



EDMONTON RUGBY UNION

## Attention Parents and Coaches

### Re: Redistribution of players to clubs with an insufficient number of players to form a full team.

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This memo explains the guidelines and regulations around players moving between clubs. This also applies to circumstances where a club (Club A) finds itself with insufficient players by the declaration deadline to enter a team in an ERU league. The ERU Board and the ERU Club Directors are committed to entering as many viable teams into all age grade leagues as possible. However, should a club find itself with an insufficient number of players to support a viable team, the following options are available:

1. Club A may choose to merge with another club(s) that has limited numbers and form a combined team. This combined team will be listed as a merged team (Pirate/Rockers) and will come to their own agreement regarding coaching and practices.
  - a) Players do not need to transfer clubs in SportLoMo.
  - b) The combined team will be set up within SportLoMo and a new access code provided to do team sheets.
2. Club A may choose to merge with a large club (Club B) that is on the cusp of forming two teams. The team will take the name of the larger club, unless a different name is agreed upon.
  - a) Players do not need to transfer clubs in SportLoMo.
  - c) The ERU with Club B's assistance will track games played by guest players for the purpose of playoff qualifications. Online team sheet will be done by the larger of the clubs.
3. Individual players from Club A may request to join Club B. EACH player must make a request with the appropriate Junior Director at Club B. There will be no blanket approvals for multiple players.
  - a) A written agreement by Club B listing name of player, player's age grade and name of home club must be submitted prior to the first game, to the ERU Registrar (Judy Seddon).
  - b) Players do not need to transfer clubs in SportLoMo.
  - c) Club B will provide equal playing time to the player from Club A
  - d) Club B reserves the right to charge for any merchandise provided to the players.
  - e) Club B will do the online team sheet and together with the ERU will track games played by guest players for the purpose of playoff qualifications
4. If Club B does not agree and the player still wishes to play for Club B
  - a) The player must perform an online transfer to Club B in SportLoMo
  - b) The player will be charged Club B's dues within SportLoMo.
  - c) Club A should reimburse the player for the club dues already paid for online. Reimbursement takes place offline.

If a club has insufficient numbers by the league declaration deadline and does not choose any of the options listed above, the Junior Coordinator of Development and the VP Junior will decide where to place them with the goal of establishing the most number of viable teams in the league.

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