



ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALBERTANS WITH ABILITIES POLICY

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Purpose

The Accessibility for Albertans with *Abilities Policy focuses on working on ensuing accessibility with those with abilities to soccer events in order to participate with and enjoy the sport of soccer. Big Country Soccer Association (BCSA) works with its Registered Members to be aware of and monitor accessibility requirements of their communities and work with their communities to improve accessibility if required.

** BCSA defines "abilities" as those individuals who require unique support to be able to attend/ participate with soccer events.*

Policy Statement

BCSA is committed to providing a sports culture in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with abilities and will use reasonable efforts to ensure its policies, practices and procedures are available to Registered Members and their communities with a goal of engaging in conversations with communities where there is an opportunity to improve accessibility for those who have abilities.

Assistive Devices

A person with abilities may provide their own assistive device for the purpose of obtaining, using, and benefitting from the BCSA sports culture and events that are made available to the public. For On-field play: BCSA will take into account if the assistive devices will pose any risk to the safety of others and devices meet FIFA/ Canada Soccer Association/ Alberta Soccer Association requirements.

Service Animals

BCSA strives to welcoming people with abilities who are accompanied by a service animal on the parts of our premises that are open to the public. For On-field play: BCSA will take into account if the service animal will pose any risk to the safety of others and meets FIFA/ Canada Soccer Association/ Alberta Soccer Association requirements.

Communication with Persons with Abilities

When communicating with a person with a abilities, BCSA will do so in a manner that takes into account the person's ability.

Support Persons

BCSA is committed to welcoming people with disabilities who are accompanied by a support person. At no time will a person with a disability who is accompanied by a support person be prevented from having access to his or her support person while participating in our programming. DSC will make every attempt to allow access to the support persons free of charge, unless they will be actively participating in the program.



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Notice of Temporary Disruption

BCSA will make reasonable efforts to provide notice in the event of a planned or unexpected disruption in the facilities or services where they have control over such facilities or services. This notice will include information about the reasons for the disruption, its anticipated duration, and a description of alternative facilities or services, if available. BCSA will provide notice by posting information in visible places on the affected area and on our website, www.bicountrysa.com or by any other method that may be reasonable under the circumstances.

Reference

Alberta Human Rights Act

Big Country Soccer Association Policy (*Ref: BCSA-POL-001*)

Big Country Soccer Association Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Policy (*Ref: BCSA-POL-010*)