



# OLDS MINOR SOCCER CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS & DISCIPLINE CODE

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## DEFINITIONS

In these Rules and Regulations, the following words have these meanings:

**Board** – The Board of Directors of the Club.

**Club and/or OMSC** – The Olds Minor Soccer Club.

**Discipline Committee** – A committee charged with examining alleged breaches of discipline within OMSC.

**Field of Play** –

- *Indoor*: Includes field, players' benches, aisles, change rooms, etc.
- *Outdoor*: Includes field and surrounding areas.

**Foul Language** – Includes but is not limited to:

- Profanities
- Swearing
- Obscenities
- Obscene gestures

**Abusive Language** – Includes but is not limited to:

- Threats
- Demeaning barrage of insults
- Persistent criticism
- Dissent

**Fighting** – A deliberate altercation with intent to harm and/or injure:

- Players
- Team Officials (managers, coaches, trainers)
- Game Officials (referees, assistant referees)

**Team Official** – Any member of a team who is properly registered and recorded in the OMSC office as a coach, assistant coach, or manager of that team.

## **1. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **1.1 General**

- 1.1.1 Team officials, players, and spectators may only take part in or attend practice/games on the condition that they observe and comply with the Rules and Regulations and/or Bylaws and/or Codes of Conduct of the Olds Minor Soccer Club.
- 1.1.2 Each team official and/or player will be responsible to:
  - 1.1.2.1 Be properly registered with the Club.
  - 1.1.2.2 Have knowledge of and comply with “Rules and Regulations” of the Club.
  - 1.1.2.3 Have knowledge of and comply with the “Rules/Laws of the Game”.
  - 1.1.2.4 Have knowledge of and comply with the “Codes of Conduct (where applicable)” of the Club.
  - 1.1.2.5 Respect the referee’s decisions during the course of play.
  - 1.1.2.6 No team, team official, player, referee, assistant referee, or spectator shall be permitted the use of objectionable language or signs.

### **1.2 Team Responsibilities**

- 1.2.1 Each team will be responsible for:
  - 1.2.1.1 The actions and conduct of its team officials, players, and spectators.
  - 1.2.1.2 Taking all reasonable precautions necessary to prevent its team officials, players, and/or spectators from threatening and/or assaulting anyone present at games.
  - 1.2.1.3 Ensuring that only OMSC registered team officials are in the technical area during a game.
  - 1.2.1.4 Maintaining knowledge regarding the current eligibility status of all their team officials and players.
  - 1.2.1.5 Ensuring that ineligible team officials and/or players do not enter the playing field or technical area and do not participate in the competition.
  - 1.2.1.6 Team officials, players and spectators that conduct themselves in an unsporting manner, use foul language, abusive language and/or bring the game into disrepute.
- 1.2.2 Every team is responsible to the Board of Directors for the actions of its team officials, players, and spectators, and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting game officials and players during or at the conclusion of matches.

### **1.3 Player Responsibility**

- 1.3.1 Each and every player must follow OMSC’s Player Code of Conduct

## **2. REGISTRATION OF OMSC PARTICIPANTS AND COACHES**

### **2.1 General**

- 2.1.1 All players under the jurisdiction of the Club shall be registered on the approved

Club player registration forms, which shall be supplied by the Club.

- 2.1.2 Any player, or team official, found participating in soccer while under OMSC suspension shall be suspended for one (1) year.
- 2.1.3 All coaches under the jurisdiction of the Club must provide a clear Criminal Record Check dated within the last three (3) years as a condition of their registration and participation.
- 2.1.4 Any registrations that are accepted and processed after the posted registration closing date will be subject to a \$30 late fee.
- 2.1.5 Any special requests to be placed on a specific team, to play with a specific player, or similar accommodation may be subject to a \$20 processing fee. Player movement will be considered based on evaluation and is subject to board approval.
- 2.1.6 Any approved refunds for medical reasons (accompanied by a Doctor's note) will be charged a \$15 processing fee.

