

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be advised that the divisions for the National Club Championships will be:

- Under 15
- Under 17
- Senior Open

IMPORTANT RULES

FOR TEAMS IN DIVISIONS LEADING TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please be advised of the following Canada Soccer Regulations for National Competitions:

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Teams must meet the minimum **Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program** requirement for that competition year in order to be eligible to participate in the National Championships.

To be eligible to participate in the National/Regional Club Competitions a team must have a minimum of 17 registered players who are eligible to participate in the Provincial Tournament leading to a National/Regional Competition.

Teams must be able to field a minimum of fifteen (15) players to participate in a National/Regional Competition.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

9.1 Only players registered with an Association in Membership shall be eligible to compete in a National Championship. Each player must be either:

- A Canadian citizen; or
- A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada); or
- A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada); or
- Has received an exemption from the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee as per the

National Championship Regulations

9.3 The deadline for registration with the Club shall be July 31, and the deadline for transfers shall be on or before July 31 of the current season.

9.7 All registered players must be assigned to the team by August 31 of that competition year.

9.9 A team may not register players after qualifying for the Regional or National Championship.

9.10 Any player registered as a professional player shall only be eligible to play when reinstated as an amateur player. Any player reinstated after July 31st shall not be eligible to play in the National Club Championships for that calendar year.



9.12 An amateur player who is registered and is listed on a match sheet with a professional, semi-professional, or League1 Canada team after May 31 in the current year shall not be eligible to play in any National Championships

9.16 Any player not meeting the required eligibility outlined in 9.1.1, 9.1.2 or 9.1.3 may apply, via their respective Provincial/Territorial Association, to the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee Eligibility Panel for an exemption. To apply, the player must have an International Transfer Certificate and a student or work visa valid at least until the end of the competition. The decision of the Competitions Committee Eligibility Panel is final and not subject to appeal. The deadline for submitting the exemption request is September 30th of the current year or prior to qualifying for the National Championships, whichever comes earlier. Any exemption granted is only valid for the year in which it was issued.

10.4 Head Coaches are required to have the following in order to meet the coaching requirements:

1. ***Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen or Enhanced Police Information Check***
2. Soccer for Life – Theory Module
3. Soccer for Life – Practical Module
4. NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Module and/or Online Evaluation
5. Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program
6. NCCP Making Headway Module
7. NCCP Emergency Action Planning Module
8. NCCP Rule of Two Module

Ontario Soccer does not have a Transfer Deadline, however, please be aware that any player transferred after July 31, in accordance with Rule 9.3 above will not be eligible for the National Club Championships. Canada Soccer views players that are de-registered and then re-registered to another team as being transferred and therefore, players re-registered after July 31 will also not be eligible for National Championships.

CALL-UPS FOR NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

In preparation for the National Club Championships there is some very important information you need to know regarding call-ups. While you may be used to Ontario Soccer's policies on call-ups for the Ontario Cup, Canada Soccer's policies on call-ups for Nationals are far stricter. In an effort to avoid any disappointment come September/October, we have outlined some key policies below that should help you to make the appropriate arrangements before it is too late:

- A team may only call up a maximum of two players to replace players already registered with the team who are unable to take part in the National Championships
- Call-ups must not increase the roster above the number of registered players as of August 31 (i.e. a call-up must replace a registered player of the team)
 - o For example:
 - If a team has only registered 17 players as of July 31, it cannot call up players to increase the roster above 17.



- Call-ups are still bound by the July 31 deadline – in order for the players to be eligible as call-ups, they must be registered to your club before July 31.

To summarize, make sure you register to your team the players you want to bring to Nationals. Canada Soccer does not bend on the above policies so make sure you get your registrations in order prior to July 31. While there are several other call-up policies for Nationals, the above policies are the important ones with regards to registration.

