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McIntosh Northern 2026

Tournament Rules

1. General

- It is the responsibility of team officials to familiarize themselves completely with the following tournament procedures and to govern themselves accordingly.
- The McIntosh Northern Tournament will run from 20th – 21st June 2026.
- Out-of-town teams must be prepared to play on Saturday, 20th June 2026 at 9:00 am.
- Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of 3 games.
- All teams must check-in at tournament headquarters located at:
 - o Alfred Jenkins Fieldhouse – 2787 - 10 Avenue West, Prince Albert, SK.
- All players must be registered with their local District/Provincial Association. All out of province or out of country teams must have a travel permit. SSA sanctioning requires that teams travelling from out of province must submit their travel permits to the Tournament Committee prior to the tournament.

2. Age Divisions

- Under 9 Boys and Girls - Born in 2017 or 2018
- Under 11 Boys and Girls - Born in 2015 or 2016 – Premier and Division 2

3. Game Format

- U9 – 6v6
- U11 – 7v7

4. Game Procedures

- In alignment with Canada Soccer Association’s Long-Term Player Development, no standings will be kept for U9 or U11 age groups. The U9 division will be played as a jamboree.
- In U9 matches, players of the attacking team must retreat behind the “retreat line” (halfway line across the middle of the field) on goal kicks and cannot re-enter until the kick has been taken.
- Except as otherwise provided here, IFAB Laws of the Game shall apply to all competitions.
- The home team must have an alternate jersey and be prepared to change if, in the opinion of the referee, there is a color conflict.
- The home team must be prepared to supply two (2) game balls.
- On-field warm-up time will be minimal.
- Game sheets, obtained from the Field Marshall, must be signed by the manager, and returned to the Field Marshall. Field Marshall shall provide game sheets to the match official.
- Teams must have the following number of players to play a game:
 - o U9 - 5 players (6v6 including goalkeeper) - Minimum 4 players.
 - o U11 - 7 players (7v7 including goalkeeper) - Minimum 5 players.



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- Substitutions are unlimited and occur at the half at stoppage of the play with the referee's permission.
 - Please leave the field and team bench areas clean after each game.

5. Player Equipment

- Equipment shall consist of a numbered shirt, shorts, socks, shin pads and footwear. All players on the same team shall wear the same-coloured shirts and shall not have identical numbers. Goalkeepers should wear colours which are distinguishable from all other players and referees.
- Shin pads must be worn UNDER the socks.
- Players must not wear equipment or anything which endangers themselves or other players, including any kind of jewelry.

6. Roster Sizes

- U9 – 14 players
- U11 - 16 players

7. Length of Games by Age Group

- The duration of the game shall consist of:
 - o U9 - Two (2) twenty (20) minute halves
 - o U11 - Two (2) twenty (25) minute halves
- Half time will be 5 minutes in duration. All teams must be prepared to start play at the scheduled time. Any delay will reduce the total game time.

8. Offside

- There will be no offside for U9 and U11.

9. Goals directly from Kick-Off

- In ALL age groups, goals scored directly from a kick-off, when the match restarts at the centre mark, will not stand. Play will be restarted with a goal kick.

10. Overtime

- There will be no additional time added in round robin pool play.

9. Discipline Rules

- The Melba Jenkins Memorial Cup Tournament Committee has established a Tournament Discipline Committee.
- Discipline guidelines will follow the Discipline Policy set forth by the Saskatchewan Soccer Association.

11. Cautions and Dismissals

- Players receiving a cumulative three (3) yellow cards during the tournament will be suspended for their next match. This decision cannot be appealed.
- Any dismissals (red cards) received during the McIntosh Northern Tournament will expire with the end of the McIntosh Northern Tournament, except in cases where a red card is accompanied by a Special Incident Report, in which case the incident may be forwarded to the player's Provincial Association and/or governing body.
- A red card results in immediate ejection from the game in which the red card is received, plus an automatic minimum 1 game suspension. This suspension will be served during the team's next game. The Discipline Committee will review the red card incident, and the Team Coach will be notified if any further disciplinary action is required.

13. Coaching Requirements

- All Saskatchewan based teams must have coaches who meet the coaching requirements outlined below. All team personnel (coaches, assistant coaches, managers, gender representatives, trainers, or other bench personnel) who are present on the bench, must have completed Respect in Sport.
 - o U9 and U11 – Learn to Train and Making Ethical Decisions and/or Online Evaluation:
Competitive Introduction

14. Players and Reserves

- A player can only be on one team's roster.
- Players cannot play down a division from where they are regularly registered.
- You may add a maximum of 4 guest players to your regular team roster. These players must be from an equal or lower division. Guest players must be marked as "guest" on your roster and a permission letter from their team must be included indicating the team's name, age, and division at which they are registered. It is your responsibility to check with the registrar, prior to your first game, to ensure guest players are eligible.
- Playing unregistered players will result in game defaults and your Provincial Association will be notified.

15. Saskatchewan Laws

- All players eligible to play in McIntosh Northern 2026 are "minors" in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- Possession or use of alcohol by "minors" is illegal. Any report of use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will result in expulsion from the tournament.
- Any person who defaces, destroys, steals, or otherwise abuses the venue will be expelled from the tournament.

16. Protests

- No protests will be heard on any judgment calls by the referee. All decisions by the referee will be final concerning the outcome of games. Abuse of the match officials will not be tolerated.

17. Inclement Weather

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel the tournament in whole or in part due to inclement weather (e.g., serious storms) and no refund will be issued. Individual games may also be cancelled outright, and no refund will be issued. Teams that are delayed by the weather will not be refunded.

18. Refund and Cancellation Policy

- If for any reason your team must cancel, please inform the tournament committee immediately by emailing: paysasoccertd@sasktel.net
- The Registration deadline is 20th, May 2026. Teams that withdraw after the registration deadline will forfeit their registration fee. Cancellations prior to the final registration deadline will be refunded, except for a \$50.00 Administration fee.
- Once the official schedule has been published, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances. This policy ensures fairness and consistency for all participants, as scheduling and resource allocations are finalized based on confirmed registrations.
- If you do not inform us of your cancellation, we will expect your team at its first scheduled game.

17. Questions

- If you have any questions, please contact us by email: paysasoccertd@sasktel.net