

# TRI-ANNUAL COMMON PLAYER GUIDELINES UPDATED PROCEDURE

This document will outline a structural change to the Common Player Guidelines, as well as the fundamental change in how the matchups are created.

When teams with players common to both rosters meet one another during the Tri-Annual, those common players have two options. The first option is to “sit out” of the team match, in which case they are not allowed to play, captain, coach, or use their skill levels for 23-Rule purposes. If a common player chooses the first option, he can advance with both teams, if neither is eliminated, or if one of the two teams is eliminated the common player will advance with the winning team. The second option is to “declare a team” prior to the start of the team match. Common players who choose the second option, and declare a team, will be marked ineligible on the roster of the team they did not declare for the remainder of the Tri-Annual, regardless of whether the team they did declare wins or loses the match. If a common player chooses to “sit out” of the team match, but during the match engages in the coaching of another player, or gives advice to someone who is coaching a player, the common player will be deemed to have declared the team that the coached player plays for and treated as if he had declared that team at the beginning of the match.

*Note: Matches will not be held up for players who are participating on multiple teams. A common player is prohibited from participating in two matches simultaneously.*

During Tri-Annuals we do allow teams to have any number of common players. The following guidelines address what you need to do if two teams with common players matchup against each other:

- **Step #1:** The Tournament Director should recommend that the player(s) common to both teams sit out of the match.
  - Why?
    - This eliminates the pressure and difficulty a player may face when weighing one roster over the other.
    - Common players who sit out of the match remain eligible for both teams.
  - Are there any special rules for common players who choose to sit out?
    - The player(s) must remain match neutral – no Captaining, coaching or participating in group consensus.
    - Player(s) skill levels cannot be used toward the 23-Rule.
  
- **Step #2:** What happens if common player(s) choose not to sit out and declare a team? *If all common players choose to sit out, skip to Step #3.*
  - Common players MUST declare this to the Tournament Director prior to the start of the team match.
  - The player(s) will sign off that they are declaring a team and will be subject to the outcome of that team’s match. They no longer remain eligible on the opposing team.
  - The Tournament Director will then mark the player(s) ineligible on the opposing team’s roster for remainder of the event.
  - The ineligible player(s) are not permitted to captain, coach, or provide a coach with advice for the opposing team.
  - If the opposing team qualifies for the World Qualifier (formally known as the Local Team Championship), the player(s) will remain ineligible on that roster.

- **Step #3:** Determine the effects the common player(s) sitting out has on each roster.
  - Find the rosters for both teams and identify the common players who are choosing to sit out. Strike through those names on the rosters.
  - Identify all the remaining eligible players on the roster (those with printed handicaps); count how many remain on each roster and determine their combined handicap total for each team.
    - This includes players who may not be present at the tournament site.
  
- **Step #4:** Determine the match length and skill level limit based on the remaining uncommon players.
  - Identical rosters.
    - If both teams are identical, then it is just like a bye. Flip a coin to determine which team will advance on the bracket.
  - Identical common players with one or more uncommon players exclusive to one roster.
    - If all of the common players are the same and only one roster remains with uncommon players, the team with the larger roster will advance.
  - The following “Conditions” must be followed in order. Once both teams meet the “Conditions” on the list, use that match setup. The following Conditions must be true for both teams in that scenario. If not, proceed to the next Condition.
    - **Condition #1:** If both rosters can field a team of five uncommon players with combined skill levels that do not exceed 23, then the match will consist of 5 individual matches to a skill level limit of 23.  
*Note: In the event of a tie, the team that won the most individual matches would be the winner.*
    - **Condition #2:** If both rosters can field a team of four uncommon players with combined skill levels that do not exceed 19, then the match will consist of 4 individual matches to a skill level limit of 19.  
*Note: In the event of a tie, the team that won two out of the first three matches would be the winner.*
    - **Condition #3:** If both rosters can field a team of three uncommon players, with combined skill levels that do not exceed a skill level limit of 15, then the match will consist of 3 individual matches to a skill level limit of 15.  
*Note: In the event of a tie, the team that won the most individual matches would be the winner.*
    - **Condition #4:** If both rosters can field a team of two uncommon players, with combined skill levels that do not exceed a skill level limit of 11, then the match will consist of 2 individual matches to a skill level limit of 11.  
*Note: In the event of a tie, the team that won the first individual match would be the winner.*
    - **Condition #5:** If both rosters can field one player, then the winner of the individual match between those two players will decide the team match.