

National Championship Series levels

National Championship Series: Single competition conducted at the state, regional and National levels.

- <u>State Championship</u>: Each state holds a qualifying event in which all teams must compete in to be eligible to advance in the National Championship Series.
- <u>Regional Championship</u>: Each region holds a qualifying event for the National Championships that encompasses State Cup winners and League qualifiers from within the region. This round will crown a Regional Champion.
- <u>National Championship</u>: Final event in the series, crowning a national champion in each age group.

A **"Club Pass"** player is a player who is currently registered to a club can be added to a roster of a different team within that same club for the Regional Championships or National Championships, prior to the competition freeze date, in compliance with the National Championships Policy.

A player may only play for one club in the National Championship Series.

A club pass player may be rostered at the Regional and National levels, provided that the player is not rostered to another team within that Club that is still competing in the National Championship Series.

Examples of when club passing is allowed:

- 1. Brent is on 05 Boys Black for State Championships. His team does not advance to the Regional Championships; however, the 04 Boys Black Team does advance, and they would like to add him. Brent is eligible to be rostered as a club pass player.
- 2. Sarah is on the 06 Girls Green team for State Championships. Her team does not advance to Regionals. The 04 Girls team advances to Regionals then wins and advances to Nationals. The coach for the 04 Girls team would like to add Sarah to their National Championships roster. Sarah is eligible to be rostered as a club pass player.
- 3. Zoe registers with a club but isn't rostered for State Championships or Regional Championships. Within the same club the 03 Girls Red team advances to Nationals through National League P.R.O. and would like to add Zoe.



"Transfer", as defined within the National Championships Policy, means player movement from one club to another club, prior to providing the National Championship Series roster at the State Association level.

When can this happen: A team is allowed up to 5 transfers prior to the roster freeze date for the State Championships.

A player rostered to a team within Club A who participated in State Championships, and that team is eliminated, is **not eligible** to club pass to Club B for Regional or National Championships.