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## **STETTLER MINOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES**

### **RULES OF PLAY**

The Rules of Play shall conform to the constitution of Alberta Soccer Association (ASA) subject to minor exceptions. These rules apply to all leagues sanctioned by Central Alberta Soccer Association, hereinafter referred to as CASA. Any provincial competition shall be governed by ASA Rules of Play. Any national competition shall be governed by Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) Rules of Play. Except where modified by CASA and/or ASA and/or CSA, the laws by which all games are to be played are those currently approved by the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA).

### **ALCOHOL AND DRUGS**

Zero tolerance policy on any drugs or alcohol at ANY time while representing Stettler Minor Soccer Association. The penalty for any infraction of the policy will be immediate suspension for the duration of the season.

### **TRAVEL POLICY**

Coaches are not responsible to drive players to and from "Away" games. Players are not allowed to drive to and from "Away" games and parents are strongly encouraged to drive players to and from "Home" games. This



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policy includes any tournaments a player may participate in.

## AFFILIATION POLICY

During regular season play, a team may affiliate a player from a lower or the same age group for numbers purposes only. The player must have a signed letter from his/her own coach releasing them to play for the other team. The affiliating coach must also make arrangements to have the affiliated player's CASA card at the game and must indicate on the game sheet that this player is an affiliate. Players may only be affiliated for three games during regular season play. If they play a fourth game, they then become a permanent part of the affiliating team. The exception to this rule is any Exhibition games or non CASA related tournaments.

## PLAYING UP

Players will register in the age group according to the year of their birth. After registration players may be moved up at the discretion of the SMSA Board. The decision to move a player up will be made in consultation with the Technical Director, at least one of the player's previous coaches and the player's parent/guardian.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

All players, coaches, assistant coaches, and parents representing Stettler Minor



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Soccer Association will follow the Code of Conduct as set out by SMSA, CASA and the ASA.

## DRESS

All travel teams will wear the jerseys provided them by the SMSA.

NO jewelry is allowed. (Medic alert jewelry may be taped at the discretion of the referrer) All players will wear the royal blue shorts and socks that match. Exceptions may be made by the referee in cases of extreme cold or wet.

## JERSEY DEPOSIT

All players U8 through U10 will be required to pay a \$20 refundable jersey deposit. This cheque will be dated June 30<sup>th</sup> and will be ripped up upon return of the player's jersey. This must be a separate cheque from the registration fee.

U12-U18 players shall be required to pay a \$100.00 jersey deposit with the same above terms of dating and shredding.

## LATE REGISTRATION

SMSA will charge a \$20 late fee for any registration received after the official Registration nights. Every effort is made in order to make these nights known to the public, and any registration after these nights may *be refused if team rosters*



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*are full.* Exceptions may be made to this in a case where recruitment is necessary to form a feasible team in an age group.

## TEAM SELECTION

Any time numbers justify that there be two teams in one age group, players will be asked to attend not fewer than two practices before the season starts in order to make the teams as even as possible. The Technical Director of SMSA or designate in consultation with the affected coaches will split the teams up to the best of their ability. We are a tier IV League and will not have try-outs" or stack" our teams.

## FAIRPLAY CODE FOR COACHES

- ✓ I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and commitments.
- ✓ I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- ✓ I will ensure all players who are prompt to games and practices, eager, try hard and respectful are given equal play time no matter their actual abilities
- ✓ I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or performing poorly.
- ✓ I will remember that the players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- ✓ I will make sure that the equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' age and abilities



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- ✓ I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.

## REFEREES

SMSA must be a minimum of two years older than the age group they are refereeing. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Referee Coordinator.

## COMPLAINT POLICY

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Any complaints or problems occurring during the season should first go to the coach. If the coach cannot resolve the issue, it can be referred to the Coordinator for the particular age group. If it cannot be resolved at this level, it can be taken to the House League or Travel Team Coordinator. At this point it will go to a Discipline Committee (made of SMSA Board Members) for resolution. Please remember: all coaches, coordinators and the SMSA are volunteers doing their best.