

# General Sport Regulation 7: Non-Interscholastic Participation/Rotating Players

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# Understanding GSR 7 – Key Terms

**Definition of a Non-Interscholastic Program or Team:** A non-interscholastic team, is one in which a student-athlete participates in team play or as an individual, and that program or team is not under the direct or indirect control of the OHSAA member school.

EX: church, intramural, rec (recreation), YMCA, CYO, AAU, USAVB, USSF, USA Swimming, all-star, club, etc.

**Team Roster:** A roster is defined as all the members of the entire non-interscholastic team that would practice together or participate together in the entirety of a non-interscholastic event. (i.e. not necessarily the “roster” for the weekend tournament)

**Rotating players:** Rotating players is defined as rotating/switching players on a non-interscholastic team roster throughout the non-interscholastic team’s season due to absence or injury.

**Non-interscholastic limitation for soccer:** There may be a maximum of **six (6)** players who are enrolled at the same school and participated in that sport at that same school in the preceding season on a non-interscholastic team roster. (GSR 7.3.1)



# Intent of the Rule

- The non-interscholastic limitation for the sport of soccer is six (6), which means a maximum of six (6) players from the same school team may be on a non-interscholastic team roster.
- In most cases, players from same school on a non-interscholastic team roster will be the same that play together the entire non-interscholastic season.
- The intent of the rule is to prevent school coaches from coaching his or her players all year round by swapping out or rotating different players each match, tournament, etc.

**The next few slides review different examples of what is and what is not permissible regarding rotating players.**



# The Non-Interscholastic Team Roster

## 15U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
11	Bob	Green
13	Jared	Green
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow

## 16U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
2	Ben	Blue
5	Kyle	Blue
6	Joe	Blue
7	Steve	Blue
13	Brad	Blue
14	Cody	Blue
16	Brent	Red
17	Tommy	Red
19	Remy	Green
20	Mike	Green
25	Scott	Yellow
27	Dan	Yellow

These two team rosters within the same non-interscholastic club are compliant regarding the maximum non-interscholastic limitation of six (6) players from a specific school.



# Rotating Players Example 1

15U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
11	Bob	Green
13	Jared	Green
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow



16U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation	
2	Ben	Blue	1
5	Kyle	Blue	2
6	Joe	Blue	3
7	Steve	Blue	4
13	Brad	Blue	5
14	Cody	Blue	6
16	Brent	Red	
17	Tommy	Red	
19	Remy	Purple	
20	Mike	Purple	
25	Scott	Green	
27	Dan	Green	

Charles from Blue High School on the 15U team has been improving and the club administrator would like to give him a chance to compete at the 16U level.

This would not be permitted. If Charles temporarily played on the 16U team, there would be seven (7) Blue High School players on the 16U team constituting a violation of the non-interscholastic limitation.



# Rotating Players Example 2

15U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
11	Bob	Green
13	Jared	Green
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow

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16U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
2	Ben	Blue
5	Kyle	Blue
6	Joe	Blue
7	Steve	Blue
13	Brad	Blue
14	Cody	Blue
16	Brent	Green
17	Tommy	Green
19	Remy	Purple
20	Mike	Red
25	Scott	Red
27	Dan	Red

15U Team Roster - Updated

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
27	Dan	Red
11	Bob	Green
13	Jared	Green
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow

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16U Team Roster-Updated

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
2	Ben	Blue
5	Kyle	Blue
6	Joe	Blue
7	Steve	Blue
13	Brad	Blue
14	Cody	Blue
16	Brent	Green
17	Tommy	Green
19	Remy	Purple
20	Mike	Red
25	Scott	Red
27	Dan	Red

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Dan from Red High School on the 16U team has not been keeping up with the level of play. The club administrator would like to bring him down to the 15U team to build his confidence.

This would be permitted because the 15U roster has not exceeded the limitation of players from the same school. He may return to the 16U team and would trigger being on the team roster for both teams (15U and 16U).

The rule does not specify that a player must remain on one team roster, the players must not exceed the limitation for the teams they participate on. **If there are multiple teams within the same non-interscholastic organization, the club administrator must track players from the same school on each roster to ensure each team does not exceed six (6) players from the same school.** As shown here, the administrator must track that the 15U team now has four (4) specific members from the same school (Bryce, Ron, Brian and Dan).



