

SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER

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To: Community & Zone Participants
From: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.
Date: Thurs Oct 15, 2020
Re: Important Player/Parent Responsibility

Hello Soccer Parents and Participants,

We at SYSI, are extremely excited for the return of Soccer to Saskatoon and want to thank you and your family for being a part of this huge step. We understand that it is not easy navigating your way through this and our hope is that soccer provides a safe, enjoyable environment for everyone involved. We are committed to providing this to you and your family, but we need your help!

With COVID-19 cases on the rise within our province and the likelihood that not all registered players and parents 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 procedures.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility

1. Obligated to not attend events in any capacity if they have any symptoms, feeling ill, or has been in contact with someone who is ill and must keep their child home as well.
2. Ensure child is healthy with no signs of any symptoms, recommended to take temperature prior to coming to each game and training session. Parent shall complete the COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire found in section 8.0 of this document both for themselves and their child and be clear of any listed symptoms prior to attending each game or training session.
3. Review the physical/social distancing, hand hygiene, and safety procedures with participants to ensure there is obvious understanding of the expectations of the program and at each game and training session.
4. When dropping their child off for games or training they may not enter the field areas on the main levels of both soccer centres, unless they are a Parent/Caregiver Participant in the Parent-Tot Program.
5. Ensure the child/participant has all the items that is required to participate. On top of a soccer bag for clothing items/shoes and a closed water bottle, a ziploc bag marked clearly with the child's name can be brought to the field, and should include items such as:
 - Hand sanitizer
 - 2 masks

- Medication if required (e.g. inhaler for asthma)
- Band aids for minor scrapes
- Tissues

6. Only one parent/guardian per household may stay to watch training sessions and games, to follow the indoor gathering sizes and to maintain social distancing, and safe cleaning measures. Bringing other children is strongly discouraged.

7. Parents/Guardians and any other spectators will be required to wear a mask for the full duration of their attendance in the soccer centre.

Participant Responsibility

1. Obligated to not attend if they have any symptoms, are feeling 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.
2. Come prepared in clothes ready to participate, shoes can be changed into at the field. Participants can bring a soccer bag in order to store clothing and outside shoes/boots and should contain a ziploc bag with their name on it which contains tissues, masks, closed mouthed water bottles, hand sanitizer, medication, and band aids for minor cuts (if required). No other personal items should be brought with them.
3. Participants will be reminded to take all personal disposable material belonging to them and dispose of them in the garbage at the soccer centre or home to be disposed of safely.
4. In order to ensure their own safety and the safety of others, the participant and their accompanied parent/caregiver must commit to accept and put into practice the physical/social distancing and all other safety protocols as a part of the Saskatoon Youth Soccer Indoor league.
5. No handshakes, hugs, etc. at any time.
6. No shared use of water bottles or other personal belongings.
7. No head or hand contact with the ball.
8. Goalkeepers must not at anytime spit or use water from water bottles or use the water fountains to wet their gloves. Goalkeepers will be required to change their gloves immediately in any of these scenarios.
9. Goalkeeper gloves cannot be shared during a game or practice session, and, like the rest of the uniform **MUST** be washed in between each use. Keepers should sanitize their hands immediately before and after each use of goalkeeper gloves.
10. All participants must ensure that their training/playing clothes are washed immediately after each use (upon returning home).
11. As per provincial health authority guidelines, the use of a mask is highly recommended in all scenarios. Mask use may be encouraged while the participant is sitting on the sidelines during a game or training session. A mask must be worn while entering and exiting the field and all other instances while not on the field in a game or training session.
12. As per SSA guidelines, although it is highly discouraged, however, players may partake in more than one bubble/mini league operating up to and including Phase 3 in SSA's Return to Play Plan. Players and parents/caregivers must ensure that stringent safety practices are upheld by these participants.

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: <http://saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca/content/covid-19>.

Sincerely,

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.