

Vermont Soccer Association

Rosters and Player Passing Policy

1. Roster Requirements

1.1 Applicability

This policy applies to all Vermont Soccer Association (VSA) sanctioned leagues, tournaments, festivals, and events, as well as any league or event sanctioned under VSA jurisdiction.

1.2 Official Rosters

- a. Each team participating in a VSA-sanctioned match or event must have an official roster submitted and approved by the Vermont Soccer Association prior to participation.
- b. The roster must include the names of all players, coaches, and team administrators who will be participating in the match.
- c. A printed or digital copy of the approved match day roster must be presented to the referee or event official prior to the start of each match.

1.3 Eligibility for Participation

- a. Only individuals (players, coaches, and administrators) listed on the approved match day roster are eligible to participate in that match.
- b. Referees and event officials are instructed to deny participation to any individual not listed on the match day roster.
- c. There are no exceptions to this requirement.
- d. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, which may include match forfeiture, suspension, or additional sanctions as determined by the Vermont Soccer Association.

2. Player Passing

2.1 Definition

Player passing is the process by which a club temporarily moves an age-appropriate player to another team within the same club for participation in a match or event.

2.2 Purpose

- a. Player passing is intended to:
 1. Provide developmental opportunities for players by allowing them to play up in age or skill level.

2. Allow teams to field a sufficient number of players when addressing short-term roster shortages.
3. Support a player's long-term development in alignment with the club's player pathway.

b. Player passing is not intended to move higher-level players to lower-skilled teams for the purpose of competitive advantage. Such actions undermine fair competition, disrupt proper divisional placement, and compromise the integrity of the competition.

2.3 Restrictions and Approval

- a. All player passes must be approved through the Vermont Soccer Association's registration platform prior to participation.
- b. The passed player must appear on the approved match day roster of the team they are playing with.
- c. If a player's name does not appear on the approved match day roster, the player is ineligible to participate in the match.
- d. Referees and event officials shall deny participation to any passed player not properly listed and approved.

3. Compliance and Enforcement

3.1 Oversight

The Vermont Soccer Association reserves the right to review all team rosters and player pass activity to ensure compliance with this policy.

3.2 Violations

Clubs, teams, or individuals found in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Match forfeiture
- Suspension of individuals or teams
- Loss of good standing within VSA competitions
- Additional sanctions as determined by the VSA Discipline and Appeals Committee