

2019 Policies, Rules and Regulations Revision

Player and Team Registration – V1.0



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1. GENERAL:

This document serves to identify registration categories for players and teams that participate in Association activities. This document must be used in conjunction with by-laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the Association.

2. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 2.1. The player registration process shall be subject to the Canada Soccer Rules and Regulations.
- 2.2. All players shall be registered annually with their Club or Senior Team and shall complete and sign the proper form approved by their Club or Soccer New Brunswick.
- 2.3. A player may be registered to play in any Age Division, provided the player has not reached the stipulated birthday before January 1st of the calendar year of registration

As of December 31st:

Players is:	Age Division:
3 years of age	Under 4
4 years of age	Under 5
5 years of age	Under 6
6 years of age	Under 7
7 years of age	Under 8
8 years of age	Under 9
9 years of age	Under 10
10 years of age	Under 11
11 years of age	Under 12
12 years of age	Under 13
13 years of age	Under 14
15 years of age	Under 15
16 years of age	Under 16
17 years of age	Under 17
18 years of age	Senior
35 years of age	Masters/Classics
45 years of age	Grand Masters

- 2.4. A registered player is bound to the team for which he/she has signed, unless transferred or released as provided in these rules, until the end of his/her league's playing season.
- 2.5. Except as may be specified, a registered player whose league has completed its playing season, and who wishes to play for the same team or another team in any league or

competition must be registered again and shall complete and sign a new registration form.

- 2.6. Notwithstanding Section 2.4 and 2.5, a team may retain players registered with the team for the duration of a national competition, but a team shall not be permitted to sign new players after the completion of its league's playing season for the purpose of participating in a national competition.
- 2.7. A Member may, at its discretion, enact regulations to allow a player to play for more than one amateur team. However, a player or team may not register or play for more than one team in any Soccer New Brunswick competition in any given year (i.e. Provincial League, Cup competition, or youth age group competition). A player shall be "cup-tied" to the first Soccer NB competition in which he/she competes.
- 2.8. Notwithstanding Rule 2.7, an eligible player may compete in both the Senior Men's Recreational Provincial Championship and the Masters Provincial Championships during the same season.
- 2.9. A Member may, at its discretion, enact regulations to allow a registered youth player to play for an amateur senior team in any senior competition without that player losing his/her youth status.
- 2.10. A player, after duly registering with this Association in accordance with the rules and regulations herein, may compete in league games in which his team is entered as provided by the rules of such league. The time limit for league registrations shall be established by the League and such league registrations shall be made at least one calendar day prior to the games taking place.
- 2.11. Soccer New Brunswick shall not accept player registrations after June 30th of the current year for the outdoor season and after January 15th of the current year for the indoor season. Registration Numbers must be submitted July 15th for the outdoor season and January 30th of the current year for the indoor season.
- 2.12. Notwithstanding Rule 2.11, Soccer NB shall permit the registration of new residents to a community (i.e. individuals who recently relocated to that community) as recreational players up until the end of the current season providing that the player(s) are registered for recreational (house league) soccer only. Said late registrants shall not be permitted, under any circumstances, to participate in a provincial championship.
- 2.13. Notwithstanding Rule 2.12, player registrations for the Senior Master Provincial Championships shall be accepted until August 1st of the year of the competition.
- 2.14. A player must be registered at least seven (7) days before taking part in any cup competition or provincial playoff game.

- 2.15. Where Members allow any person other than the Registrar thereof to receive any registrations or transfers, the date of such registrations or transfers are signed and dated by the authorized party aforementioned shall be recognized as the date covering such registrations or transfers. In such cases, the registration or transfer shall be forwarded to the Registrar of the Member, not later than seven calendar days after the date of receipt of same, failing which, the date of mailing to the Registrar of the Member shall be the accepted date of registration.
- 2.16. Players who are duly registered on forms approved by this Association with this Association shall not play for any team in another jurisdiction without a release from Soccer New Brunswick.
- 2.17. A player going from one province to another province under the jurisdiction of this Association shall not be registered in that province until he/she receives written clearance from this Association.
- 2.18. In all instances where players were last registered outside the jurisdiction of this Association, such players must complete a Soccer New Brunswick Inter-Provincial Transfer Form (for players registered with another provincial association).
- 2.19. If players were last registered with a national association outside of Canada the player must meet the transfer requirements of Canada Soccer.

