

## Technical & Sporting Criteria

### 11. Provides an accessible, inclusive, & welcoming soccer environment

#### **11.1 Provides programming that targets underrepresented groups as outlined in the Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility & Inclusion:**

Aurora Soccer Club is responsive to groups identified by Saskatoon Youth Soccer in supporting participation. If zone boundaries may be impacting on certain groups participating in soccer, Aurora Soccer Club would work collaboratively with clubs to ensure the participation.

#### **11.2 Has programs, partnerships, &/or other mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation:**

Aurora Soccer Club's financial policies are supportive in reducing &/or eliminating financial barriers.

- *Registration: Late Registration 2.5.3:* Late fees may be waived in special circumstances.
- *Registration: Installment Payments of Fees 2.5.4:* Arrangements can and will be made with the Registrar to provide families with the opportunity to make installment payments in the event of financial barriers. The option of having installments made via credit card are available.
- *Registration: Registration Assistance 2.5.5:*
  - The club will refer families in need of support to *KidSport, Jumpstart, Aurora Soccer Club's Ways & Means Committee*. Application forms are available at registration.
  - Families who do not qualify for *KidSport* or *Jumpstart* can apply for assistance through the Aurora Soccer Club's Ways & Means Committee.
- Late registrants are welcomed.
- Players & families are accommodated by teams for absences related to religious or cultural reasons that may occur at various times during the season.
- Aurora's Academy (ADA – Accelerated Development Academy) is inclusive, accepting of all registrants regardless of skill or zone.

#### **11.3 Appreciates diversity to ensure everyone feels safe and that they belong regardless of ability and background:**

*Aurora Soccer Club's Policy & Procedure Manual* – Objectives includes the following statements:

- To promote and assist the development & enjoyment of soccer for all players.
- To develop and foster the concepts of fair play, teamwork, competitive sportsmanship, ethical behaviour and good fellowship among all those involved in soccer.

#### **11.5 Utilizes facilities that are accessible to participants of all abilities and advocates for enhancements to facility accessibility:**

- Facilities utilized by Aurora Soccer Club are for the most part assigned by Saskatoon Youth Soccer.