### **3. JERSEY BONDS**

- 3.1.1 All players within the Big Country Soccer Association (U13 to U19) are required to provide a \$100 jersey bond in the form of a post-dated cheque or approved alternate method. The cheque will be destroyed at the end of the season if the jersey is returned in good, clean, and reusable condition.
- 3.1.2 The jersey bond must be provided before the player receives their jersey.
- 3.1.3 If the jersey is not returned within two (2) weeks following the end of the player's team's season, or if it is returned in poor condition, the bond will be retained.
- 3.1.4 If the jersey is not returned and/or if the cheque provided proves to be uncashable or has been cancelled, the player will not be permitted to register in any future soccer seasons, whether indoor or outdoor, until the amount owing for the replacement of the jersey has been paid in full, along with any NSF or banking fees incurred by the Club due to the missing jersey.

### **4. PLAYER MOVEMENT**

- 4.1 A player may only participate in one (1) age group at the Provincial Championship in a single season. Players wishing to play up to an older age group may do so, but they cannot compete in Provincials in more than one age group during the same season.

### **5. LEAGUE STANDINGS**

- 5.1 Official League Standings will be published on the Big Country Soccer Association website.

### **6. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES**

- 6.1 All referee and assistant referees shall be under the jurisdiction of Big Country Soccer

Association and/or the Club through the Board of Directors or Committee appointed for that purpose.

6.2 Complaints against referees shall be directed to Big Country Soccer Association.

6.3 In cases where the Club covers the cost of a referee's training or certification, it is expected that the referee will provide a return of service and make themselves available to officiate games for the Olds Minor Soccer Club and not use their training exclusively to officiate for other organizations. Should the Club determine that a referee is not fulfilling this expectation, the referee will be required to reimburse the Club for the full cost of their training and/or certification.

## **7. GAMES AND COMPETITIONS**

7.1 All soccer games played by teams affiliated with the Club shall be controlled by the Executive and/or Technical Director or as otherwise designated by the Board of Directors for the purpose, and with such authority they shall decide the schedules of the dates, times, and venues for all games.

7.2 The Club shall distribute schedules to teams; such schedule shall be considered sufficient notice to such team for participation.

7.3 The Club retains the right of granting or refusing admission to any game of any person or persons whose presence there may prove to be detrimental to the game.

7.4 To be eligible for Alberta Soccer Association (ASA) competition, members must be Full or Associate Members in good standing.

## **8. PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

8.1 All player equipment must meet standards as per the FIFA Laws of the Game.

<https://www.theifab.com/laws-of-the-game-documents/?language=all&year=2025%2F26>

8.2 All jewelry must be removed prior to match play. This includes, but is not limited to, necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather or rubber wrist bands. Players are not permitted to tape jewelry.

8.3 Player jerseys must be visibly numbered.

8.4 Players with hard casts are not permitted to play.

## **9. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

### **9.1. Field Authority & Use**

9.1.1. In the event of inclement weather, the Club will consult with the Town of Olds, which retains authority over the use and closure of soccer fields.

9.1.2. If the Town advises that fields are not safe or are closed due to weather or field conditions, the Club will respect and adhere to that decision.

### **9.2. Communication**

9.2.1. The Club will communicate any weather-related cancellations or field closures to team officials, players, and parents by no later than 4:00 PM on the same day whenever possible.

9.2.2. Notifications will be distributed as follows:

- Email to registered team officials, players, and parents.
- Posted on the Club's official social media accounts (*Facebook and Instagram*).

9.2.3. It is the responsibility of team officials and players to check their email and/or Club social media channels for updates when weather conditions are uncertain.

## **10. MISCONDUCT / VIOLATION OF OFFENCES**

10.1.1 Any team, team official, or player reported for misconduct/discipline shall be dealt with by the Club through the Executive Director and/or Board of Directors, the District and/or Alberta Soccer Association – whomever is deemed to be the appropriate governing authority at the time.

10.1.2 All cases of misconduct involving alleged physical assault, attempted physical assault, spitting or threatening behavior towards a game official by any team, team official, or player, shall be dealt with by the Club, the District and/or Alberta Soccer Association – whomever is deemed to be the appropriate governing authority at the time.