



Available Teams Policy

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A. PRINCIPLES

This Availables Team Policy defines the guidelines of an Availables Team competing in The Circuit.

B. DEFINITIONS

Any team competing at a Circuit Event, who does not meet the traditional Circuit Team requirements, will be treated as an "Availables Team". Availables Teams, also known as "Open Roster" teams, do not count towards a Circuit Team Player Transfers or are considered for Team Mergers. Players are permitted to participate on as many Availables Teams as they wish without impacting the status with their Circuit Team.

C. TEAM ROSTER GUIDELINES

Specifically, Available Teams must agree to:

- A roster cap of up to 15 total Circuit Players. This does not include Non-Playing Coaches and brand "New Players".
 - A "new" player does not count against the cap. For example, an Availables Team is permitted to go OVER the team roster cap of 15 players AS LONG AS the additional players are "New Players". This does not apply to Non-Playing Coaches.
 - Adhere to the "Male Player Roster Cap";
 - Adhere to the "Top Talent Player Roster Cap";
 - May not contain more than five (5) players from any single Circuit Team Roster;
 - Acknowledge they will be seeded at Circuit Events based on an average ranking score of the players on the team. Seeding at their first Circuit Event based on the average ranking score of the teams combined, minus a 25% point reduction;
 - Adhere to the team requirements outlined. If not they may be disqualified from competing at a Circuit Event, regardless of when the team officially registered.
 - Acknowledge that they will not be included in the Official Circuit Rankings at the conclusion of the Circuit Event;
 - Acknowledge they will not be permitted to compete at the Circuit Championship Weekend.
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D. RESTRICTIONS

1. MALE PLAYER ROSTER CAP

- a. Permitted to have no more than ten (10) male players total on a Team Roster.

2. TOP TALENT PLAYER ROSTER CAP



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- a. For the Co-ed Division, Availables Teams are not permitted to have more than five total (5) total players from Top Fifteen (15) Circuit Teams as listed on the Official Co-ed Division Team Rankings. No more than four (4) of those players can be male players.
 - i. Roster calculations are based on the Official Co-ed Division Team Rankings posted eight (8) weeks prior to a Circuit Event.
 - b. Women's Division is not permitted to have more than five (5) players from the Top Ten (10) Circuit Teams as listed on the Official Women's Division Team Rankings.
 - i. Does not apply to Non-Playing Coaches.
 - ii. Roster calculations based on the Official Women's Division Team Rankings eight (8) weeks prior to a Circuit Event.
3. **PRIZE POOLS CAP**
- a. Availables Teams are eligible for 70% of the advertised Circuit Event Prize Pool. The remaining 30% is applied to the online advertising budget of Kickball365 to attract new Circuit Teams at future Circuit Events. For additional insight into this please reach out to Kickball365.
 - b. After the first Circuit Event, Availables Teams are not eligible for prize money at subsequent events together.
 - c. Kickball365 has sole discretion to determine an Availables Team eligibility to earn prize pool money at subsequent events (i.e., Availables Team Roster sameness officially equates to 50% of any previous roster used at a Circuit Event playing under a different name competing to earn prize pool money as a first time Availables Team).

E. EXPECTED RANKINGS FOR CIRCUIT EVENTS

After a Circuit Events registration is closed each team registered will be assigned a tournament seed by Kickball365. The Circuit Event seed is determined by the Established Team's current ranking in the CRS. Kickball365 takes a team's averaged ranks (i.e. 1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each of the individual ranking systems – ELO, FIFA®, and RPI – to generate their CRS Ranking to be used to seed teams during the National Tour. Available Teams will have an Opposition Strength based on the average of the rankings of each player's last team, if such a team was an Established Team.

F. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR FREE AGENCY

For 2019, the term "Free Agency" is clarified to only apply to players seeking to play on an Availables Team.

- Specifically, players seeking to be "free" from counting as "Top 15" for Availables Teams.
- Players cannot declare Free Agency from their Circuit Team for the purposes of transferring to another Circuit Team.



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- Players who are granted Free Agency status, for the purpose of Availables Teams, will still carry their last Circuit Team Ranking when it comes to calculating Availables Team rankings at Circuit Events.
 - Players granted Free Agency come with two stipulations for their next Circuit Team:
 - 1) Cannot rejoin their former Circuit Team at any point in the future;
 - 2) Their next Circuit Team must be outside of the top 15 if in-region; OR
 - 3) Must be outside of the top 50% if out-of-region (approval still required for the latter).
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G. CHANGE LOG

1/4/2018 - New formatting introduced.

4/19/18 - Added requirement removed during re-formatting during off-season.

12/10/18 - See changes posted to <https://www.kickball365.com/thecircuit2019/>