



## **Guest Playing Policy**

It is the desire and policy of Azzurri Storm to provide every opportunity possible to players to train and play competitive games. We respect and appreciate the desire of each individual to compete and have fun. Our schedules, based on a Fall thru Spring season, allow for players to get the reward of games and the appropriate rest necessary for players to perform at optimum levels. Within those parameters, Azzurri Storm has implemented the following guest playing policy.

### **Guest Playing Within the Club**

This is the preferred option to exercise when seeking any guest playing opportunities. Each of our teams will play approximately 3-5 tournaments a year (Aug.-May) and participate in at least one (1) league. Not all of these tournaments and leagues are the same for all teams, thus providing numerous chances for players to get an extra game within our Club.

If you would like to guest play and your team is not playing in a particular league, tournament or showcase, the player and parent should contact the coach and get his/her approval. Player and parent must also obtain approval from the DOC to play. Keep in mind, that as players get hurt, sick or travel with family, the DOC will always be looking within Azzurri Storm for players to complement a team and to help them in any one game/event.

### **Guest Playing with Another Club**

We understand that everyone wants to play as much as possible. We also understand that many of us have friends in other clubs. Or, situations arise when a team is short players and may need some help. Although we do our very best to give players every opportunity possible to play, we also strive to provide them with appropriate rest and recovery time. This is an important aspect of player development and injury prevention. Many times, when a player wants to guest with another club or team it is at the expense of this rest.

The one stipulation that Azzurri Storm Soccer Club has with guest playing is that no Azzurri Storm player can guest play for another team that is playing against a Azzurri Storm team. Prior to asking, player and family need to ensure that their Azzurri Storm team is not playing that weekend and they are not playing against another Azzurri Storm team. DOC will not allow you to guest play within our club or outside if your team has a game/tournament that weekend.

Given that, Azzurri Storm will allow players to guest play provided the following occurs at least one week prior to the event.

1. The coach of the other club team must contact the appropriate Azzurri Storm coach to seek permission for his/her player to guest play on their team.
2. If the request is granted, Azzurri Storm coach must inform the player & his family about the request and then inform the other club coach of the decision.
3. If the player/family accept the offer to guest play, the player/family must submit a Guest Player Request Form to the Azzurri Storm DOC for approval.
4. The DOC of the club requesting the guest player, must submit a request via email to Azzurri Storm DOC for approval. If the DOC allows it, then the DOC will approve the Guest Player Request Form.
5. If approved by the DOC, the player card will be checked-out for 72 hours.
6. Lastly, no Azzurri Storm coach, assistant coach or a team manager will directly hand any player/family their player card if they have not completed the above steps!

Guest playing with another team can be a great experience for the player and can help a team that is in a tough situation. Given Florida Youth Soccer Association rules concerning the number of games a player can play and our philosophy on player development, we do our best to provide the best ratio of trainings to games possible.

For any questions regarding the Guest Playing Policy, Please contact the Director of Coaching.