

# 2017 South Texas Cup

## Guest Player Policy and Procedures

Teams participating in the 2017 South Texas Cup competition have the opportunity to add a maximum of 3 Guest Players to their event roster. Should a team use Guest Players, those players will be eligible for both the District and State events. Any Guest Players used **MUST** be identified and added to your roster by the stated deadlines below, otherwise the Guest Player will not be eligible to participate.

**IMPORTANT:** The South Texas Cup event roster may not exceed the normal rostering limit. Guest players **DO** count towards your roster maximum for the event.

### DEADLINES:

**March 31** – Deadline for Guest Players to register to be a Guest Player in the South Texas Cup event (registration instructions below).

**April 3** – Deadline for Teams to assign their Guest Players to their roster

### RESTRICTIONS:

Each team in the South Texas Cup may use a maximum of 3 Guest Player. ALL Guest Players must be identified and assigned by the stated deadlines above. If your team advances out of the District competition to the State Finals, the only guest players that will be eligible for the State Finals will be the players you identified to guest play for your team at the District competition.

- ✓ Guest Players must be a primary rostered player from a team that is eligible for, but not participating in, the South Texas Cup.
  - Further clarification on the above restriction:
    - Guest Players must be a STYSA registered player
    - Academy, Division I, and Super II players are NOT eligible
    - Guest Players coming from a U10 team are NOT eligible
- ✓ Guest Players must be of the same age group or younger than the team they are guest playing for.
- ✓ Guest Players must be of the same level of play or lower than the team they are guest playing for.
  - Further clarification on the above restriction
    - A Division III team may not use Guest Players who are Division II
- ✓ Guest Players who are rostered to another team participating in South Texas Cup or any other STYSA cup competition are NOT eligible to guest play.
  - Further clarification on the above restriction
    - A player rostered to a State Cup (National Cup), Presidents Cup, Directors Cup, or South Texas Cup team is NOT eligible to guest play in the South Texas Cup.

**\*\*On April 5, South Texas will be reviewing ALL guest players assigned to teams. If a Guest Player is determined as being ineligible according to the restrictions listed above, South Texas reserves the right to REMOVE the player from your event roster. The Guest Player may not be replaced\*\***

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING AND ASSIGNING GUEST PLAYERS TO YOUR TEAM:**

Getting a Guest Player onto your South Texas Cup roster is a 2-step process.

**Step 1:** The Guest Player you have chosen to play with your team must register as a Guest Player for the South Texas Cup event. To do this, have the player or parent follow the below process:

- The Player needs to log into their GotSoccer account.
- There will be a “Tournaments” link in the blue menu bar. Click that link.
- Use the search feature to find the event. Search for “2016 South Texas Cup”
- Once you find the event, click the “Apply as Guest Player” button.
- You’re Done! Additional help can be found via the link below or calling GotSoccer Support (904-746-4446).

<http://home.gotsoccer.com/support.aspx?content=support&section=Players&HelpID=51>

**Deadline for player to complete this step:** **March 31, 2017**

**Step 2:** The team manager or coach needs to log into their team account and assign the registered guest player to their team. To do this, follow the below process:

- Log into your GotSoccer Team Account
- In the “Event Registration History” module, click on the “2017 South Texas Cup – DISTRICT” event link.
- On the new page that opens up, click on the “Guests” tab.
- On this screen you can see the players that have registered to be a Guest Player for the event. Assign your identified Guest Players to your team...click on the player name and assign them to your team. PLEASE ONLY SELECT PLAYERS YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED THAT WILL GUEST PLAY FOR YOUR TEAM...you will see other players available, but they will likely be guest playing with another team!

**Deadline for team manager/ coach to complete this step:** **April 3, 2017**

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