

## General Considerations

- We will be building our teams by direction from VSA. If there are multiple teams in an age group we will try to build them according to their cohorts in school.
- We will keep practice groups together and all groups will practise at different times on separate fields.
- We will take direction from VSA as to when games resume. In the meantime, we will focus on technical skills with age appropriate activities for each team (teams will stay the same)

## HEPBURN MINOR SOCCER

- We have read and reviewed the document set out by Valley Soccer Association and will take our direction from them.
- Anyone who wishes to partake in onfield activities in any way will be subject to safety education (parents, coaches, players, refs, volunteers etc.)
- All Coaches and Volunteer supporters must complete pre-activity safety orientation on all safety protocols as per direction by VSA
- First aid will be administered by, firstly, the parent or guardian of the child, or barring the availability of such a person, any capable coach will administer first aid. Each team has first aid supplies.
- We will provide coaches with necessary sanitization equipment.
- Should a child or coach test positive for COVID after attending one of our activities, every coach, child and every parent of all children that attended the activities will be informed by our association and we will inform others by the direction of VSA and SHA.
  - We will encourage any player, coach or personnel to not attend team events if they are showing any symptoms. Coaches may request that players who are exhibiting symptoms similar to Covid 19 not attend practises or games.

## COACHES

- Coaches are responsible to ensure a safe environment for the athletes and on field support staff and volunteers
- All Coaches and Volunteer supporters must complete pre-activity safety orientation on all safety protocols
- Wearing face masks is recommended for coaches and volunteers.
- Only trained designated people (coaches/staff) should handle equipment.

- Coaches or trained designates must wipe equipment down using disinfected swabs or towels, before and immediately after each session.

- We will ask athletes to bring light and dark shirts for practice.

#### Activity Considerations:

- Age Appropriate considerations may need to be taken when designing activities, for example, Active Start and Fundamentals players may need a sibling or parent to participate with them. This will allow for coaches to have support managing the group of players and social distancing will not be required between siblings or parent/child (since they are from the same family).

- Regular sanitization breaks combined with water breaks.

#### REFEREES

- Referees come dressed to the game - no need for changing rooms.

- Referees should not share any gear (watches, cards).

- Head referees will have flags that they will sanitize for the AR's and bring to each game.

- Physical altercations result in an immediate dismissal from match. Referees should not physically engage with athletes, allow situation to dissolve before engaging from a safe distance.

#### PARENTS

- Any parent participating and supporting a practice will receive a session on safety protocols

- Maintain prescribed distancing measures as a spectator.

- Do not carpool unless other athletes are a part of your extended bubble family.

- Make sure child has all items they need to participate.

#### PLAYERS

- All athletes will be taught the safety protocols by the team's leadership(coaches/managers)

- Athletes should come to the field, dressed to play and with a Large Ziploc Bag clearly labelled containing: a) Hand Sanitizer and/or Sanitizer Wipes b) Labelled water bottle - where mouth spout is covered by lid and not to open air. c) Tissues – to manage bodily fluids from nose & mouth and, minor scrapes and abrasions. d) Personal first aid supplies needed – band aids, ice pack, etc.

- We will supply each child with a ball that they take home and bring with them to every session. We will be discouraging sharing of equipment.

- Bring two shirts, light and dark to reduce need for pinnies (coaches should specify which shirt they'd like athlete to wear to prevent changing in public)
  - Players will not attend practises or games or other team events if they are exhibiting symptoms of Covid 19

**Please note, these guidelines are subject to change at anytime based on requirements from the SK Health Authority and the Government of Saskatchewan.**