

Southern Alberta Summer Games

Raymond July 8 – 11, 2020



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Date: Wednesday, July 8 and Thursday 9, 2020

Time: see schedule when posted

NOTE: A minimum of **60 minutes prior to your first game** Wednesday, July 8th there will be a **mandatory** check in for head coaches at the main soccer tent. A designated sports representative will review the code of conduct, rules and expectations of tournament participants as well as review any required game sheets and schedules.

Locations:

U7 - Victoria Sports Park, WILDE BROS. field, 350 E 100N, Raymond, AB

U9 - Victoria Sports Park, BISSETT field, 350E 100N, Raymond, AB

U11 - Victoria Sports Park, SMITH field, 350E 100N, Raymond, AB

Events and Age Groups: All ages are as of January 1 of the current year

U7 - Co-Ed: under 7 years - born in 2013/2014

U9 – Co-Ed: under 9 years - born in 2011/2012

U11 – Co-Ed: under 11 years – born in 2009/2010

Eligibility:

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Rep players are not eligible. Players must not have participated in a Tier 1 or 2 game/tournament within the last 12 months.

Regional Representation:

U7 is open to a maximum of 18 teams. **U9** is open to a maximum of 18 teams. **U11** is open to a maximum of 18 teams. Regions will be able to register a 2nd team, but those teams will be placed on a waiting list in order to prioritize equitable regional representation. Teams on the waiting list will be advised of registration acceptance on a first come first served basis. The host community has the first opportunity to fulfill the schedule upon registration of uneven teams. Depending upon registration teams may be placed in performance pools, A and B. A is competitive and B is recreational. Coaches must declare on required Coach Intent Forms if they are competitive or recreational. Regions with multiple teams registered must declare at least 1 Pool A team.

U7 and **U9** teams must register a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 13 players.

U11 must register a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 14 players.

Format:

Age Division	Game Time	Half Time	Ball Size	Goal Frame
U7	2-20 min halves	5 min	#3	4' x 8'
U9	2-25 min halves	5 min	#4	6'x12'
U11	2-30 min halves	5 min	#4	6'x12'

U7 will play festival style , 7v7, as per ASA regulations. This means no scores and results are tallied.

U9 will play 7v7. **U11** will play 8v8.

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A maximum of 2 games per team per day will be played. Format for all competitions will be determined by the sports competition committee following review of the registrations received. All effort will be made to ensure teams will play **no more** than 2 games per day and a minimum of **3** games assigned per team.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Rules to be governed by the Alberta Soccer Association rules unless otherwise stated.
2. Every athlete must be able to produce appropriate identification at all times.
3. A minimum of 60 minutes before your first game Wednesday July 8th there will be a **mandatory** check in by the head coach to discuss the Code of Conduct, rules and expectations of tournament participants.
4. All participants must be present at least 30 minutes prior to the event starting time indicated on the schedule. Any team late or not present for their event shall be eliminated by default.
5. For expediency, the coach is required to provide a roster of players, including scratches and tiered player declarations before each game to the referee. This document is to be signed, dated, and timed.
6. A field marshal shall be provided by the SASG host community. The field marshal will be identified to the referee and will act on behalf of the referee by reminding parents/spectators to act in a manner not bringing the game of soccer into disrepute, diffusing potential problems before they arise, and dealing with unsportsmanlike conduct.
7. **U11** teams shall provide a linesman for each game from each team. Linesman shall identify themselves to the referee and are not required to call offside.
8. Coaches are only allowed to midpoint of the field.
9. Spectators are to be on the opposite side of the field from the players. No coaches are allowed on the field with the exception of an injured player. No spectator may impinge upon the Assistant Referees pathway along the out of bounds line. The referee may stop or delay the game until these safety requirements are met.
10. Referees must write down the start time on the game sheet so as to avoid any discrepancies.
11. A team must register a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 13 players for **U7** and **U9**, as well as a coach and manager or trainer. **U11** teams must register a minimum of 8 players and maximum of 14 players, as well as a coach and a manager or trainer.
12. The games shall be played by 2 teams, each consisting of 7 players, one of whom is a goalie for **U7** and **U9**, and 8 players, one of whom is a goalie for **U11**.
13. A minimum of 2 boys and 2 girls must be on the playing field at all times.
14. Prior to each game, referees will check each players equipment.
15. Hard casts and knee braces with any metal are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted to be worn. The practice of padding a hard cast or knee brace with metal does not reduce the element of danger.
16. All players must wear shin pads covered with socks. Metal cleats on shoes are not allowed.
17. At the referee's discretion, substitutions may be allowed during stoppage in play, by either side.
18. No offside rule will apply to **U7** and **U9** but will apply to **U11**.
19. The retreat line rule will come into effect for two situations during game play: a goal kick, and a free kick to the defending team within its own goal area. At these two restarts, the opposing team is required to move beyond the retreat line. The player taking the kick can the pass the ball to one of his team-mates without the pressure of an opposing player nearby. When the ball has left the penalty area, the play will resume as normal and the opposing team can move inside the retreat line.

