

# MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



### YOUTH TO SENIOR GUEST PLAYER (CALL-UP) REQUESTS POLICY

### STATEMENT

The Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) is committed to multiple partnerships with specific implementation processes that benefit the youth players and the senior teams taking the initiative to establish an affiliation with a youth program.

The MSA supports the effort to provide youth players with advanced skills and abilities every opportunity to play at the senior level throughout the year without impacting the number and quality of games they receive.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Policy is to be implemented by all youth and senior leagues in the Province of Manitoba.

The MSA Members must use the following procedures to ensure fair and responsible development of the youth players in the province.

- 1. Senior clubs are permitted to call up any individual youth player for unlimited number of matches.
- 2. Senior coaches are required to contact the Youth Coach, not the player directly, to ensure the player's availability and approval.
- 3. Youth coaches must allow their players to play for a number of senior teams and not just one senior team in order to maximize the youth player's development and potential.
- 4. Youth players must be allowed to play for a senior team of their choice if so called up to play by different teams.
- 5. Youth coaches must complete the Youth Permit Forms, which forms part of the Policy, submit to senior coach for completion, and provide the completed form and player card to the youth player to be submitted to the referee prior to the start of the match.



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- 6. All youth coaches should monitor the player's playing time to ensure a positive recovery process, so as not to interfere with youth schedule (League, Cup and League Cup matches).
- 7. Senior coaches having unreasonable persistent refusal to allow youth player to play up should contact the youth club head coach.
- 8. Youth coaches should attempt to have all their youth players gain experience with senior teams.
- 9. Teams deemed to ignore the Policy will be subject to disciplinary measures to be dealt by the MSA at a hearing called for that purpose.
- 10. Should a youth player need to attend a senior organization hearing for actions committed during the youth player playing for a senior team the youth player must be accompanied by a representative of the senior team and a youth representative.
- 11. Any game suspensions of the youth player, when playing in a senior regular scheduled league match, are to be served by the youth player in the youth league. Senior tournament rules should apply when playing in a senior tournament.

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