



2021 Outdoor Mini-League Rules & Regulations

Format:

- I. All games will be played in a 7v7 format (6 out players and 1 GK)
- II. 2 x 25 minutes halves played on a half field pitch.
- III. Minimal spectator attendance requested, and physical distancing must be maintained.
No spectator seating will be available.

Procedures:

- I. Before every game, players are expected to use the Provincial Self-Assessment tool. Participants may not compete if they are feeling unwell and should stay home.
- II. Players should bring: their own water bottle, hand sanitizer, wipes, Ziploc bag for personal items. We recommend leaving your sports bag in your car.
- III. Players are expected to arrive dressed to play.
- IV. Players should not arrive more than 15 minutes before kick-off time.
- V. Players are expected to bring and use sanitizer prior to play, as well as through the duration of the activity (i.e. intermissions, breaks, etc.) and at the end of the game.
- VI. No handshakes after the game.
- VII. Players are expected to leave the field as soon as the game is finished.
- VIII. It is highly recommended to wash your uniform between uses.
- IX. Game Sheets
 - i) Match Officials will be the ones responsible to print the game sheet.
 - ii) It is still recommended to have a back-up game sheet printed or a blank SAS game sheet. Available on our website.
- X. If the field is available and it is within five minutes of your game's scheduled start time and there is no referee present, let the office know either by e-mail or by leaving a voicemail @306-975-3427.
- XI. Results and schedules will be available online @ www.saskatoonadultsoccer.com

Number of Players/Substitution:

- I. A team may register a maximum of 12 players:
- II. A team may only dress a maximum number of 12 players.
 - i) Men's/ Women's games will be played with 7 players per team on the field. This is 6 outfield players and 1 keeper.
 - ii) Coed games will be played with 7 players per team on the field. This is 6 outfield players 3 males and 3 females and 1 keeper.
 - iii) The minimum number of players to start a match is 5.
 - iv) For Coed, there must always be at minimum 1 female outfield player. There is always a maximum of 3 male outfield players.
- III. Players can ONLY permit within their mini league. This means, the other 2-3 teams that they will be playing against. Permit requests can be sent to:
info@saskatoonadultsoccer.com
- IV. No Player transfers.
- V. Players are only allowed to play for ONE TEAM. That's one men's or women's team or co-ed team during the Mini-leagues season.
- VI. ID Cards - will be checked, prior to games, at a safe distance, by the Official. Players must therefore possess a valid form of a Canadian Issued photo ID (Proper ID includes Drivers Licence or SAS Player ID Card). Only show your ID to the Official, do not hand it out.
- VII. Substitution - is unlimited, and on the fly. All substitutions MUST take place at HALF.
- VIII. The player coming on as a substitute must be at half, and may not enter the field of play until the player they are replacing has fully crossed the touch line (at half) at centre field. Failure to follow proper substitution rules will result in a yellow card.
- IX. Unless otherwise stated, the outdoor card rules will be in effect for the mini-league. This means that all suspensions will be determined using our "[Schedule A](#)".
- X. Physical altercations will result in an immediate dismissal from match.
- XI. RED CARDS – any player receiving a red card MUST sit a minimum of one game.

General Rules:

UNIFORMS

All these regulations below are in compliance with FIFA, CSA, SSA and SAS regulations.

- I. Teams must wear matching uniforms of the same color (except for the goalkeeper) with a number on the back (alternate jerseys are not expected to be numbered, but it is recommended).
- II. **Bibs will not be available during the Mini league games.**
The home team must change shirts if both teams are wearing the same colors (goalkeepers will be required to have an alternate jersey in the case of color conflict).
The Home team is the first team listed on the schedule.
- III. Shin guards are MANDATORY! The referee will not allow you on the field without your shin guards. Shin guards must be completely covered by your socks.
- IV. Sleeveless uniforms are NOT allowed.
- V. It is highly recommended to wash your uniform between uses.

GAME BALL

- i. All games played on the Turf Fields will use an outdoor FIFA regulated ball, with ball size of 5.

COIN TOSS

- i. There will be no gathering at a Coin toss. The Home team chooses every game, at every level.

OFFSIDES

- I. There will be no offsides.

DROPPED BALL

The drop ball requirement has been removed to reduce handling of the ball and has been converted to an indirect free kick. If the drop ball is inside the penalty area after hitting the Referee, the ball automatically goes to the Goalkeeper. The Referee leaves the ball on the ground, and the Goalkeeper picks it up.

CORNER KICKS/FREE KICKS/KICK-INS

As per FIFA Regulations.

