



2020 Mini-League Rules & Regulations (Turf League)

Format:

- I. All games are to be played on ¼ field, in a 6v6 format (5 out players and 1 GK).
- II. ONLY the Coed Masters League will be played on ¼ field in a 7v7 format (6 out players + 1 GK - minimum 1 female out player & a maximum of 3 male out players - goalkeeper of either sex).
- III. 2 x 25 minutes halves with a 3-minute half-time break.
- IV. All Games are at the Saskatoon Soccer Centre located at 150 Nelson Rd.
- V. **Masks are mandatory to enter both buildings and must be worn in all common areas on the main level.** It is personal preference if they be worn during your games. Masks must be worn by anyone 4 years old and up.
- VI. **Spectators:** We encourage players to not bring their children to games. Also, please encourage your cheering squad to stay home as well. If they choose to attend, please be sure to update them on our mask policy.

Procedures:

- I. **Before every game,** players are expected to use the Provincial Self-Assessment tool. If a player is showing any symptoms at all or is not feeling well, they should stay home.
- II. Players should bring: their own water bottle, hand sanitizer, wipes, Ziploc bag for personal items (i.e. Mask).
- III. Players are expected to arrive dressed to play.
- IV. SSCI designated dressing rooms and **showers are not available**, but rather will be utilized as team **'Green Rooms'** to gather prior to game time.
- V. **Green Rooms are unavailable after your game.** No belongings are to be left in the rooms (please bring a bag to store outdoor shoes).
- VI. **Players should not arrive more than 10 minutes before kick-off time.**
- VII. **Absolutely no changing on the fields or in public areas.**
- VIII. Players may not enter the field until their allotted time. Please stay in your green rooms until game time to allow disinfection and set up to take place. Warm up cannot take place off the field.
- IX. Players are expected to 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. Sanitizer stations are available at the facilities. Everyone is encouraged to also bring their own for personal use.
- X. **No handshakes after the game.**
- XI. It is highly recommended to wash your uniform between uses.
- XII. Game Sheets
 - i. Only registered players are eligible to play. Names can be written on (ie: permits), but can never exceed the 12 player roster limit per game.
 - 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 confirm player attendance via the Ramp team contact back end.

- XIII. 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.
- XIV. 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 6 players per team on the field. This is 5 outfield players and 1 keeper.
 - ii. The minimum number of players to start for Men's/Women's match is 4.
 - iii. Coed games will be played with 7 players per team on the field. This is 6 outfield players -3 males, 3 females and 1 keeper.
 - iv. The minimum number of players to start a Coed match is 5.
 - v. There must always be at minimum 1 female outfield player. There is always a maximum of 3 male outfield players.
- III. **Permitting is only allowed within your own mini-league bubble. This mean that you can only permit to/from the 2-3 teams that you play against.**
- IV. No player transfers during Mini-League format.
- 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 Indoor Season. 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 Indoor 2020 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. 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.
- ii. Sanitization of the ball is also highly recommended before/after the game, as well as during halftime.

COIN TOSS

- i. There will be no gathering at a Coin toss. The Home team chooses a side 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: Any foul will result in a **direct free kick**. Opposing players must remain 3 yards 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. Slide tackling is permitted during Turf Mini-League games, except for Coed and Legends (over 50) games.

HEADING OF THE BALL

As per the Saskatchewan Soccer association 's (SSA) Return To Soccer Plan (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.

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 jewellery).'

- 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.
- 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.

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.
- 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 Indoor 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 Canadian Government issued 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 ten 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-mail notification will be sent 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.