

# **Morinville Minor Soccer Club**

# **Referee and Game Day Manager Scripts**

# **Referee Pre-Game Script for COVID-19 Precautions**

### To be read to all members of the Team Cohorts prior to the match

This game is being played under the Alberta Soccer COVID-19 'Return to Modified Games' plan. The game will only begin or continue if the requirements of the plan are being followed by all participants and spectators.

The game may be – stopped, suspended or terminated by the referee for any breach of the requirements of the plan by participants or spectators.

A reminder of some important things to keep in mind today:

• All attendees who are NOT a part of the cohort group will maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters at all times.

• Participants who ARE a part of the cohort group will maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters when NOT playing in game.

• The game ball and two spares have been sanitized in your view by the home team and will be resanitized at half-time and any other time that the referee deems necessary. Players may request that the ball be re-sanitized or that a spare, sanitized ball be used if the game ball has been touched frequently by players' hands (throw ins, saves etc.)

• No spitting, clearing of nasal passages, handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, chest bumps, or group celebrations allowed.

• Spitting on the field or clearing of nasal passages onto the field or a person's clothing will be a RED CARD offence. This would include a goalkeeper spitting on their gloves.

• Yelling or shouting at ANY person will be a minimum YELLOW CARD and, at the referee's discretion may be a RED CARD if excessive.

• If there is a physical altercation involving no more than two players, those players will receive a RED CARD and be required to leave the field.

• If there is a physical altercation involving more than two players, the game will be terminated.

• We hope you enjoy the game within the Spirit of Fair Play and the Modified Games plan, but please be mindful that being allowed to participate in team sports at this time is a 'privilege' not a 'right'. Please

follow all guidelines so that we can all have the opportunity to enjoy the 'Beautiful Game' for as long as possible.

• Thank you!

# Team Game Day Manager Pre-Game Script for COVID-19

Precautions To be read to all spectators of each team prior to the game

This game is being played under the Alberta Soccer COVID-19 'Return to Modified Games' plan. The game will only begin or continue if the requirements of the plan are being followed by all participants and spectators. The game may be – stopped, suspended or terminated by the referee for any breach of the requirements of the plan by participants or spectators.

A reminder of some important things to keep in mind today:

• Spectators are permitted within the limits of gathering size and physical distancing requirements.

• Spectators (excluding parents and guardians where necessary for player support) are to remain out of participant spaces.

- It is strongly recommended that spectators wear masks.
- Cheering & yelling is strongly discouraged due to high risk of spreading droplets.

# Team Game Day Manager 'Warning' Script for COVID-19 Precautions

At this time, one or more spectators are not complying with the following requirement: (select appropriate bullet point)

• Physical distancing of 2 meters, unless acting as a parent/guardian and providing player support where needed. • Refraining from excessive cheering or yelling.

• Exceeding the permitted number of attendees. If you continue with non-compliance, the referee will be informed and at their discretion may do any of the following:

- Issue a final warning.
- Require the individual(s) to leave the immediate surrounds of the field.
- Require all spectators to leave the immediate surrounds of the field and permit the game to continue.
- Terminate the game.

In all cases, once the referee is informed, a report will be submitted to the league and/or Alberta Soccer. Your individual or your team's participation in future games may be affected.