

# Devon Soccer Association



INDOOR  
Parent/Player  
Handbook  
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## **OUR CLUB**

Welcome to Devon Soccer Association (DSA). We are a community soccer program for ages 2 to 19. DSA is a registered not-for-profit organization which is governed by the Societies Act and operated by a volunteer executive. We are members of Battle River Soccer Association (BRSA) and Alberta Soccer Association (ASA).

### **Vision Statement**

To provide a soccer program to the youth in our community and surrounding area. To encourage and foster the enjoyment of the game of soccer. To develop the skills of both our players and coaches to their full potential.

### **Meetings**

Our Annual General Meeting is held each year between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. Elections for our volunteer executive are held at this meeting.

DSA Executive meetings are held regularly throughout the year and any member of the DSA program can attend a DSA Executive meeting as a guest. These guests are invited to speak but have no vote.

### **Executive and Coordinators**

Our executive is here for you! Current Executive members will be listed on our website. If you would like to join our executive or become a coordinator or if you are unsure of who to contact regarding your questions and concerns, please email [info@devonsoccer.com](mailto:info@devonsoccer.com) to find out.

## **WHAT IS NEW FOR 2019-2020**

This is our start up year for indoor soccer in the community. This program is to enhance our outdoor season. Will allow players and coaches to stay active, increase skills and have fun. Please be patient with our executive, technical coordinator, coaches and administrator as we work out issues throughout the season. We will do our best to communicate changes and address concerns quickly.



## **INFORMATION**

### **Uniform**

Players in ALL AGES groups must have clean, non-marking indoor SHOES.

U5 and U7 are given a Tim Horton's Timbits t-shirt which the player keeps at the end of each session. Parents are responsible for black shorts, shin guards and soccer socks over the shin guards.

U9 and U11 will use DSA jersey and shorts with a \$75.00 deposit. Please provide a deposit chq made out to DSA for each session that your child will be attending. Session 1 dated Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. Session 2 dated Feb 29<sup>th</sup>. Parents are responsible for shin guards and soccer socks over the shin guards.

U13 and U15 players wear the NAVY and GOLD travel uniforms. Parents are responsible for black socks and shin guards. Please visit our website for full details regarding Travel Uniforms.

### **Team Photos**

We will not be doing professional photos for indoor. We will provide each player with a group photo.

### **Facility Respect**

Treat the facilities and their employees with respect. This includes but is not limited to removing outdoor footwear and placing them on shelves provided, putting trash in bins, abiding by the requests of employees and leaving the facilities (entrance, gym, washrooms and change rooms) in the same or better condition than when we arrived.

### **Snacks/Water**

Players should eat before coming to practices/games or when they are finished. There is no snack break. Every player must have a full water bottle at every practice/game. Please label their bottles to avoid mix-ups.

### **Hats and Jewelry**

No hats and no jewelry allowed, including but not limited to ear rings, nose rings, necklaces, rings. This is for all age categories.

### **Disputes or other Incidents**

If disputes occur between you and your child's coach or other team officials, handle it with dignity. Treat the coach and/or team official with respect, he/she is sincere in his/her intent to be hard working on behalf of every member of the team. Remember that your actions have the biggest impact on how your child will react to similar situations. If all attempts to rectify the situation directly with the coach or team official fails, then contact the Age Coordinator in writing outlining your concern. If the Age Coordinator can not rectify the situation, they will involve the President and executive.

If you witness an incident that you would like to report, please contact your age coordinator who will involve the President and executive if necessary.



## **WHEN AND WHERE WE PLAY**

### **Gym**

Maps are located on our website.

1. Holy Spirit Catholic School (HSCS) – 100 Michigan St. Devon, AB T9G 2H6
  - a. Access will be through the south side door by the small playground
  - b. U5, U7 & U9 parents must bring their players inside and wait until 2 DSA representatives are on site. There will not be room for parents to stay. Parents are required to come inside to pick up their players.
  - c. U11, U13 & U15 parents will not be able to stay. Players can come in on their own and will be sent out the side door at the end of the session.
2. Leduc Rec Centre (LRC) – 4330 Black Gold Dr. Leduc, AB T9E 3C3
  - a. Parents must provide or make other arrangements for transportation for their players to and from LRC. Parents can sit in the stands to watch or may pay to use other facilities during the session.

