

Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League Club Primary Travel Player Pass Program*

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LVYSL added club travel player pass program beginning 2014.

LVYSL Club Pass Program enables current year EPYS / USYSA rostered primary travel players in a club to play for another older age EPYS travel team in the same club. Note: LVYSL Rules of Play apply prior to the use of LVYSL Club Pass Program.**

1. Player obligations should be fulfilled as follows; EPYS primary rostered travel team obligations first, EPYS secondary travel team (*if applicable*) obligations next and then if available an EPYS rostered primary player may LVYSL club pass to older age group EPYS travel teams in same club.
2. LVYSL Club Pass Program eligible age group play will be determined by EPYS player's primary travel team rostered age group. Ex. Player "A" plays up to age 11 but is a true age 10 player. He/she may not LVYSL club pass play for the club's age 10 team or the club's other age 11 team. (*if applicable*)
3. Clubs may allow EPYS players primary to their club, playing in another EPYS league, to LVYSL Club Pass in an older age group as per #2 above.
4. EPYS secondary travel players are not eligible for LVYSL Club Pass Program. Ex. Player "A" primary to club "Z", secondaries for club "Y". Club "Y" may not use secondary player "A" as a LVYSL club pass player.
5. A released EPYS primary player is not eligible to LVYSL Club Pass until the player is transferred to another EPYS primary team; PS1 action approved by the EPYS primary league.
6. An EPYS primary travel player Red card suspension received in any LVYSL league game played will be served with the EPYS primary travel team and player is ineligible to play with any other team until the suspension is served.
7. Recommendations:
 - a. Clubs roster EPYS players in the true age groups to allow players to play up as needed.
 - b. Clubs establish who will be responsible for administering LVYSL Club Travel Primary Player Pass Program at the club level.
 - c. Clubs establish guidelines and deadlines for processing line-ups for game day.

GAME DAY PROCEDURE FOR LVYSL CLUB PASS PROGRAM

- Each team will provide an EPYS format line-up to the opposing team and referee which includes any club EPYS travel primary pass players being used for that game. Full name and player EPYS ID# REQUIRED on the line-up / game day roster.
- EPYS current year travel primary player passes will be used to check in the players prior to game start.

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RULES

- EPYS players rostered to a team must be given playing time in each game they attend and may not be benched the entire game to accommodate LVYSL Club Pass EPYS travel primary players.
- Based on an EPYS travel player's primary rostered age, a player may not play down or in the same in age group per LVYSL Rules of Play.
- Having a player PS1 transfer from a team to a second team for the purposes of winning will not be allowed.
- A primary player using the LVYSL Club Pass Program should not exceed the following playing time in one day:

Age Group	Maximum Minutes
U09/U10	100
U11/U12	120
U13/U14	140
U15/U16	160
U17/U19	180

Each Club will appoint/elect a Representative to administer the LVYSL Club Pass Program who will at the club level: This representative will

- a) Be responsible for making changes to line ups prior to game day.
- b) Act as a liaison between the Club and Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League. This person will be the point of contact between Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League and the Club and ALL communication between the Club and Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League should be funneled through the Club representative.
- c) It is recommended that a Director of Coaching, Travel Coordinator or Club Registrar oversee the movement of players within a club.
- d) Decisions to move players should involve communication and consultation with the player's parents.
- e) Team coaches should not be allowed to hold back or exploit an individual player's development for the benefit of one particular team.
- f) Coaches must release the player's pass when requested. If the primary player pass is "misplaced or lost" a new pass will be issued and the club will be charged for the replacement that was issued.

Discipline – Reporting of Cards

1. Player discipline would be tracked and recorded by the referee reporting of the match to Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League.
2. Red Card suspensions must be served in the next game for the EPYS player's officially rostered primary team. This applies to the "automatic one game" suspension a player receives for a red card. Additional sanctions may be identified and expanded beyond the clause above.

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3. If a suspension is required, the player will sit out the game with the EPYS primary team. Until the suspension is served, the player is not eligible to play with any other team.
4. In the event the rostered team is disbanded or has played its last game, the sanction will be served at the next league game(s) to be played and the suspended player will be ineligible for the club travel pass program until the sanction is served.
4. Discipline of players, teams, and coaches participating in the LVYSL Club Travel Player Pass program will be at the discretion of the Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League and/or the designated grievance committee.
- 5 Ultimately, the player, team coach and the club representative are responsible for knowing who and how many players have participated on a team. The club is responsible for tracking who did or didn't participate with each team on the game reports and being able to provide this information upon request.
6. In the event a violation is found to have occurred in connection with a player's participation in the club travel pass program, there will be a minimum of a 4 game, non-probated, suspension for each adult responsible for monitoring and assuring compliance.

CONSEQUENCES FOR ABUSE

A coach and club guilty of abusing the LVYSL club travel pass program will be disciplined by Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League. The LVYSL club travel pass program will be monitored to curb unethical practice and potential abuse.

