

EXHIBIT A: HOMEGROWN INFORMATION SHEET

This document summarizes the 2019-2020 MLS Player Development Guidelines that administer MLS Club player development programs (and, as applicable, League competition) and answers many frequently asked questions. Please be advised that the League reserves the right to modify and/or create exceptions to the MLS Player Development Guidelines at any time, in its sole and absolute discretion.

Homegrown Player Signings

- a. A player will become eligible to be signed by an MLS club once the MLS club establishes Homegrown Priority on the player by fulfilling the following:
 - i. The player must have properly and accurately been listed on the MLS club's Homegrown Player List (requirements listed below in (b)) prior to such player exiting the MLS club's Player Development Program (also known as the MLS club's "Academy"); and
 - ii. (A) If the player is still in the MLS club's Player Development Program, the player must have entered the program on a date falling at least 12 months prior to the date on which the MLS club submits a Homegrown Player Request Form and must have been listed continuously on the Homegrown Player List for those 12 months, OR
(B) If the player has exited the MLS Club's Player Development Program (for example, no longer meets the age requirements for participating in the Academy or enrolled in College), the player must have participated in such program for at least 12 continuous months, with those 12 months to encompass the Academy season of his 17th or 18th birthday; and
 - iii. The player must have completed at least 150 Attendance Days (i.e., days in which a player participates in at least 90 minutes of soccer-related activity with a ball, a team, a coach, and including physical, technical, and tactical components) during those 12 months.
 1. If the player has exited the MLS club's Player Development Program, there is no requirement to continue tracking Attendance Days after the player has exited.
- b. All players on an MLS club's Homegrown Player List must meet the following conditions:
 - i. Player Residency: The player must reside with his parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the MLS club's Homegrown Territory.
 1. As an exception, an MLS club may list players on its Homegrown Player List who do not reside in its Homegrown Territory so long as (i) the player is not from, or does not reside in, the Homegrown Territory of another MLS club; and (ii) if the player is moving from his current address to the Homegrown Territory city of the MLS club or its residency program (for example, from Miami to Columbus), the MLS club must demonstrate to the MLS league office that all appropriate measures regarding the player's health and welfare are satisfied (such as appropriate living arrangements, health insurance, educational requirements satisfied, how college eligibility will not be jeopardized).
 - ii. MLS Affiliate: If the player is part of an MLS affiliate club, the MLS club must demonstrate to the MLS league office the requisite level of ownership, access, and/or control of the MLS affiliate club.
 - iii. Age Limitation: Players turning 19 years or older during the 2019-2020 Academy season cannot be added to an MLS club's Homegrown Player List for the first time.
 - iv. College Limitation: An MLS club may not add a player to its Homegrown Player List for the first time if the player has already entered college.