

## **ABOUT DOUBLE ROSTERING**

### **Travel Players Play for the Travel Program**

WSA considers all of its teams in a selected age group as one class of teammates organized into units for the purpose of league play. We encourage all of our teams to be supportive of each other in a positive manner without negatively impacting peer team's experience or participation levels. This philosophy provides ability to leverage policies such as double rostering across all of our teams to help fill rosters in times of need due to conflicts or injuries.

### **What Is Double Rostering:**

Double rostering a player is when a player, in accordance with CJSA and SWD policies and WSA procedures, appears on two, but no more than two, rosters for a given weekend or portion of season. Double rostered players can and do change on a weekly basis during the course of a season. A double rostered player is one that will first and foremost play their primary team's game in a given week, and then, if available and interested, support a second team upon request.

### **WSA Uses Double Rostering for Purpose of:**

- Ensuring that each team has sufficient number of players and substitutes to safely and successfully play a scheduled game.

This is particularly helpful during the Spring season when conflicts are more significant for our players, but is also selectively utilized in the Fall season. Under no circumstances should a player forego their primary team's game for a secondary team's game.

### **WSA DOES NOT Use Double Rostering to:**

- Improve the perceived ability of one team over another team
- To signal that player(s) on one team or another are "better" or "more highly ranked" or to apply or infer any similar label relative to others
- To attempt to influence the potential outcome of a specific game or season by inviting selected players from another team to play for a different team
- To promote players from one team onto a second team ahead of any others

### **Double Rostered Players Will:**

- Not start the first or second half of the secondary game that they may be supporting unless there are less than the required number of primary team players present.
- Generally not play more than half the game unless there are too few primary team players present to maintain a safe environment.
- Continue to consistently attend their primary team's practice sessions and maintain full commitment to their primary team game schedule in every instance.

### **SWD (Southwest District League) Double Roster Policy:**

Teams participating in SWD classic travel league play (including U9 and U10) shall have no more than 40% of its players rostered with other classic travel teams. Additionally, if a club has more than two teams in an age group, players can only be double rostered to the next closest team in terms of division placement. Double roster players can come from players of the same age group, or players from younger age groups (ideally no more than one year younger), but NOT from older age groups and not from outside programs. Please confirm your teams are in compliance by getting approval for double rostered players from respective VPs of Travel and WSA Registrar.

### **Who Decides Which Players Get Double Rostered:**

The Coaching Director, the Coaches of the respective teams and the Parent Manager(s) on a week to week basis have the sole authority, with the consent of the parent or guardian of the player or players eligible to double roster, to double roster players, to decide how many players will double roster, and to decide which players specifically will double roster on an as needed basis.

Typically only one or only a few players may be requested each week. The Parent Managers will endeavor to be fair and equitable in the opportunities for double rostering and not favor any player on any basis in this regard. Players should be drawn from adjacent WSA rosters without preference to any player or sub group of players given.

Only players interested in double rostering can be double rostered. Parents and their players should take into account that a double rostered player is required to first play their primary team's game on a given weekend, and then, if they are able, support a second team in their game as a double rostered player.

Under no circumstances, should players be pressured by parents, peers, coaches or other WSA representatives to be double rostered against their wishes.

Players from outside WSA programs are not permitted to be double rostered without the express approval of the Travel Directors and WSA Board of Directors. All double rostered players are required to be registered with WSA and therefore be covered by WSA/CJSA insurance.

### **WSA Double Roster Procedures:**

A double rostered player must be added to the official game roster by the Tuesday prior to the upcoming game (Saturday or Sunday). Request to double roster player(s) will be sent from Parent Managers to respective Travel Director and WSA Registrar. Once approved, WSA Registrar will provide Parent Manager an updated certified roster for the upcoming game. Double roster players must have their player pass at all games they participate in.