpose:

The primary objective of this policy is to maintain player retention within the League while providing clear guidelines for the transfer of players between teams. This process aims to foster a fair, respectful, and collaborative environment that prioritizes the well-being of players and the stability of teams.

General Principles:

- **Player Retention:** The League encourages players to remain with their current teams, recognizing that team stability and continuity contribute to a positive playing experience.
- **Fair Play:** Player poaching is strictly prohibited and considered unethical behavior. Any Team Rep, Team Captain, or Player found engaging in such practices may face disciplinary action.
- **Mutual Consent:** Transfers should be conducted with the mutual consent of the player, their Current Team Rep, and the Receiving Team Rep.
- **Team Support:** Team Reps are encouraged to support player transfers when it is in the best interest of the player and the League, without compromising team stability or sportsmanship.

Transfer Process:

1. **Player Request:** A player wishing to transfer must inform their current Team Rep in writing before initiating contact with another team.
2. **Team Rep - Player Discussion:** The current Team Rep will discuss the player's request with the player to understand their reasons for transferring.
3. **Mutual Agreement:** If the Current Team Rep agrees to release the player, they will coordinate with the Receiving Team Rep to complete the transfer process.
4. **League Notification:** Both Team Reps must notify the Executive Committee of the agreed transfer in writing.

Conditions for Transfers:

- **Off-Season Transfers:** Transfers can only occur during the off-season to minimize disruption to teams and the league schedule.
- **One Transfer per Season:** A player may only transfer once per season unless exceptional circumstances are approved by The Executive Committee.
- **Dispute Resolution:** If Team Reps and the player can't reach an agreement on a transfer, the Executive Committee will make the final decision.

Prohibition of Player Poaching:

Player poaching is defined as any attempt by a Team Rep, Team Captain, or player to directly or indirectly entice a player currently registered with another team to switch teams without the consent of the player's current Team Rep.

Any team or individual found to be involved in player poaching will be subject to disciplinary actions. By adhering to this policy, the Marin COED Soccer League aims to maintain a fair, equitable, and enjoyable playing environment for all participants.