



2020 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. All Games will be at the Saskatoon Soccer Centre located at 150 Nelson Rd.
- IV. Minimal spectator attendance requested, and physical distancing must be maintained. No spectator seating will be available. **For contact tracing purposes, spectators that do attend will need to check-in at admission.**
- V. There will be 20 minutes allocated in between each game. The purpose of this is to avoid congestion. This extra time cannot be used if the game started late.
- VI. To limit multi-touch surfaces, there will be no team benches and no corner flags.

Procedures:

- I. **Before every game**, players are expected to use the [Provincial Self-Assessment tool](#). If a player is showing any symptoms at all, they 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. SSCI dressing rooms will not be available.
- IV. Players should not arrive more than 15 minutes before kick-off time.
- V. Players are expected to enter by the corner entrance of the field they will be playing on. Hand Sanitizers will be available as you enter the field.
- VI. Facility maps will be posted around the fields to guide you. They will available by July 31st on our website and will be sent to all players as soon as it's available.
- VII. Players should maintain a 2-meter distance on the sidelines. Facemasks are not mandatory but are recommended to wear while on the sidelines.
- VIII. 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.
- IX. Other Hygiene guidelines to help prevent the spread include:
 - Covering coughs and sneezes.
 - Not touching your face.
 - Wiping down shared equipment
 - Goalkeepers cannot spit into their Gloves
 - No handshakes or cheers after the game.
- X. Players are expected to leave the field as soon as the game is finished, by exiting to the closest corner. **No congregating on the fields.**
- XI. It is highly recommended to wash your uniform between uses.
- XII. 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.
- XIII. Results and schedules will be available online @ www.saskatoonadultsoccer.com

Game Sheets

- i. Only registered players who already appear on the preprinted game sheets are eligible to play. You may not write in new names. Only jersey numbers may be manually edited.
- ii. Each Team is responsible for their game sheet, as it also serves purpose for contact tracing. Therefore, **after every game**, Team Contacts/Captains will need to send a picture of the game sheet to info@saskatoonadultsoccer.com to help us confirm player attendance.

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. No permitting is allowed.
- 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-league 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). 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 determine 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). 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. Goalkeepers MUST wear gloves. **Goalkeepers are not allowed to spit into their gloves.**
- V. Sleeveless uniforms are NOT allowed.
- VI. 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

- iii. 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: ALL Free kicks are **indirect**. 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.

SLIDE TACKLING

- I. There will be **NO slide tackling** permitted during any Mini-League 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 mini-league 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.

HEADING OF THE BALL

As per SSA RTSP, it is recommended to avoid heading the ball. For that reason, after any intentional/unintentional heading of the ball, the play will be stopped, and an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team. It is highly recommended that the Official sanitizes the ball before play can restart. Sanitization of the ball is also highly recommended before/after the game, as well as during halftime.

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.

THUNDER PROTOCOL

During the Mini-Leagues season, games will not be moved indoors. Therefore, games will be stopped at the Referee's discretion. The Referee will indicate on the game sheet, the minute that the game has been stopped. The game will only get rescheduled if less than 2/3 of the game has been played.

If 2/3 of the games has been played the game will not be rescheduled.

SOCCER CENTRE SPITTING POLICY

Saskatoon Adult Soccer, in conjunction with Saskatoon Youth Soccer and the Saskatoon Soccer Centre, will be enforcing their No Spitting Policy at both the SaskTel Sports Centre and the Saskatoon Henk Ruys Soccer Centre. Anyone seen spitting on the indoor fields or bench areas (unless in a garbage can) will be told to leave the playing area immediately. A Red Card will be issued for this, and the team will not be punished by having to play shorthanded. (They will be allowed to replace the player on the field). Anyone ejected for spitting will receive the following:

- i) 1st Offence – ejection from the game without further suspension
- ii) 2nd Offence – 2 game suspensions
- iii) 3rd Offence – at the discretion of the Discipline Administrator

The reason for the implementation of this rule is for the health and safety of everyone using the facilities.

For information regarding the penalties for "Spitting at Another Player/Official" see Schedule A of the Discipline Guidelines.

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. Wipes will be available at admissions.
- 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 Rules and Regulations" shall govern the competition.

Player Eligibility:

- II. All Players must be registered
- III. Player Identification – Players must have a valid Photo ID or Saskatoon Soccer Player ID Card (see Number of Players/Substitution: VI 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 (Discipline for violations occurring during the tournament can be carried over into the regular season).

- VI. Players must be SAS League age eligible to participate (15 years or older), and in Women's Masters 30 plus and Men's Masters 35 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 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.

Team Withdrawal Penalties:

Penalties will not be charged to teams that withdraw their registration by Monday, July 20th at 5:00pm. Our usual schedule of penalties will be in effect if a team withdraws from a SAS league after July 20th:

1 - 7 calendar days after: Refund Fees Except for Fine of \$100

8 - 14 calendar days after: Refund Fees Except for Fine of 25% of total fees

15 - 21 calendar days: Refund Fees Except for Fine of 50% of total fees

22 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.