- I. Corner kicks:** are to be taken from the corner spot. The opposing players must remain at least 3 meters away from the ball until it is played. The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does, a free kick is awarded against them.
- II. Free Kicks:** As per FIFA regulations. Opposing players must remain 3 metres away from all free kicks until ball is played.
- III. Kick-ins:** A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in. The kick-in is to be taken from the point where the ball left the playing surface. When the ball goes out of bounds on the side of the field the result will be kick-in for the opposition at the point where the ball exited play.

NO SLIDE TACKLING (COED/WOMEN's MASTERS & LEGENDS LEAGUE ONLY)

- I.** There will be NO slide tackling permitted during any Coed, WM & All Legends games.
- II.** A player deemed guilty of a slide tackle will be issued the minimum of a yellow card. If the infringement is deemed serious enough, the player will receive a red card.
- III.** Goalkeepers are allowed to tackle in a hands first/head first manner but are not permitted to slide tackle feet first.
- IV.** Players are permitted to slide during Coed games provided it is not for the purpose of a tackle nor attempting to dispossess an opposing player of the ball.
- V.** Slide tackles are at the discretion of the referee.

CASTS, KNEE BRACES, JEWELRY, FOOTWEAR

As per FIFA Laws of the Game 'A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to him/herself or another player (including any kind of jewelry).'

- I. CASTS – If a player is wearing a cast, he/she must have a soft material covering the cast.**
It is at the referee's discretion to deem the cast safe upon inspection of the covering.
- II. KNEE BRACES - If a player is wearing a knee brace, he/she must have a soft material covering the knee brace. It is at the referee's discretion to deem the knee brace safe upon inspection of the covering. (All hard/sharp edges must be covered to avoid any other players' possible injury.)**
- III. JEWELLERY – Any player wearing jewellery will not be permitted to play until it is fully removed. This is a per FIFA Laws of the Game Law 4.**
- IV. If a player participates in a game wearing any jewellery, neither the referee nor the SAS League will be held responsible. Please see 'C' above regarding Jewellery.**
- V. All footwear must be clean and meet the following guidelines:**
 - must be soccer cleats**
 - molded studs-turf only**
 - blades-turf only**
 - turf trainers-turf only**
 - indoor shoes-turf**

NO metal cleats allowed according to all FIFA Laws regarding the Players Equipment. The SaskTel Soccer Centre Inc. reserves the right to impose sanctions on players using metal cleats on their facility fields.

HOME TEAMS RESPONSIBILITIES

For each game, there are responsibilities to ensure the SAS league runs smooth. The home team is responsible for ensuring the following gets done.

- i. Game ball: Please sanitize it before providing it to the match Official.**

- ii. Make sure to have two sets of jerseys in case there is a colour conflict with the visiting team.
- iii. "FIFA Laws of the Game", "SAS Rules and Regulations", and "SAS Mini-League and Regulations" shall govern the competition.

Player Eligibility:

- II. All Players must be registered.
- III. Player Identification – Players must have a valid Government Photo ID or Saskatoon Soccer Player ID Card (see Number of Players/Substitution, above). Players found not to be on the team roster/game sheet will be deemed ineligible and will result in the game being overturned as well as suspension for the player and/or team contact responsible.
- IV. Players must be SAS League age eligible to participate (15 years or older), and in Women's Masters 30 plus, Men's Masters 35 plus and Legends 50 plus.

Team Eligibility:

- I. Team Admittance into the mini-league is on a first-come, first-serve basis per division.
- II. Teams are allowed to have a maximum of 12 players on their roster.
- III. SAS reserves the right to move teams into categories as it sees fit. Team contacts will be contacted should the SAS require movement in any category. This will allow the SAS to offer the best mini-league possible for all teams.

Format (Schedule):

- I. All teams are guaranteed a total of six games. Team will be group in pools of 3-4 team within their respected divisions.
- II. The Mini-League schedule will be available on the SAS website a minimum of 1 weeks prior to the start of the season and e-mailed to all team contacts.
- III. Given the format and short length of our programming, there will be no reschedule requests available for teams this season.

COVID Team Withdrawal Penalties:

No penalties will be charged to teams that withdraw their registration by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14th.

The following schedule of penalties will be in effect if a team withdraws from the SAS League after the deadline:

1 - 2 calendar days after: Refund Fees Except for Fine of \$100

3 - 7 calendar days after: Refund Fees Except for Fine of 25% of total fees

8 - 14 calendar days: Refund Fees Except for Fine of 50% of total fees

15 or more days: No refund

League Fees:

League fees cover the following costs: Field Rental, Administrative Costs and Referee Fees.

Individual Player Registration is no longer included in league fees and must be paid separately by each player when they register online. Please visit the [League Fees page](#) for full details.