

# SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER

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To: SYSI Team Personnel  
From: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.  
Date: Thurs Oct 15, 2020  
Re: Team Personnel Responsibility

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Hello Soccer Team Personnel,

First off, we wish to thank you for your enormous support in volunteering this Fall season with SYSI. Like each and every season, we couldn't pull off this league without the countless volunteers, the hours and the care they put into making each season a success. This season, you have the added task of doing this during a global pandemic. So again, a heart felt thank you from all of us at SYSI.

With COVID-19 cases on the rise within our province and the possibility that not all team personnel have received this important information, we urge everyone to read through their responsibilities listed below prior to your next soccer game or practice. We are stressing the importance of these safety procedures and urge you to take them seriously and to please do your part in helping us keep soccer programming in place during this pandemic. The health and safety of our programs, leagues, and participants are in your hands and if these precautions are not met with seriousness and case numbers continue to increase we may need to take necessary steps in restricting spectators from the soccer facilities entirely – or worse scale back our leagues to training only. There has been a trend developing in other provinces with higher case numbers where their sports have either been halted or cancelled completely or they have had to adjust their programming to training only. We sincerely hope the case numbers within our province do not get to that point and we need all of you to help protect our sport and community by abiding by our Return to Soccer Plan (RTSP) procedures. A similar email has been sent to all registered participants and their parents including the Parent and Participant Responsibility sections of the RTSP.

#### **7.4.1 Coach Responsibility**

- a) Obligated to not attend if they have any symptoms or are ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill. Shall complete the COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire found in section 8.0 of this document and be clear of any listed symptoms prior to attending each game or training session.
- b) All coaches and team personnel are expected to go through the COVID-19 related material located in section 10.0 Additional Resources of this document. Coaches are expected to communicate the following safety measures to their team:
  - Hand washing, no spitting, elbow coughing, nose blowing, disposing of garbage, glove and mask use (if required), all procedures, transitions as they related to the program and each session, sanitization and equipment cleaning, etc.
- c) Equipment must be cleaned on field and gathered by coaches; no other participants are to handle the equipment.

- d) **Update 10/15/20** – When using the field partitions on Sherwood Chevrolet and Family Focus fields at the Saskatoon Sports Centre, please ensure cones are set up on each side of the partition to ensure there is a 1 meter distance between the cone and the partition. This will ensure social distancing is maintained between the two fields. It also prevents a tripping hazard posed by the support legs on the partitions themselves.
- e) Wearing masks is required for all scenarios when they are present at the soccer centres as well as situations such as team meetings, parent meetings, coaches' meetings, etc. As much as possible, these meetings should be conducted via an online format, such as Zoom or Facebook Messenger Video Chat.
- f) Prior to each game or training session coaches will deliver an on-field orientation, reiterating physical/social distancing measures, coughing/sneezing etiquette, outlining designated areas (i.e. isolation areas), exit and entrance procedures and transitioning from the field.
- g) Create and organize activities to ensure and maximize physical/social distancing where possible when conducting training.
- h) Create activities to ensure that athletes stay within the existing groups to limit contact between participants.
- i) No heading or hand contact with the ball during the sessions or games – feet only. Goalkeepers are the only player on the field who can use their hands during training sessions and games.
- j) Be cognizant of any equipment that gets misplaced, coaches will be responsible for moving it back to proper position. Under no circumstances should the participants do this.
- k) Be cognizant of any stray balls that may leave the fields as coaches will be responsible for gathering and returning the ball to the appropriate field. Under no circumstances should the participants do this.
- l) Provide participants with regular sanitization and water breaks.
- m) Guide and take players to exit after each session, ensuring participants are following the floor signs, and designated floor map.
- n) If required coaches may need to administer first aid to an injured player. Proper mask and gloves are to be worn in these instances by the coach (gloves should be appropriately discarded after each use). Players will need to be given a mask while before being attended to.
- o) As per SSA guidelines, SYSI coaches may coach and/or play in more than one bubble/mini league only under the following conditions:
  - i. The coach maintains 2 metres social distancing at all times and wears a nonmedical mask, OR;
  - ii. If the coach cannot maintain social distancing at all time, they must wear medical (surgical or procedural) mask.
  - iii. If these conditions cannot be met coaches cannot be involved with more than one bubble/mini league

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to read the above precautions and for doing your part in keeping our sport and community safe during these difficult times! If you'd like to read our Return to Soccer Plan in greater detail it can be found here:

Sincerely,

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.