### **Schedules**

Detailed schedules will be available on the website and each player will receive a copy on the first night. Please note that all schedules are subject to change. Changes will be posted on the main page of our website and through RAMP app.

#### **HSCS**

U5 Monday 6:00pm – 7:00pm

U7 Monday/Thursday 6:00pm – 7:00pm

U9 Monday/Thursday 6:00pm – 7:00pm

U11 Monday/Thursday 7:00pm – 8:00pm

U13 Monday/Thursday 7:00pm – 8:30pm

U15 Monday/Thursday 7:00pm – 8:30pm

#### **LRC (max 3 occasions)**

U5, U7, U9 Saturday or Sunday 2:00-3:00

U11, U13, U15 Saturday or Sunday 2:00-3:30

### **Start Date**

Session 1 – September 30<sup>th</sup>

Session 2 – January 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Cancellations and Rescheduled Events**

All cancellations will be posted on our website as early as possible with make up dates/times being issued soon after. We will provide a max of 3 make up dates.

### **Indoor Windup**

U5-U15 players along with their families can participate in our year end windup at the LRC on Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>. More details to be provided.



## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **Head Coach and Assistant Coach**

For indoor we require 2 head coaches and 6 assistant coaches per session.

Head Coach is someone 18+ with some previous coaching experience. It is preferred that these persons fill the position for both Session 1 & Session 2.

1. Jr Head Coach will oversee, plan and implement programming for U5, U7 & U9 with the help of the Technical Coordinator and one assistant coach for each specific age group.
2. Sr Head Coach will oversee, plan and implement programming for U11, U13 & U15 with the help of the Technical Coordinator and one assistant coach for each specific age group.
3. The time commitment will be 1 to 4 hours per week.
4. Head coaches will be required to meet with our Technical Coordinator prior to the season starting.

Assistant Coach is someone 14+. Even those with no previous coaching experience can become competent assistant coaches. Assistant Coaches can be different for each Session 1 & Session 2.

1. Assistant coaches for U5, U7 & U9 will work with the Jr. Head Coach to implement programming for the players.
2. Assistant coaches for U11, U13 & U15 will work with the Sr. Head Coach to implement programming for the players.
3. The time commitment will be 1 to 3 hours per week.

To ensure that safe and competent coaches are coaching our children every coach is required to provide a new criminal record check every 3 years. Please see our website for full policy and forms.

### **Executive Member**

A dedicated group of soccer parents make up our executive. Any parent with a child registered in soccer can be nominated for a position at our AGM. Our executive is made up of 7 voting positions including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and 3 directors. The other positions on our executive include a variety of coordinators and administrators. The time commitment is year-round, with a minimum of 9 monthly meetings, task meetings, planning, organizing and being present at most DSA events for the entire duration of the event and being available by phone, text or email most of the time. Our busiest season is from January to June and slows down for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.

## **CODES OF CONDUCT**

Parents and Coaches are required to sign a code of conduct when registering for the season. Coaches or team managers will have players sign a team form. Please see our website for copies of these forms.



## FORMAT

DSA follows the ASA grassroots format for skill development and game play.

### Development for each age category

#### Age Category

#### Focus

U3/U5	Development of physical literacy, running hopping, skipping, balancing etc. So, there will be mistakes and players falling and tripping as they ‘find their feet’.
U7	Ball mastery, bringing physical literacy to support the development of mastering the ball, this is only possible with positive physical literacy. So, within this stage the player’s focus is often upon the player and the ball. Expect frustration and a very limited desire to share. Encourage this and allow the players to experiment with new moves and tricks.
U9/U11	This is the stage where the game concept really takes hold. The player has mastered the individual techniques and is ready to put them into play, in a game. So now is the time for the focus to move towards team play and tactics. Again, there will be mistakes and miss-placed passes. The focus should therefore be on exploring options of play and not whether a play was the right or wrong one.
U13-U19	This is the final stage of development; some players may be returning to soccer or entering it for the first time. However, the emphasis is upon participation and fun. So regardless of age, ability or level of competition there is always a game to be played. Active for Life also embraces the provision of further supporting options within coaching, officiating or administration support to the development of the game.

For more details for parents please visit:

<https://albertasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/ASAGrassrootsSoccer-ParentSoccerGuide-2.pdf>