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Memo: Player Movement Examples

In April 2017, the Alberta Soccer Members passed, by vote, a new Rules & Regulations document on Youth Player Movement to help guide player movement in the province. In November 2017, this document was approved for full implementation for the 2018 outdoor season.

Alberta Soccer and its members hope this document will help players, parents, clubs, and districts renew their focus on player development through club growth and reduce the focus on player movement during and between seasons. The intent of the document is to decrease recruitment by individuals and organizations, which has caused major disturbances in club stability over the past several years in Alberta.

The following examples are meant as a guide for Alberta Soccer members. There will be situations that are not covered in the examples below; if you are worried about breaching the rules for player movement, please contact your local district for guidance. In each situation, the player (and guardians) have made a free-will choice to remain with or switch clubs. In each situation, it is assumed that the transfer deadline for the current season has passed and the player is completing the current season with their current club*.

All player movement may be subject to review if evidence of a violation of the Alberta Soccer Association Rules & Regulations on Player Movement is provided to Alberta Soccer or an Affiliated Member

Example 1 – Player A

Player A is registered during the current indoor season with Club X and would like to register for the outdoor season with the same club, Club X.

ANALYSIS:

Player A is free to register with Club X at anytime under the player movement rules.

Example 2 – Player B

Player B does not register for indoor soccer and would like to register with Club X for the outdoor season.

ANALYSIS:

Player B is free to register with Club X at anytime under the player movement rules.



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Example 3 – Player C

Player C moved to Alberta from out of Province and would like to register with Club X for the outdoor season.

ANALYSIS:

Player C must complete the proper transfer paper work as directed by the local district and once transferred, is free to register with Club X at anytime under the player movement rules.

Example 4 – Player D

Player D registered with Club X during the indoor season but would like to register with Club Y for the outdoor season. Player D has informed Club X he/she would like to leave the club between seasons and Club X granted the player permission to leave.

ANALYSIS:

Player D is free to register with Club Y at anytime under the player movement rules.

Example 5 – Player E

Player E registered with Club X during the indoor season but would like to register with Club Y for the outdoor season. Player E has not informed Club X he/she would like to leave the club between seasons.

ANALYSIS:

Player E can register for tryouts with Club Y and be charged a max fee of \$50 for the tryout. The tryouts must occur after youth indoor provincials have been completed. Player E is free to fully register with Club Y only after youth indoor provincials have been completed under the player movement rules.

If Club Y accepted a full registration fee prior to the Open Contact Period the full registration fee must be returned if player E chooses not to register with Club Y prior to the open contact period beginning.

Example 6 – Player F

Player F registered with Club X during the indoor season but would like to register with Club Y for the outdoor season. Player F has informed Club X he/she would like to leave the club between seasons but Club X has not granted permission to leave.



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ANALYSIS:

Player F can register for tryouts with Club Y and be charged a max fee of \$50 for the tryout. The tryouts must occur after youth indoor provincials have been completed. Player F is free to fully register with Club Y only after youth indoor provincials have been completed under the player movement rules.

If Club Y accepted a full registration fee prior to the Open Contact Period the full registration fee must be returned if player E chooses not to register with Club Y prior to the open contact period beginning.

Example 7 – Player G

Player G registered with Club X during the outdoor season and was then selected to participate in Full-time ASA programming (REX or WC Academy) during the indoor season but would like to register with Club Y for the following outdoor season. Player G received permission from the ASA Technical Committee to leave Club X and register for Club Y.

ANALYSIS

Player G can register for tryouts with Club Y and be charged a max fee of \$50 for the tryout. The tryouts must occur after youth indoor provincials have been completed. Player G is free to fully register with Club Y only after youth indoor provincials have been completed under the player movement rules.

If Club Y accepted a full registration fee prior to the Open Contact Period the full registration fee must be returned if player E chooses not to register with Club Y prior to the open contact period beginning.

In this first season of implementation, Alberta Soccer understands that there will be questions regarding this new rule. All questions should be directed to your club and/or local district.

We look forward to working with you on the implementation of this new rule.

Best regards,

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