

Competitive Player Policy

The Policy on Premier, Select, and Recreational Players on Teams in Grays Harbor Foothills Youth Soccer Association Leagues has been adopted to focus on player involvement and development. GHFYSA administers recreational leagues in spring, summer and fall. This policy will apply to all leagues administered by GHFYSA as of Fall 2025. Any player/team/club that participates in a league, event, or tournament outside of GHFYSA recreational league and is still part of GHFYSA must adhere to both GHFYSA guidelines AND the respective league/event/tournament for which they expect to play. In the event of conflict. The more restrictive rule must be followed.

A player may not be simultaneously rostered to a recreational program and a competitive program.

- 1.Any player who registers for a competitive program and withdraws prior to their first game may, with no restriction, be transferred to a recreational program.
- 2.A player who has registered for a competitive program and completed their first game may withdraw and transfer to a recreational program with a written agreement not to return to competitive for the remainder of the seasonal year.
- 3.Players who are listed as competitive and with to play where there is no competitive program offered, may opt to play a recreational program without restriction on returning to competitive play.
- 4.No recreational team may roster more than three players who have been listed as competitive at any time within the seasonal year without express written consent from GHFYSA

A competitive player is defined as one rostered to a team during the playing year which played in a league for teams formed through a player selection process. This included both “Select” and “Premier” soccer. Competitive players can expect to focus on athletic development.

A recreational player is defined as a player who is rostered to a team for the purposes of entertainment and exercise. Recreational players can expect to focus on learning the game and participating in social athletics.

Clubs (not individual coaches) are required to send requests for exceptions to GHFoothillsYouthSA@gmail.com.