

CLUB PLAYER PASS

The RCL Player Pass allows for player movement among our Club's Teams. A new feature will allow players to move through different league structures: RCL, State League and District 3.

Here's how it works:

Players can utilize this pass to play up a year; or

Players can play down (if that player meets the birth year requirement to be rostered to that team) or

Players can move between teams within an age group.

Three main considerations:

1. Will this opportunity help the player develop their soccer skills? The players that get these opportunities are those, in the coaching staff's opinion, that are ready for a higher level of competition or would individually benefit from a lesser level.
2. Has there been enough communication about this with the player, the coach, the parent, and the coaches/players/parents of the other team.
3. There are some special considerations regarding moving Black Team Players to a Clubs Second (Red or White) Team and the number of players moving for a particular game. These situations require both Clubs to confirm that this player movement is appropriate for the child or children.

This is not about moving only the best players around to win games. This is about moving players to assist in their development - how can we help the player improve and raise the level of their game. This in the long run will help all the players in the club, as one player improves it can impact others to raise their level.

That being said, winning is not an illegitimate goal. The goal is to foster an environment of continuous improvement and success, where winning is one of the experiences the players and teams will have.

Here's why this is good:

Blackhills players are part of something bigger than a team - they are members of a Club. The Club Player Pass can solidify within our players, coaches and families that we are a fully integrated "Club" - working together for the same common goal - Player Development.

This allows the player to develop their skills without worrying that they should be on another team. We already allow players to practice with other teams if the coaches believe this is right for the player. The Player Pass allows our Club to take the next step in offering game time with other teams.

This can also greatly assist teams who have injured or ill players.

Playing with different players is good for development, if you play high school sports players can move up or down (JV / Varsity) or if you are selected in the Olympic Developmental Program/ Sounders EDP new players are coming in and going out based on their performance. Adjusting to new circumstances is a necessary skill to develop.