



Team Official Policy

SPDSA Policy

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Policy Statement

The mission of the Sherwood Park District Soccer Association (SPDSA) is to provide soccer to its members in the Sherwood Park area. The SPDSA strives to provide a safe and secure environment to its members. Each team must have a minimum of two (2) team officials (coach, assistant coach, team manager, bench parent) that are the same gender as their players. This policy is in effect for all teams and age groups within the SPDSA.

Guidelines

- 1) Within two (2) weeks of commencement of the relevant season, Team Officials (Coach, Assistant Coach, Bench Attendants, and Manager) are required to have completed and cleared a Criminal Record Check (CRC), as per the SPDSA's CRC Policy.
- 2) Within two (2) weeks of commencement of the relevant season, all Coaches (Head coach and asst coaches) are required to complete the Respect in Sport Training (RIS) and each team must have a minimum on two (2) coaches that have completed the RIS training. There must always be a minimum of one RIS certified coach on the bench during games and on the field during practices.
- 3) All teams within Sherwood Park must have a minimum of one (1) cleared team official on the bench, field, and dressing room that is the same gender as their players at all times. This official must provide a clear CRC to be on the bench, field, dressing rooms or any other team function with the team members.
- 4) Team officials at U9 and higher, must obtain a Team Official ID Card from the SPDSA in order to be present in the benching area or dressing rooms.
- 5) No Team Official of the opposite gender is allowed on the bench, field, and dressing room or at any other team function without a same gendered team official being present.
- 6) In the event a cleared team official of the same gender is not available to be on the bench, field, dressing room or other team function, a cleared team official shall require a same gender parent to take on the temporary role of the bench parent for that one unanticipated instance. If this parent does not possess a valid CRC, they cannot be left alone with the player(s). Parents without a Team Official ID, are not eligible to be in the benching area for games.
- 7) For teams participating in the EMSA or EIYSA leagues, during league games the teams must follow the most stringent of the EMSA/EIYSA or SPDSA rules.