



FORT SASKATCHEWAN SOCCER

TITLE: TRIALIST PLAYERS

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1.0 Purpose

To outline the rules that Fort Saskatchewan Soccer (FSS) follows in regards to trialist players.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to FSS when there are not enough players available to field a full team, or a player becomes sick or injured. FSS adheres to the trialist rules set out by the league it is playing in. If there is a discrepancy between the league rules and this policy, the league rules apply.

3.0 Terms

Trialist Players – Players who have been picked to fill out the roster of a team other than the one they are registered with. A trialist player must be registered within the same league as the team they will be going to, and must also come from the same zone or district. These players do not require district player cards.

Receiving Team – A team that needs a trialist player due to reasons of low registration, illness, or injury. The coaching team of this team should inform the trialist player's coaching team of his or her performance. Requests can include such things as player position needed, technical ability, coachability, and overall player performance.

Supplying Team – A team that sends a trialist player to the receiving team. It is up to the supplying coaching team which players are sent. This decision can be based off of criteria such as advanced technical ability, confidence, coaching motivation, the receiving team's request, or as a reward for relative improvement.

Trialist Forms – Forms specific to each league that registers a player as a trialist player. Written permission from a supplying coaching team is acceptable as a substitute, provided that it contains the required information. The information required can vary from league to league, but it usually includes the name of the player and both coaches, the player's current division, the division of the team he or she will be a trialist player for, and the date of the game he or she will be a trialist player for.

4.0 Policy

- 4.1 In order to keep teams age specific, trialist players must be taken from the same age division of the team they will be going to or a lower age division. Players must also not be taken from those currently playing above their age level, or from first year players.
- 4.2 As per Alberta Soccer Association rules and regulations, female players can be trialisted to a male team, but male players cannot be trialisted to a female team.



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- 4.3 If a receiving coaching team needs a trialist player, he or she must contact that player's supplying coaching team before the player or his or her parent or guardian. If the supplying coaching team does not wish to relinquish any players, the FSS program director will work with both coaching teams to find an agreement.
- 4.4 Once an agreement has been reached, the appropriate league's trialist forms must be filled out and given to the game officials with the game sheets. It is the responsibility of the receiving coaching team to ensure that one form for each trialist player is completed. All trialist players should be noted as such on the game sheet.
- 4.5 A receiving team can use no more than three trialist players for a single game, and may not go above the maximum allowed number of total players. In addition, a trialist player can be used for no more than five games (tournament and exhibition games do not count) by the same team.
- 4.6 A trialist player's first priority should be to his or her home team and can only attend games, practices, or tournaments with the team he or she is affiliated with if he or she will not miss a game, practice, or tournament with his or her own team.
- 4.7 Premiere/club players are ineligible to play as trialists on any community teams.
- 4.8 Players serving suspension from the league/district or the Alberta Soccer Association are ineligible as trialists.