



# MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



## TRAVEL POLICY

### STATEMENT

The Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect, dignity and within the same rules and regulations.

Soccer organizations in Manitoba provide opportunities for competitions locally and away from their city, province and country. As such, within the opportunities provided by the soccer organization, it is expected that each soccer organization, its representatives, coaches, players and parents will conduct themselves professionally at all times respecting the roles of each participant in the competition, particularly players under the age of majority.

Officials, coaches, staff members and parents have a responsibility to create a sporting environment for all that is free of any perceived or real harassment and abuse.

The MSA requires that all soccer organizations follow this Travel Policy to ensure that all parties are protected from as much risk as possible.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Players, coaches, officials must be registered with their soccer organization and the Manitoba Soccer Association
- Soccer organizations are responsible for the parents' conduct
- The policy applies to all ages, particularly players under the age of majority
- Coaches and administrators must abide by the policy or face strong sanctions
- Any exceptions to the policy must be approved in writing by the soccer organizations representative on record with the MSA

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Policy is intended to protect the rights of individual participants, minimize the risk to the participants and the soccer organization, and provide an environment free of any perceived or real harassment and abuse.

1. Players, coaches, team officials must be registered with the Manitoba Soccer Association.



## MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



2. While the parents are not direct Members of the MSA, their conduct is the responsibility of the soccer organization and if need be a Discipline Committee may deal with parent issues via the soccer organization
3. While attending any competition, where accommodations are required, the players under the age of majority may not room with any adult, regardless of that adult being a parent, coach, official or staff members.
4. Senior players over the age of majority and who may need to room with other senior players over the age of majority may be exempt from this policy if the MSA is made aware in writing prior to the soccer organization traveling.
5. Unless the soccer organization has a specific rule, only the players, officials and staff members will be allowed to stay at the hotel accommodations / rooms allocated to the soccer organization
6. There will be no possession of, or use of, any illegal substances or performance enhancing drugs by any person involved with the soccer organization
7. There will be no possession of, or use of, alcohol by players under the age of majority.
8. When it involves players under the age of majority, anytime a room is visited by anyone other than the occupant(s) the door will be left ajar for viewing by the coach, manager or MSA delegate.
9. Any physical damage occurring, or cost arising from items missing in a room is the responsibility of the registered occupant(s), unless some other person(s) are proven responsible. If more than one person is sharing a room, costs will be shared equally if there is no admission of guilt.
10. Unacceptable behavior may include but not be limited to:
  - Committing any act that would be considered an offense under Federal, Provincial or Municipal laws
  - Breaking training or curfew as set by the soccer organization
  - Unsporting behavior or conduct that is likely to bring discredit to the soccer organization and / or the MSA
  - Acts contrary to the soccer organization and / or MSA policies



## MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



11. When there is an MSA Delegate assigned to the competition, the MSA Delegate, in consultation with the soccer organization's representative, shall have the authority to take any discipline action he/she deems fit. The MSA Delegate will report any misconduct to the MSA Board of Directors, who in turn may take further action.

### **SANCTIONS**

The disciplinary sanctions may include:

- Fines
- Removal of registration with the Manitoba Soccer Association
- Denied participation in the Manitoba Soccer Association Provincial Championship
- A player being sent home at the parent's expense
- No further representation of the Manitoba Soccer community in out of town competitions
- Or other possible sanctions deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee.

---

APPROVED BY: Manitoba Soccer Association Board of Directors

DATE OF APPROVAL: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011