

USA Rugby NCS Roster Certification

The USA Rugby Senior Club National Championship Series includes the playoffs for Men's Divisions I, II, and III, and the playoffs for Women's Divisions I and II, starting with the the USA Rugby 'Round of 16' and culminating in the National Championship.

Key Regulations.

Regulation 3.2. Senior Club National Championship Series (NCS).

- (c). Clubs participating in the USA Rugby Senior Club NCS may carry a maximum Roster of 28 players per Event Weekend. The full Roster is locked for the duration of the Event Weekend.
- (d). Clubs participating in the USA Rugby Senior Club NCS must carry a minimum Roster of 20 players per Event Weekend.
- (e). The Event Weekend Roster may include a maximum of ten (10) Non-Resident Players.

Regulation 3.4. Player Eligibility.

- (a). Player must be registered to the Club and reside in the United States by no later than 11:59 pm in the Player's Local Time Zone on April 1.
- (b). Non-Resident (NR) players must have entered and be residing in the United States prior to April 1. Passport and/or other Proof of Entry into the United States is required to document that this criteria has been met.
- (d). Player must play in at least two (2) National Championship (NC) Qualifying Matches with the Club. Play is defined as actually stepping onto the field either as a starter, reserve, or blood substitution for any length of time.
- (g). For local Union Play-off Matches, each player must be capable of meeting the required Qualifying Match minimum by the start of the USA Rugby NCS. Local Union Championship matches apply towards the player's match participation total.
- (h). For local Union Play-off Matches, each player is restricted to the division(s) in which he/she will be eligible to compete in the USA Rugby NCS. Local Union Championship matches apply to the player's number of NC Qualifying matches with respect to divisional eligibility.
- (i). Player must not have played in a NC Qualifying Match for any other Club during the current Competitive Season without a Waiver from USA Rugby.
- (m). Players on Clubs fielding multiple sides are subject to the additional Regulations outlined within Section 3.5.

Regulation 3.5. Senior Clubs Fielding Multiple Sides.

- (d). Any player on a club fielding teams which compete in either contiguous or non-contiguous divisions, who has played in at least 66% of the total NC Qualifying Matches for the club's Upper Division side is immediately no longer eligible to play for that club's Lower Division side.
- (e). Any player on a club fielding teams in three divisions (1, 2 and 3), who has played in at least 66% of the total NC Qualifying Matches for an Upper Division side, based on the schedule of the higher division team with the fewer number of Qualifying Matches, is immediately no longer eligible to play for the Division 3 side.
- (f). For local Union Play-off Matches, each player is restricted to the division(s) in which he/she will be eligible to compete in the USA Rugby NCS.
- (g). Using the total number of NC Qualifying Matches played by a player (when the Upper Division-Only minimum specified in Regulation 3.5-(d) or 3.5-(e) has not been met), if 50% or more were with the Upper Division side, that player is not eligible to participate with the Lower Division side in the USA Rugby NCS.
- (h). To be eligible to compete in a USA Rugby Championship Event in the Lower Division, a player must have played in a minimum of two (2) NC Qualifying Matches at the Lower Division level entered into the USA Rugby NCS.
- (i). To be eligible to compete in a USA Rugby Championship Event in the Upper Division, a player must have played in a minimum of two (2) NC Qualifying Matches at any division level with their Club.

Full Senior Club Regulations found at: <https://www.usaclub.rugby/eligibility1.html>

NCS Eligibility Worksheet.

***If team has not set its 28-player Event Roster, review up to 35 players (those most likely to participate in the NCS).*

A. Sportlomo.

1. Main Club Membership Page.

Do all players on the Event Roster, actual or potential, appear as current members of the club?

NOTE: Players not on the club's page may not be NCS eligible - check membership status with USA Rugby.

Do all players have a 'start' date that falls on/before April 1, 2022?

NOTE: any players that registered later are NCS ineligible - Waiver from USA Rugby required.

Do any players have 'Dual Membership' with the club (instead of Primary)?

For any Dual Memberships: click on the 'i' button at the end of that player's entry.

Is the dual membership with another senior club?

NO: No action needed.

YES: Possible transfer. Check CMS to determine whether a Waiver from USA Rugby is required.

2. Transfers/Dual Memberships Page.

Search by 'Transfers to' the Club.

Did any player transfer from another senior club between August 15, 2021 - April 1, 2022?

NOTE: Players transferring from another senior club may require a Waiver from USA Rugby. Check CMS.

Does any player have a dual membership with another senior club (August 15, 2021 - April 1, 2022)?

NOTE: If yes, possible transfer. Player may require a Waiver from USA Rugby. Check CMS.

B. Competitions Management System (CMS).

Confirming: (1). Player Participation with the Club. (2). In-Season Transfer status. (3) Lower Division Eligibility.

Locate Club in the appropriate Competitions set up in CMS and open the first game/Match Report.

Click on each player listed to see participation for the 2021-22 competitive season.

Continue checking Matches until all players on the actual/potential Event Roster have been reviewed.

Confirm each player played at least two (starter or replacement) matches.

NOTE: Players who will not meet the two match participation by the NCS need a Waiver from USA Rugby.

NOTE: Any player who played for more than one senior club during the 2021-22 season is a transfer and WILL need a Waiver from USA Rugby.

Any player noted in Sportlomo as a 'Transfer' from another senior club, who played with the second senior club during the 2021-22 season, MUST receive a Waiver from USA Rugby in order to be NCS eligible.

Any player noted above as a 'Dual Membership' with another senior club, who played with the second senior club during the 2021-22 season, MUST receive a Waiver from USA Rugby in order to be NCS eligible.

Do any players on clubs fielding teams in more than one division, show 66% or more of their total games played in Upper Division/s?

If **YES**, are any of those players seeking eligibility in the Lower Division side in the NCS?

If **YES**, can the player meet this standard in the local Union play-offs?

NOTE: If not, please note the player is not NCS eligible for the Lower Division side (and therefore, not eligible with the Lower Division side in the local Union play-offs).

Do any players on clubs fielding teams in more than one division, show 50% or more of their total games played in Upper Division/s?

If **YES**, are any of those players seeking eligibility in the Lower Division side in the NCS?

If **YES**, can the player meet this standard in the local Union play-offs?

NOTE: If not, please note the player is not NCS eligible for the Lower Division side (and therefore, not eligible with the Lower Division side in the local Union play-offs).

C. Non-Resident (NR) Players.

Any player unable to verify U.S. Resident status will be assigned Non-Resident status for purposes of eligibility. Documents (original or legible copy) that may be used to verify U.S. Residency include:

- ▶ Government-issued photo ID accompanied by a birth certificate from a U.S. state or territory. OR,
- ▶ Official school-issued ID for students accompanied by a birth certificate from a U.S. state or territory. OR,
- ▶ Photo page of U.S. passport. or U.S. passport card/Enhanced Driver's License. OR,
- ▶ Naturalization Certificate accompanied by a birth certificate from a U.S. state or territory. OR,
- ▶ Permanent (Green Card) or Conditional Permanent Resident. OR,
- ▶ Native American Tribal Identification Card.