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Dual Membership Update

re: Formalizing the Dual Membership definition via Affiliate Players

PURPOSE: To define Dual Memberships via the Affiliate Player process. This will provide an opportunity for player(s) registered with a club that does not field a team(s) in all Divisions to remain members of their Home Club while allowing the opportunity play at a more appropriate level of competition.

Eligibility

- a. Players wishing to affiliate with another club must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations (2022) [Section 2.7](#)
- b. Players may affiliate to HIGHER OR LOWER divisions as appropriate for their ability.
- c. Players may only affiliate with ONE other club aside from their Home Club.
- d. Players may only affiliate if their Home Club does NOT offer a team(s) in their desired division and/or category (e.g. Premier/ERU local divisions, Men/Women)
 - i.e. A Club fields two teams: Men's 3rd Division & Women's AWP. Accepted affiliations are Men's Division 2 or AC; and Women's Division 1 or 2.

Dual Membership

Please [click here](#) for more information from Rugby Alberta: Registration & Insurance - Dual Memberships

- a. Players wishing to affiliate must change their registration type to a Dual Membership with both clubs.
- b. Dual Memberships are subject to the usual approval process involving Rugby Alberta, Edmonton Rugby Union, and the two clubs involved.
- c. Clubs may choose to charge or waive any an additional club fees for Dual Members.

Regular Season

- a. Affiliate players are eligible to play any number of regular season games for either of their Dual Membership clubs.
- b. Affiliate players MAY NOT play games for their affiliated club's teams in divisions where their Home Club also fields a team(s).

Playoff Eligibility

- a. Eligibility for playoffs follows the criteria outlined in the Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations (2022) [Section 12.9](#).
- b. Playoff eligibility (i.e. named on four regular season team sheets, 70% rule, etc.) must be met for each club individually.



Playoff Eligibility cont.

- c. Affiliate players may only participate in the playoffs for ONE of their Dual Membership clubs.
- Should a player choose to compete in playoffs with their Affiliate club, a declaration is required in writing a minimum of ten (10) business days prior to the 1st playoff game for either team

Team Sheets (Rosters)

The number of foreign players named to a roster is three (3) players - Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations (2022) [Section 2.8.3](#)

- a. All affiliate players must be identified on team sheets as Guest Players indicated with “G”.
- b. *ERU divisions: E2, E3, EW1, EW2.* There are no restrictions on the number of affiliate players named on a roster (rostered).
- c. *Alberta Provincial Divisions: AC & AWP.* The total number of affiliate players are combined with the number of foreign players rostered.
- i.e. Two (2) foreign players are rostered, two (2) affiliate players are eligible – total of four (4) players.

The number of affiliate players rostered is restricted as per the threshold table below. Clubs will be notified by email should the threshold increase.

Total number of ERU players wishing to affiliate with AC/AWP. Total is calculated for each Category (Men’s or Women’s) separately.	Number of affiliate AND foreign players allowed per team sheet roster. Foreign players remain restricted to three (3) per team sheet as per Rugby Alberta Rules and Regulations (2022) section 2.8.2
0 – 10	4
11 – 15	5
16 – 20	6
21 - 25	7

- d. A team shall be considered to have defaulted the match if the identified restrictions are exceeded.

CONCLUSION: The Affiliate Player – Dual Membership process is to be piloted for 2024 contingent upon a review at the end of season to determine future actions.