



Swift Current Soccer Association

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INFORMATION FOR COACHES

Indoor

General Introduction

The guiding principles for soccer in Swift Current are to make fun, simple, suitable for the size of the children, and to encourage maximum participation.

To this end the following principles should be adapted by the coach:

- All players should be encouraged to play all positions, including goal keeper, to allow development of all-round soccer skills.
- All players should play as close to equal time as is practical
- All players must be taught to respect the decisions of the referee and to refrain from questioning or arguing with them. All coaches must also respect the decisions of the referee and must refrain from questioning or arguing with them.
- For all players no game results or statistics are kept during regular season. The intention of this is to minimize the possible undesirable effect of the overly competitive situation on the younger player.

Soccer Law Books

All players play variations on the standard indoor game of soccer, suitable to their age group. For all divisions, substitution is unlimited, on the fly and at the discretion of the coach. Teams are allowed to change the number of players on the field before the game if agreed upon by the referee bearing in mind both teams agree to the change and both sides play with the same number of players.

Coaches Responsibilities

Coaches in all Division are asked to select a monitor from among the parents to monitor the upper and lower viewing area.

Coaches must be willing to take a RCMP check if requested by the Association.

Coaches are representing their team and the Association and so must conduct themselves as a professional in their approach to other coaches, referees, players and parents.

Team Equipment

Game sheets are used in the U10 Division and above to track participation, referees and where applicable results. The home team (team first listed on the schedule) is responsible for providing the game sheet at the field. Game sheets will be provided at all indoor games

As game sheets must be filled out by both coaches and handed to the referee before the start of the game. You might consider filling out the team list ahead of time, preferably in the order of the shirt numbers.

Both teams will be provided practice and game balls at the field.

Coaches are responsible for all soccer shirts, balls, and other equipment issued by the Association. The best way to avoid losing balls is to collect and count the balls after warm-up and before the game starts. Do not allow children, especially non-team members, to play with the balls away from the bench area during the game.

At the end of the season, for all divisions, coaches must collect jerseys and any other equipment issued by Swift Current Soccer to the Soccer Office on the following times:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
4 Year Olds			
5 Year Olds			
U8 Year Old			
U10 Year Old			
U12 Year Old			
U14 Year Old			
U16 Year Old			
U18 Year Old			
Seniors			

Game Cancellations or Postponement

Teams are expected to turn up for games regardless of the weather. Failure to turn up will result in a game default. If a coach knows of a game where he or she will not have enough players due to tournaments or other circumstances they must contact their Division Coordinator. In Divisions where referees are used, only the referee or the President can cancel or postpone a game. In cases of extreme weather the Association will cancel all soccer in the city and announce it at schools and over the radio.

Coaches and Parents Conduct Towards the Referee

This year, as in previous years, Swift Current Soccer will be using new and inexperienced referees in the U10 Division and older. These referees are still learning, they will be nervous, and they will make mistakes. However, they will be trying to be fair and unbiased. As in the past, please be tolerant, particularly with the young referees and ask parents of your players to be patient and tolerant also. We don't want to lose a young referee because of verbal abuse from the adult coaches and parents. **Before you shout at the referee, consider whether you would like some adult to speak to YOUR child in that manner.**

If the referee has handled the game badly, please do not try to discuss the problems with the referee afterward. Instead, contact your Division Coordinator. A Referee Assessor will discuss the game with the referee after things have cooled down. An experienced referee will also go to the next game to help sort out any problems the referee might be having.