3. PLAYER TRANSFERS

- 3.1. The transfer of a player between the Soccer New Brunswick and another Provincial Association shall be in accordance with the Canada Soccer published rules.
- 3.2. Transfers shall be processed by Soccer New Brunswick and the Club to which the player is transferring. A League shall not be involved in the transfer process.
- 3.3. Soccer New Brunswick shall not consider applications to transfer submitted after July 31st of the current year for the outdoor season and after January 30th of the current year for the indoor season.
- 3.4. Notwithstanding Section 3.3, Soccer New Brunswick will consider inter-provincial or international applications to transfer after the deadline established herein as long as the transfer meets the requirements of the receiving provincials or national association.
- 3.5. A player who has signed a registration form of the Association and has been duly registered with the Registrar of a Member shall not be allowed to transfer his/her services to any other team in the same province, unless he/she shall first have given his/her team seven (7) days notice, in writing, of his/her intention to transfer. Such permission shall be in writing, duly signed by the Executive Committee, and when placed in the hands of the Secretary of this Association shall entitle the player to be transferred to any affiliated team as hereby provided.

- 3.6. A player is entitled to his/her transfer as hereinafter provided between the dates set by the provincial or Canadian Soccer Association, but a player duly registered with this Association shall not be allowed to transfer his/her services during his/her playing season without the consent of the team for which he/she is registered.
- 3.7. An amateur player who has registered with an amateur team/club and who has been refused a transfer by that team/club shall be allowed to appeal to Soccer New Brunswick.
- 3.8. No team or club shall limit unreasonably the right of an amateur player to transfer. The transfer will be subject to the approval of the Member who shall advise Soccer New Brunswick as to whether the player has outstanding obligations to the Member.
- 3.9. In each instance where an appeal has been lodged by a player, the matter will be brought to a conclusion within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice, in writing, referred to in Section 3.5.
- 3.10. A player shall be entitled to:
 - 3.10.1. Two (2) transfers only during the current playing season within the jurisdiction of the Club. Once transferred, a player cannot be transferred to the team from which he was originally registered until after a period of thirty (30) days has lapsed.
 - 3.10.2. One (1) transfer within the Region in which the Member club is located.
 - 3.10.3. One (1) transfer within the jurisdiction of the Soccer New Brunswick, except that, in the event of a player having been transferred under Clause 3.10.1 and 3.10.2 finding it necessary to return to the jurisdiction under which he/she was originally registered, he/she shall be allowed to transfer his/her services to the team from which he/she was last registered.
- 3.11. Notice of all transfers granted shall be immediately sent to the Club and except for the National Championship competitions and any other Cup competition in which he/she has competed, the player so transferred shall be eligible, after a time limit of no more than seven (7) days nor less than one (1) day following the registration of such transfer, to play in all games for the team to which the transfer has been granted by the production of the Transfer Certificate duly signed by the Association concerned. (Such time limit shall be established by the Member).
- 3.12. All transfers shall be subject to a transfer fee to be set by Soccer New Brunswick. Such fee shall be due and payable to Soccer New Brunswick before the transfer shall be completed.
- 3.13. Any player registered for a team which has, with the consent of the Club ceased to operate, or has been declared as defunct by its Club, shall be entitled to be transferred to any other team he/she desires by making application to Soccer New Brunswick who

having satisfied themselves of the bona-fides of the application, shall have power to approve such application. Soccer New Brunswick is empowered to waive all or any part of the transfer fee, in which case the provisions of Clause 3.12 shall not apply.

3.14. Any club, team or team official which, through its officers or representatives, attempts to induce a registered player of a team under the jurisdiction of this Association to leave his/her team before the end of its current playing season, shall be deemed to have committed an offence and shall be dealt with by Soccer New Brunswick. (This particularly applies to youth players who are vulnerable to inducements and should not be put under such pressure). Youth players should, for the harmony and growth of soccer, play within their own Regions.