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Note: The club travel primary pass concept is when a club uses an EPYS player from within their own club to play for another EPYS team for a league match. It is not the same as secondary rostering or guest players. Players are put on an EPYS primary roster, and the club is allowed to use other EPYS primary players from within their own club for a league match based on specific criteria.



PURPOSE

- Allow coaches more freedom to move EPYS primary players within their own club.
- Eliminate administrative paperwork for member clubs who wish to move EPYS primary players internally.
- To give all clubs the ability to move EPYS primary players from within their own club so that they can reinforce squads by moving EPYS primary players from a younger age group to older age group.
- To create a “club” mentality over a “team”. Players will hopefully take more pride in playing for a club which will reduce the temptation to “jump” to another team in another club.
- To provide development opportunities for EPYS primary players by being allowed to experience “playing up”.

LOGISTICS

Clubs will still roster primary players with Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League through the EPYS travel database current seasonal year.

EPYS players primary registered to travel teams within the same club are “club travel pass” eligible.

There will be secondary rostering.

When a team needs EPYS primary player(s) for a match, they use EPYS primary player(s) within their own club.

The number of players on the sideline, however, may not exceed the maximum roster size as per USYSA:

PROCESS FOR ADDING CLUB TRAVEL PRIMARY PASS PLAYER TO YOUR ROSTER

Adding an EPYS club travel primary pass players to a team roster is the responsibility of someone at the CLUB level, not the team level. Each club may set up their own process by which teams request Club Travel Primary Pass Players be added for specific games (i.e. the deadline when a team must report to the appointed club travel pass administrator for your club). The person does not have to be the registrar, just someone with the authority, the understanding of the LVYSL club travel primary pass program rules, and the access to the club EPYS travel database.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Clubs using the LVYSL club travel pass program should:

1. Use it as a reward for EPYS player(s) who have shown improvement throughout the season.
2. Have a player participate for one team only per day. This is a league recommendation.
3. Communicate clearly to all of your parents and players the purpose of this program.
4. Players may need to be responsible for their own EPYS primary passes to better facilitate obtaining the EPYS primary pass for each game check in.
5. Don't abuse it!

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FAQ's / Scenarios:

Q: My team has a game on Saturday morning. Can some of my primary players accept an invitation to “club travel pass” with another team on Saturday afternoon?

A: Players should play for only one team per day (this includes the Primary team). Parents are encouraged to think of the health and safety of their player before committing to multiple games.

Q: My club has two U10 teams in the same age group. One plays in another league. Can a same age player club travel pass to the LVYSL league team?

A: No. That player must play in an older age level as the primary team to which the player is rostered.

Q: If a player, on my primary team, club travel pass plays with another team and gets a red card, when and how will they serve the one game suspension?

A: All penalty point suspensions must be served with the primary team. Whether the player receives a yellow or red card, the points must be added to the player's total points with their primary team. If a suspension is required, the player will sit out the game with the primary team. Until the suspension is served, the player is not eligible to play with any other team.

Q: Who tracks the penalty points?

A: The player, coach (primary and alternate club travel pass team), and representative of each club is responsible for monitoring the receipt of cards and compliance with the rules. In the event a violation is found to have occurred in connection with a player's participation in the club travel pass program, there will be a minimum of a 4 game, non-probated, suspension for all adults responsible for monitoring and assuring compliance.

Q: How many Club travel passes can be utilized per game?

A:

- U9 teams not eligible to use the club travel pass program at league games.
- U10 – U12 teams may have a maximum of 14 players (inclusive of club travel primary pass players) suited on the side line for games.
- U13 - U19 teams may have a maximum of 18 players (inclusive of club travel primary pass players) suited on the side line for games.
- Teams MUST cross off any players over the maximum allowed or they will have been considered to have taken the field and therefore subject to fines.

Q: My child has a friend who recently moved into our neighborhood and hasn't signed up for soccer yet. Can we invite this friend to “guest” play with our team at a league game?

A: No – Under no circumstance may a player club travel primary pass play with a team if they are not properly registered with the club's EPYS / USUSA travel program.

Q: There is a player who has registered with our club but hasn't yet been assigned to a team. Can this player “guest play” with my team?

A: No, If the player is not rostered to an EPYS/ USYSA primary team, they are not eligible to participate as a Club Travel Primary Pass player.

Q: My team is Under-14 but I have players who are eligible for Under-13 (they're playing up). Can they club travel primary pass play with a U13 team since their age makes them eligible for Under-13?

A: No, the Club Travel Pass rule states that a player must play in an older age level as the primary team to which the player is rostered.

Q: I have a U12 girl on my U12 boys' team*. Can she participate on a girls' team using the Club Travel Primary Pass Program?

A: Yes, she can participate with another team of the same or higher play level or age. * Special exceptions are made for girls playing primary on a boys team of the same age group.

Important for Teams Playing Cup

Teams that plan to play in the National Championship Series (NCS Cups) do have restrictions on them regarding the age of under-age players allowed on their roster:

- Check with your state association for Cup rules and roster restrictions prior to submitting your team for league approval.