



Indiana Soccer League

Indiana's Statewide Competitive Developmental League

Club Passing - Indiana Soccer League (ISL)

The club pass concept is when a club uses a player from within their own club to play for another team for a league match. It is not the same as secondary rostering or guest players. Players are put on a roster, but the club is allowed to use other players from within their own club for a league match. ISL rules do not allow two teams that play in the same play group to club pass between themselves.

Purpose:

- Allow coaches more freedom to move players within their own club.
- Eliminate administrative paperwork for member clubs who wish to move players internally.
- 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 move to another club.
- To provide development opportunities for players by being allowed to experience “playing up”.

When to club pass a player:

- One of your teams is short players and there are not enough remaining players on the team in need to put a fair representation on the field.
- Reward a player for the production and effort by club passing them to a “higher” team in your club.
- A player on a “higher” team is not getting sufficient playing time and you have the opportunity to club pass that player to a lower division team in their age group.
- **Players should not be club passed “down” to help gain a result.**

Moving a Player “Up” (when changing formats: i.e. 10U player joining an 11U/12U team, 11U/12U player joining a 13U/14U team).

- A maximum of four players may club pass up. These players are still to be rostered to the younger team/pool. Complete and submit their ISL Application for [Player Exception Form](#) to George Perry. Upon review, the players will be club passed to the requested team by ISL.

Moving a Player “Up” (when not changing formats: i.e. 11U to 12U, 13U to 14U...)

- An unlimited number of players may move “up” competitive divisions unlimited (i.e. from 2nd Division to 1st Division, Premier or MRL).

Moving a Player “Down” (ages 13 – 19/20 & under)

- Players may only move “down” one Division (i.e. from MRL to Premier Division from 1st Division to 2nd Division).
 - Players who are club passed “down” should come from the bottom ¼ of the higher team’s roster.
 - **Players should not be club passed “down” to help gain a result**
- Exception: If a club does not have a team directly below one of their teams (i.e. a club has a Premier team and their next lowest team is in 2nd Division), the club may list four (4) players from their higher division team who would be eligible to club pass “down” to the lower division team.
 - Those players listed should come from the bottom of the roster.
 - This list needs to be submitted to the ISL Commissioner before the season begins.
 - **If a club chooses to roster a player on an older team**, that player may not pass a division in their playing year or their birth year when club passing “down”.
 - Example: if a 15U player is rostered on a 16U ISL Premier team. The club has a 15U 2nd Division team and a 16U 1st Division team. This player may not club pass to the 2nd Division team even though it is in the player’s age group since the player has the opportunity to get playing time on the 1st Division team.
 - **Players should not be club passed “down” to help gain a result.**

Moving a Player “Down” (ages 11 - 12 & under)

- Players playing 11-12 & under can move down unlimited divisions (an 11 & under 2nd Division player may club pass to an 11 & under 4th Division team).
- **Players should not be club passed “down” to help gain a result.**

Logistics:

- Clubs will still roster players with Indiana Soccer
- All players registered to teams within the same club are club pass “eligible”.
- There will be no secondary rostering.
- When a team needs player(s) for a match, they use players within their own club.
- The number of players on a sideline, however, may not exceed the maximum roster size:

Age	Maximum Number of Players Per Game
8 & under	8
10 & under	12
11-12 & under	16
13-19/20 & under	18

How to Club Pass a Player:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBKUvI9GgUk>

Game Day Procedure: 11 & under thru 19/20 & under

Prior to ISL matches, each team must provide the following:

- Two (2) copies of their OFFICIAL ISL GAME CARDS printed from your GOTSOCCKER team account.
 - One copy for the referee and one copy for your opponent.
 - A player’s name **MUST** be on the game card (typed by Gotsoccer) or the player **MAY NOT** play.
 - The reason why both teams bring the game cards is the one that printed their cards closest to the game will have the most accurate one.
- Player passes will be checked at the start of each game by the referee.
 - Player passes, hard copies or virtual (one or the other, both may not be used at the same time), must be shown. They are to verify the name on the game card and the face on the player card matches.
 - After the players have been checked in, the passes are to be returned to the team.
- Player cards alone are not enough. The player’s name **MUST** be on the game card.
- The only exception to any of the above would be if a letter/email was presented from the ISL Commissioner or Administrator.

Game Day Procedure: 8 & under thru 10 & under

Prior to ISL matches, each team must provide one of the following to the referee:

- A State Roster Pool list with the players participating that day highlighted or checked.
- A copy of the game card with the players’ names typed on the card.
- A player pass, either hard copy OR virtual but not both.

Consequences for Abuse:

- If a player is club passed down contrary to the policy, the coach of the team playing will be suspended one game for the first incident and the game will be recorded as a forfeit.
- Repeated offenses will be addressed by the ISL Commissioner and not limited to season suspension.

Recommendations:

- Please take into account age and developmental appropriateness of the club passing.
- Use club passing as a reward for player(s) who have shown improvement throughout the season.
- Communicate clearly to all of your parents and players the purpose of the system.

Club passing should not take place unless the Director of Coaching for the Club is aware and approves.