# Rotating Players Example 3

15U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
11	Bob	Green
13	Jared	Green
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow



16U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
2	Ben	Blue
5	Kyle	Blue
6	Joe	Blue
7	Steve	Blue
13	Brad	Blue
14	Cody	Blue
16	Brent	Green
17	Tommy	Green
19	Remy	Purple
20	Mike	Purple
25	Scott	Red
27	Dan	Red

Cody is out for 3 weeks with an injury

15U Team Roster - Updated

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
11	Bob	Green
13	Jared	Green
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow

16U Team Roster - Updated

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
2	Ben	Blue
5	Kyle	Blue
6	Joe	Blue
7	Steve	Blue
13	Brad	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
14	Cody	Blue
16	Brent	Green
17	Tommy	Green
19	Remy	Purple
20	Mike	Purple
25	Scott	Red
27	Dan	Red

Cody wants to return after the injury

Cody from Blue High School on the 16U team has suffered an injury and will be out for 3 weeks. The club administrator would like to bring Zack from Blue High School on the 15U team to play on the 16U team.

This would be permitted. Adding Zack would not exceed the non-interscholastic limitation.

However, once Zack is added, Cody would not be permitted to return to the team after his injury healed. If he did, there would be seven (7) players from the same school on the team roster which would constitute a violation of the non-interscholastic limitation.

The club administrator should NOT add a Blue High School player if Cody is projected to return. However, if there is another team within the organization that has not exceeded the limitation, then Cody could be added to that team's roster since Zack replaced him on the 16U team roster.



# Rotating Players Example 4

15U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
11	Bob	Green
13	Jared	Green
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow

16U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
2	Ben	Blue
5	Kyle	Blue
6	Joe	Blue
7	Steve	Blue
13	Brad	Blue
14	Cody	Blue
16	Brent	Green
17	Tommy	Green
19	Remy	Purple
20	Mike	Purple
25	Scott	Red
27	Dan	Red

15U Team Roster - Updated

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
11	Bob	Green
13	Jared	Green
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow

16U Team Roster- Updated

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
2	Ben	Blue
5	Kyle	Blue
6	Joe	Blue
7	Steve	Blue
13	Brad	Blue
14	Cody	Blue
16	Brent	Green
11	Bob	Green
17	Tommy	Green
19	Remy	Purple
20	Mike	Purple
25	Scott	Red
27	Dan	Red

Tommy goes to Prom and doesn't play in the weekend tournament.

Tommy from Green High School on the 16U team will not be able to attend the tournament this weekend due to Prom. The club administrator decides to bring Bob from Green High School on the 15U team up to play on the 16U team while Tommy is at Prom.

This would be permitted. Adding Bob would not exceed the non-interscholastic limitation of Green players.

Tommy may return to the 16U team since he is on the original team roster and the non-interscholastic limitation of Green High School players has not been exceeded. The club administrator must track the players from the same school triggering participation on each team roster.





# Non-Interscholastic Practice

## 15U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
00	Charles	Blue
2	Tim	Blue
4	Zack	Blue
7	Bryce	Red
8	Ron	Red
9	Brian	Red
11	Jack	Red
13	Ryan	Red
14	Hunter	Green
15	Jeremy	Green
18	Kevin	Yellow
19	Jeff	Yellow

## 16U Team Roster

Jersey No.	Player Name	School Affiliation
2	Ben	Blue
5	Kyle	Blue
6	Joe	Blue
7	Steve	Blue
13	Brad	Blue
14	Cody	Blue
16	Brent	Green
17	Tommy	Green
19	Remy	Purple
20	Mike	Purple
25	Scott	Red
27	Dan	Red

The club administrator has reserved a facility for both teams to practice simultaneously on the same field. Between the two teams there would be 7 Red High School players and 9 Blue High School players present.

In total, those numbers are more than the non-interscholastic limitation, six (6), for players from the same school. **Therefore, these two teams would not be permitted to practice together.**

However, both teams may scrimmage against each other since they have distinct team rosters.



# Other Key Points

- Graduating seniors do not count toward the maximum non-interscholastic limitation.

EX: Six (6) juniors from the same school and 3 graduating seniors from that same school may be on the same non-interscholastic team roster.

- Players who did NOT play for the school team the previous season do not count toward the maximum limitation.

EX: If the student-athlete didn't play for the school team in the fall or previous scholastic season, then he or she would not count toward the maximum player limitation after the fall interscholastic season has ended. Therefore, the player limitation only applies to those who participated in the most current scholastic season.

- The regulations do not apply if all the “members” are siblings (by blood or adoption) and no other player from the same interscholastic squad is a participant on behalf of the non-interscholastic squad.

EX: Seven (7) brothers who played on the same high school team would be permitted to play on a non-interscholastic soccer team, as long as there are no other members from the school team on the non-interscholastic team.

- Players who matriculate to the same school do not count toward the limitation until he or she is enrolled at the school.

EX: An 8<sup>th</sup> grader would not count toward the limitation until he or she was enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and played for the high school team.

