

# 2021 TEAM SEEDING RULES

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**The following rules provide a general outline for the most frequently asked questions regarding TEAM SEEDING, PLAYER ADDITIONS, RELEASES, ELIGIBILITY, and PLAYER MOVES.** These rules are written to provide parity at the NARCh FINALS and provide team rules to maintain team structure and unity.

The following roster restrictions will apply to the Atom, Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Junior Divisions. These rules do not apply to teams in OPEN DIVISION since there are no qualifying rules for those teams.

- 1) **SEEDS** - After a team has earned a seed to the 2020 NARCh Finals in the Platinum Division, that team will be classified as a Platinum team and every player on the recognized team roster from the qualifying regional event will be classified as a Platinum player. The same rules apply to teams that earn seeds in the other divisions, IE: Gold, Silver, or Club.
- 2) If a team plays in multiple regional events and receives a different level seed at each event, NARCh reserves the right to determine what level that team shall play at the NARCh Finals.
- 3) **ADDING PLAYERS FOR THE FINALS** -A Platinum Team is not limited to roster additions to its submitted, approved, roster given to NARCh at the regional tournament in which it participated.
- 4) A Gold Team is limited to two roster additions to its submitted, approved, roster given to NARCh at the regional tournament in which it participated. The two roster additions are limited to Gold players or Free Agent Gold, and Silver players only. A Gold team may not add a platinum, Free Agent Platinum or Unranked player in the same age division to its roster at any time.
- 5) A Silver Team is limited to one roster addition to its submitted, approved, roster given to NARCh at the regional tournament in which it participated. **THE ONE ADDITION CAN ONLY BE A SILVER or CLUB RATED PLAYER.**
- 6) A Club Team is NOT allowed to add any players that did not qualify with the team properly at the regional event. In addition, USAHIL Tournament Eligibility Rules apply.
- 7) **PLAYER RELEASES** - Any player, who wishes to switch to another team in the same age division, must obtain written permission to do so from the NARCh recognized team representative of the team the player is leaving within the release time period, which is 14 days from when that team qualified.
- 8) **PLAYER MOVES** - A player is limited to one team move during the 2021 competitive season. A proper release is required. **A TEAM MOVE WILL BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL WHEN THE PLAYER ACTUALLY PLAYS FOR THE TEAM HE/SHE IS MOVING TO IN A NARCh REGIONAL OR FINALS.** Moving to another team and then

moving back to the original team is considered two moves and is not permitted.

If a player is playing for a team at a Regional Event and does not intend to play with that team at the NARCh FINALS, we strongly recommend that the player get a written release before he/she actually plays for that team in the regional.

A Platinum ranked player may only switch to another Platinum team and may not switch to a Gold, Silver, or Club team. A Gold ranked player may only switch to a Gold or Platinum Team, not Silver. A Silver ranked player may only switch to a Platinum, Gold, or Silver Team, NOT CLUB. A simple way to remember this: *Players may play up a classification but not down.*

A player who never plays in a regional qualifier is considered a free agent platinum player and may only play in the platinum division since they did not qualify in a regional qualifier for the gold or silver divisions.

- 9) Any team that earns a seed at a NARCh Regional Qualifying tournament may officially disband by stating in writing to NARCh of its intent to do so. The letter stating the team's desire to disband will only be accepted from the NARCh recognized team representative.

Once a team has disbanded, every player on that team will be a Free Agent player and be able to play for any unranked team at a regional or a team at the Finals for which the player is age eligible and classified. Example: A player from a disbanded gold team can play for another team at the FINALS in Platinum or Gold, but not Silver. See the player eligibility page for further clarification.

- 10) Any player whose team does not register by the registration deadline for the 2021 NARCh Finals, will be granted Free Agent status and be free to switch to any team at the same level which they qualified with their original team.
- 11) The Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Club Division Finals are considered one tournament. Under no circumstances may a player participate in two divisions in the same age group.
- 12) A Player may play in Multiple Age Groups, but all eligibility requirements must be met. **No special scheduling requests are accepted.**
- 13) No roster additions at a tournament will be permitted to a team's roster after NARCh has accepted the team's roster.
- 14) Occasionally, AT LARGE BIDS are given to teams from foreign countries that do not have a qualifying event.

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