Guest Player Policy

The following details the Guest Player Policy for Team Nitro LI. This includes both a member of Team Nitro LI wanting to guest play for another team or organization as well as a player guest playing on a Team Nitro team for a given tournament

Guest Playing for another Team or Organization

One of the cornerstone philosophies of Team Nitro LI (TNLI) has always been about providing an environment for its players to grow and develop their softball skill set. This is achieved through training, practicing and playing the game of softball. The more a player can perform any of these activities the better the chance that player can raise their game to the next level.

To this end, TNLI has decided to allow its players to Guest Play for other Teams or Organizations providing:

1. The player receives an approval from the coach and TNLI organization
2. It does not interfere with any TNLI activities (i.e. games or practices)
3. The team/organization guest playing for has the same open door guest player policy.

If another organization does not allow its players to guest play, then TNLI may not extend this same privilege to play for them.

At the 18U Showcasing level, guest playing is a standard practice to allow payers to showcase their talents to College Coaches. When guest playing in a College Showcase event the TNLI player is required to wear their Team Nitro Uniform, this is standard practice and highlights you as a player under the uniform of the team and organization you play for allowing College Coaches to find and track you.

At non-showcase events and younger levels, guest playing does occur to help out another team or organization that has a need for a given event. TNLI allows its players to gust play providing the tournament sanctioning body permits a player to be rostered for just that tournament. This usually includes USSSA, Triple Crown, ASA and NSA governing bodies. Since Pony requires a player to be Drop/Add on the official roster that is submitted once a year via their website, guest playing in one of their tournaments cannot be accommodated and is not allowed.

In the event a player wants to guest play, then that player needs to inform both their coach and the Team Nitro organization. This should be done in an email that includes the Team/Organization the player wants to play for and the date of that event. An approval will be supplied providing the policy outlined above is being honored. Please be advised that even if all above is met, it will be the final decision of the Organization and/or Manager as to whether or not you will be allowed to guest play.

If a player is found out to have guest played without receiving prior approval as outlined in this policy, then that player is subject to consequences up to and including game suspensions or termination from TNLI with complete forfeit of their player fee.

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A Guest Player playing for Team Nitro LI

There are reasons from time to time for a player to guest play for one of the Team Nitro teams. In the event a TNLI team needs a guest player, it is highly recommended that this player be sought from within the organization first before looking outside. If a player from outside the organization joins the team for a given tournament, then there are certain guidelines that need to be followed as closely as possible. They include:

1. For any 16U/18U Showcasing event, a player from another organization can be used and that player needs to wear the uniform of the team that they normally play for.
2. A player guest playing for any Team Nitro team in any activity other than a 16U/18U Showcase event, must sign the TNLI Insurance Waiver Form found on the TNLI Website under the Handouts section before they are allowed to participate in any TNLI activity.
3. For a younger team (14U and below), a player can be added to the tournament's roster providing that player has informed their team/organization of their intension to play for TNLI for the tournament. It is the responsibility of the Guest player to seek out this approval and not that of a TNLI Coach.
4. A Guest Player, playing in a non Showcase event must wear the same uniform of that of the rest of the Team Nitro players
5. The official roster handed in at the beginning of a tournament must include this guest player for it to be considered valid. If that player is not on the official tournament roster then they are not allowed to participate in that tournament and jeopardize the team in anyway and possibly disqualify them from the tournament
6. Playing time for this player should not adversity impact that of any TNLI player who has been part of the TNLI roster prior to this tournament.

The reputation of your team and that of the Team Nitro organization is paramount in the way we conduct our business. It is imperative that we do not jeopardize our extremely high levels of standard in any way. It there is a potential for reputational risk in anyway, then the use of a Guest Player should be avoided at all costs.