The retreat line will be the halfway line for **U7** and **U9**. If a member of the opposing team comes inside the retreat line before the ball has left the goal area and interferes with play, the referee will stop play

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and the restart will be retaken. Players cannot play the ball long over the retreat line from a goal kick or free kick from within their own goal area – they must play the ball short to a teammate.

The retreat line for **U11** will be the closest offside line to the restart and will be marked.

Goalkeepers cannot drop kick the ball from their hands beyond the retreat line. If the ball goes beyond the retreat line without previously touching the ground, a free kick should be awarded to the opposing team at the point where the ball crossed the retreat line.

20. Goals can be scored from anywhere on the field but must pass under the height of the crossbar and between the posts.
21. Goal kicks may be taken by the goalkeeper or any other person on the team.
22. When the goalkeeper takes possession of the ball inside the goal crease, the keeper may put the ball back in play by kicking or throwing the ball. In the event of a goal kick the ball must be placed on the ground and kicked from inside the goal crease area and can be taken by any player.
23. Mercy rule in effect: if a 7 goal or more lead exists after the first half of anytime during the second half, the current score will be recorded as the final game score. It will be left up to the discretion of the coaches if the rest of the game time will be played for fun and in the name of good sportsmanship.
24. The referee has the final decision. Good sportsmanship is expected of all coaches, parents and players. ***Abuse of any referee will not be tolerated. One warning from the referee may be given; ejection will result if a second offence occurs.***
25. The SASG has a **zero**-tolerance harassment policy. If a competitor, coach, parent, or spectator is abusive in any way towards the officials, other competitors, or volunteers, they will be immediately ejected from the competition.
26. All rules for mini soccer not posted can be found at the following link
<https://albertasoccer.com/referee/resources/>
27. Provided the principles of the rules are maintained, the rules may be modified in their application. Any errors or omissions in rules listed above will default to the current Laws of the Game wherever possible.
28. The SARA Board and SASG soccer sports committee takes the safety of the participating athletes very seriously. Therefore a concussion protocol is instituted inline with Alberta Soccer and Canada Soccer's concussion Return to Play regulations. There are times when players get knocked around and **may** appear that they are fit to play. However, with any head or neck contact, or suspected contact, the player(s) involved must be assessed on the sideline. The player must be withdrawn from play immediately and assessed for a minimum of 15 minutes before they can return to play. If the player is assessed to have any of the red flags, or suspected head/neck injury as laid out in the ASA concussion protocol they will be immediately removed from play and must be evaluated by medical staff. In order to return to play a letter of return to play must accompany them and be shown to sports organizers. Please remember this is just a game and your athletes' health and safety is more important than a game result.

Tournament Points:

For **U7** the tournament will be festival format. This means no scores are recorded and wins/losses are not recorded, and no points are awarded.

For **U9** and **U11** points will be awarded for wins/losses and ties. Regular games will be allowed to end in a tie. Penalty kicks will be awarded in **U11** in regular and playoff play. There are no penalty kicks in **U7** and **U9** during

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regular and playoff play. Competition rules allow for penalty kicks for **U9** only to decide a playoff game, if required as per tournament rules.

Points will be awarded for the following for **U9** and **U11**

- Win - 3 points
- Tie - 1 point
- Loss - 0 points

Tournament Draw:

Tournament draw format to be determined by the sports competition committee upon final receipt of team registrations. This draw will include the procedure to determine the playoff and ranking in the event of a points tie. Format may include brackets, pools, tournament draw, round robin and elimination.

Registration deadline:

Registration deadline as designated by your regional director. All registrations are done through your regional director, who will determine the regional deadline.

No late registrations will be accepted.

Events will be cancelled if there are less than 3 teams registered. Should any event be cancelled due to lack of registrations, the athletes being affected by the cancellation will be given an opportunity to re-register in another suitable category provided that event is scheduled to run.