3.15. Registration of International Youth players are required using the international youth player request form.

4. PLAYING FOR A TEAM TO WHICH A PLAYER IS NOT REGISTERED

4.1. A player may play for a team to which he/she is not registered only under one of the following conditions:

4.1.1. he/she plays for a higher level Club Team than the Club Team to which he/she is registered;

4.1.2. he/she, a registered senior player, plays for a higher level senior team of the same Club; (Clarifies that you can only serve as a guest player on a higher level team)

4.1.3. he/she plays in an exhibition game or in a tournament as a guest player;

4.1.4. he/she plays for a Canada Soccer, Soccer New Brunswick, Regional, or League All-Star Team; or

4.1.5. his/her Club permits him/her to play for a Professional Team with which his/her Club has an "Affiliation Agreement".

4.2. Providing that the player meets the age eligibility requirements, a higher level team referred to in Policy 4.1 shall be defined as a team which meets any of the following criteria:

4.2.1. Registered in a higher age classification;

4.2.2. Registered in a higher team classification;

4.2.3. Playing in a higher league level; or

4.2.4. Playing in a higher division of the same league (NOTE: The hierarchy of "division levels" shall be determined by each league).

4.3. A Senior League may permit player movement both upwards (i.e., to a higher level team) and downwards (i.e., to a lower level team) between senior teams of the same Club and such movement shall be subject to that league's published rules.

4.4. A League may, at its discretion, limit the number of games in which a player may play for a team to which he/she is not registered.

5. TRIAL GAMES

5.1. Amateur to Non-Amateur

5.1.1. Amateur players registered with senior teams shall be allowed to play three (3) trial games (league games only) with a non-amateur team providing a permit-to-play form approved by this Association has been duly completed.

5.1.2. A registered youth player shall also be allowed to play a six (6) game trial period with a non-amateur team without affecting his/her amateur status of his/her youth status if not retained. In such an event, the same financial terms and conditions as those applicable to seniors shall apply. A youth player registered with a youth team of a non-amateur team may play a total of six (6) trial games with the non-amateur team of his/her own club without affecting his/her status, but in no case may a youth player play a total of more than six (6) games with non-amateur teams.

5.2. Amateur to Professional

5.2.1. Amateur players registered with senior amateur teams shall be allowed to play three (3) trial games (league games only) with a professional team providing a permit-to-play for the professional team had been duly completed.

5.2.2. A youth age player shall also be allowed to play a six (6) game trial period with a professional team without affecting his/her amateur status or his/her youth age status if not retained. In any such event, the same financial terms and conditions as those applicable to seniors shall apply.

6. TEAM REGISTRATION

6.1. A team is registered by its Club to play in sanctioned competition(s). A sanctioned competition may include a registered league, sanctioned tournament, sanctioned cup competition or a sanctioned exhibition game.

6.1.1. A team may register as an independent entity with a sanctioned indoor Senior league upon receiving approval from Soccer New Brunswick.

- 6.2. A Club shall annually register each of its teams for each of the designated playing seasons on the proper registration form approved by Soccer New Brunswick.
- 6.3. All teams participating in a sanctioned league shall comply with the team registration rules outlined herein.
- 6.4. A team is registered only after its registration has been validated by its Club or by Soccer New Brunswick.
- 6.5. At the conclusion of its current playing season, the team shall be de-registered and shall cease to exist as an entity.
- 6.6. Team Classification is defined based on the level at which a team competes:
- Premier shall refer to teams competing in the Provincial League, an inter-provincial League or in a League outside the province which is designated as the highest level of competition available;
 - Division 1 shall refer to teams competing in an inter-regional or Regional Leagues;
 - Division 2 shall refer to teams competing in a club (house) league.
- 6.7. When registering a team, a Club must provide the following information:
- Name, address, phone number and email address of Team Contact;
 - Team Name and Team Classification;
 - Team Age Category and Division;
 - Name of League in which the team participates.
- 6.8. When registering a team, a Club must provide the following information for each player:
- Name (in full)
 - Address (in full)
 - Date of Birth
 - Phone Number
 - Email Address (if available)
 - Signature of player or parent/guardian (or notification that a signature is on file with the Club)
- 6.9. All teams competing in the New Brunswick Soccer League, are required to have validated Player Identification Cards for all players and team staff registered to the team and must be turned in to Soccer NB dates provided on the Annual Schedule of the Association. [NOTE TO DRAFT: schedule required - by May 15th and returned to the teams by May 30th. Challenge and Jubilee Cup teams must have them into Soccer NB by May 1st to be returned by May 15th.]
- 6.10. Teams may register an unlimited number of players unless otherwise stipulated in Soccer NB, Club or League rules, policies or procedures.