



U18 Entry Mechanism

1. Eligibility Requirements.

- Any player seventeen (17) years old or younger shall enter the League through the U18 Entry Mechanism.
- Any player eighteen (18) years old or older shall enter the league through the other applicable league entry mechanisms (e.g., NWSL Draft, Discovery).

2. U18 Entry List Guidelines.

- The League will maintain a non-public U18 Entry List.
- To be placed on a Team's U18 Entry list, the Player and Parent/Guardian must consent.
- Each Team is limited to four (4) players combined between their U18 Entry List and Roster.
 - i. Once a Player turns eighteen (18), a slot will open back up on a Team's U18 Entry List and/or Roster, and a Team may add another U18 player.
 - ii. Player(s) on a Team's U18 Entry List are not tradeable.
 - iii. U18 Entry List spots are not tradeable.
 - iv. Players must be signed to a Guaranteed Contract within thirty (30) days of being placed on the U18 Entry List.
 - i. A Team will not be able to add a U18 player to their U18 Entry List if they cannot maintain Roster Compliance before the end of 30 days.

3. U18 Roster Guidelines.

- U18 Players will occupy a Senior Roster spot.
- U18 Players may not be waived or traded until Player turns eighteen (18) (or with Player and parent/guardian consent).
- U18 Players must reside with their Parent/Guardian until their eighteenth (18th) birthday.
 - i. A Team may provide two-bedroom housing for the U18 Player & Parent/Guardian. The cost of the two-bedroom housing will not be calculated in the Salary Cap.
 - ii. If Team provides a housing stipend, the amount up to the cost of such Team's market two-bedroom housing will not be calculated in the Salary Cap.
 - iii. Excess amounts would be calculated in the Salary Cap.
- Contract term length must, at a minimum, run through the Season in which the Player turns eighteen (18).
- U18 Players on a Team's Entry List and U18 Players on a Team's Senior Roster are not eligible to be selected in the Expansion Process
- Loans for U18 Players will be approved by NWSL on a case-by-case basis.
- Once a U18 Player turns eighteen (18), the U18 Roster Guidelines no longer apply to the player.



4. Additional U18 Player Benefits.

- A Team may cover the cost of a U18 player's high school tuition or tutoring, and these benefits do not count against the Team's Salary Cap, but must be reported to NWSL for tax purposes.

5. League Guidelines for Minor Athletes.

- Teams must comply with all NWSL Guidelines for Minor Athletes.