

Policy Name:	Part-Time Player Policy		
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### **Policy Purpose:**

Players enrolled in multiple competitive club sports may have difficulty in fully committing, ultimately leading to the player not being able to participate in soccer. This program allows multi-sport athletes an avenue to further develop their soccer skills.

#### **Policy Scope:**

This policy applies potential players eligible by DOB for the U11-U17 programs.

## Policy Statement: "Encouraging the Multi-Sport Athlete"

The ESUSC supports the research showing that playing multiple sports promotes positives benefits in the overall development of athletes. Our intent is to allow multi-sport athletes an avenue to further develop their soccer skills.

### **Policy Elements/Procedures:**

1. Application to the Program: Players must be eligible by DOB for the U11-U17 programs. Players interested in part-time player status will be required to register for the indoor season and attend tryouts. They must also provide a written request detailing the reasoning for requesting entrance. Entry into the program will be at the sole discretion of the ESUSC and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Should a player wish to transfer from part-time into the full Scottish program at any time during the season, they shall be required to pay the difference between the part-time and full-time player fee.

### 2. Program Classifications

- a. Red Shirt: To qualify for the Red Shirt designation the technical department must assess that the player is at the level of the ESUSC program, the player will then be offered a spot on a Scottish team as a Red Shirt player. The player will be permitted to attend all training sessions with the team. The player will not be permitted to participate in games or tournament.
- b. Part-Time: To qualify as a part-time player the technical department must assess that the player is at the level of the ESUSC program. The player will be invited to attend all practice sessions, participate in tournaments and up to half of the teams league matches.
- c. Elite Training Program Participants: Players designated as Elite Training Program Participants (e.g. Whitecaps Academy) will not attend training sessions, but can be on the roster and are able to participate in match play. There is no limitation on the number of matches those players are allowed to attend.

#### Restrictions

- a. Part-time players must not take a spot that would otherwise be offered to another potential full time player.
- b. There will be a maximum combination of 2 "Red Shirt" or "Part-Time" players allowed on a team. Players selected as Red Shirt or Part-Time do not count towards the minimum number of players required to form a team, but DO count toward the maximum roster size for the team as they are required to be on the roster.
- c. The number of Elite Training Program Participants will be at the discretion on the technical staff in consultation with the coach and handled on a case by case basis.
- 4. Participation Scope: The part-time program will begin following Scottish tryouts and continue until the conclusion of the seasonal ASA Provincial competitions.
- 5. Volunteer and Fundraising Requirements: All families participating in the Part-time Program at the discretion of the board or the team may be required to participate in fundraising activities and fulfill volunteering commitments.
- 6. Registration and Fees: all Part-Time players will be required to register through the club's preferred platform, and pay the requisite PT Fees as determined by the Board from season to season.

# Approved by: The Board of Directors -



