



TUC Juniors Participation Policy

The Toronto Ultimate Club (TUC) greatly values its Junior players and works to foster an environment that protects the physical and emotional well-being of players under the age of 18. The purpose of this Policy is to allow properly supervised participation, where appropriate, and to prevent participation where there is potential exposure to overly physical play or inappropriate language.

There is no TUC appointed supervision for adult leagues or events and there are no referees or convenors on site. Any Junior player who participates in TUC leagues or events, as well as their parent/legal guardian, must acknowledge this fact and waive TUC from responsibility associated with TUC leagues or events. It is the duty of the parent/legal guardian to ensure that if their Junior player is participating in TUC adult leagues or events that they are under the supervision of a Responsible Adult, as defined below.

Definition of a Junior

- A Junior is defined as a member/participant who is 18 years of age or younger, by December 31st of that calendar year. The Junior Membership is valid from January 1st to December 31st of the calendar year. If a member/participant is 19 years of age at any time during the calendar year, he/she/they is considered an Adult member/participant.
- Juniors aged 9-13 are further designated as 'Youth' and members/participants 8 years of age or younger are further designated as 'Children'.

Definition of a Responsible Adult

- A 'Responsible Adult' is a person aged 21 years of age or older, endorsed by the Junior participant's legal guardian, who supervises the Junior participant. It is their duty to ensure that the Junior participant is safe and protected from any environment that is physically or emotionally inappropriate. This responsibility includes full supervision of the Junior throughout the course of his/her/their participation in the TUC league/event, and possibly removing the Junior from any inappropriate situation.
- A 'Responsible Adult' is declared to the league convenor or tournament/event director, via the TUC Responsible Adult Permission Form from the parent or legal guardian, prior to the start of the league/event. For league, the Junior and Responsible Adult should be declared to the opposing captain prior to the start of the game.

Adult League Participation Rules for Juniors

- Junior aged players who are 16 years of age or older (ages 16 or 17 at the start of a league) may join an adult league team provided they are accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other Responsible Adult who is playing on the same team. The parent or Responsible Adult can be playing on the same team or supervising from the sideline but MUST be present for the duration of all games played by the Junior, with TUC. In addition:
 - The Responsible Adult must be a minimum 21 years of age.
 - A Responsible Adult, who is not a parent or legal guardian, can only be responsible for up to three (3) Junior players and must be authorized by the parent or legal guardian of each Junior in order to fulfil this role.
 - Parents or legal guardians can be responsible for any number of Junior players for which they are parents or legal guardians. In addition, they can be responsible for up to three (3) Junior players for which they are not a parent/legal guardian.
- **Any Junior player who is 15 years of age or younger at any point during an adult league, is NOT eligible to participate in TUC adult leagues. Exceptions to this rule are at the discretion of the TUC Executive Director.**



TUC Event Participation Rules for Juniors

- For Junior participants, the rules for adult leagues apply also to TUC tournaments and other events that are not specifically targeted to Juniors.
- The exception to this rule is pickup, which is an informal gathering of ultimate players and is not regulated by TUC. Juniors are permitted to participate in pickup games.

Disciplinary Action

In order to enforce these conditions and foster fair play, we partly rely on the honour system and on our players and team captains. Please abide by the Spirit of the Game when dealing with this (and any other) issue. Remember, these rules are in place to PROTECT a young player from physical and emotional harm, not prohibit them from playing. TUC offers Junior aged leagues for Juniors seeking to play this great game.

If a team does not properly declare his/her/their Junior player(s) and Responsible Adult(s), or violates the rule above, that team and player are subject to TUC sanctions. The results of all games played with invalid or unsupervised Junior player(s) are disqualified. Individuals/teams committing repeat offences or blatant violations are subject to additional sanctions at the discretion of the TUC Executive Director.