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Attn: Coaches & Administrators of Clubs with Multiple Sides

USA Rugby is announcing a correction to USA Rugby Eligibility Regulation 3.5(c), which may impact players associated with your club.

The correction reads,
“Any player that has played in at least 50% of the total number of League/Qualifying/ CR/Recognized matches to be played in the current competitive season by a club’s Upper Division side is not eligible to play for that club’s Lower Division side.

*Example: If the Upper Division side has 12 matches scheduled, participation in 6 Upper Division matches would preclude a return to that club’s Lower Division side’s Leaque/Qualifying/CR matches.*”

USA Rugby recognizes that your club may have planned player movement based on the previous (incorrect) wording of the regulation. If you have a player(s) that has played 50% or more of upper division matches for your club, that player ***must*** receive a waiver **prior** to competing again for your lower division side. Failure to receive a waiver for participating players will result in a forfeiture of match(es). Waivers will only allow players to play for a lower division side. If an affected player (that has played 50% or more of upper division matches) receiving a waiver plays in another upper division side match, the waiver becomes null in void and the player may no longer play for the lower division side. Exceptional circumstances may be appealed to the Eligibility Committee with a standard waiver request form.

**All waiver applications must be sent to** **jholshuh@usarugby.org****. You *must* receive a waiver in response to this application in order for your players to be eligible. Applications themselves do not constitute a waiver of the corrected regulation. All applications must be received by 11:59 PM Mountain Time on December 1, 2016.**