



WWSL POLICY

Children on the Bench

To ensure the safety of all participants and spectators during indoor & outdoor play, the Winnipeg Women's Soccer League has implemented the following policy:

1. **Authorized Field Access:**

Only registered players, team managers, and coaches are permitted on the field of play or in the team bench area at any time.

2. **Children and Spectators:**

Children and spectators are **not allowed** on the field of play and/or player bench at any time except when under the age of 13 with the following conditions:

- Children under the age of 13 may be present at field level only if they remain outside the netted area of play for indoor facilities;
- Children under the age of 13 may be present at the field of play for outdoor only if they remain behind or on the player bench
- They may be positioned behind the net or bench directly adjacent to the field on which their parent and/or guardian is playing, and must remain in that area under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.
- Children & spectators aged 13 and over are expected to remain in the second-level spectator viewing area or other designated spectator sections, not at field level for indoor soccer.
- Children & spectators aged 13 and over are expected to remain at the spectator area on the opposing side of the field for outdoor facilities.

3. **Supervision Responsibility:**

The supervising adult must ensure that children remain off the field and does not interfere with play. The League, referees and facility staff are **not responsible** for supervising children.

4. **Enforcement:**

Teams found in violation of this policy may receive a warning or be subject to disciplinary action by the League.

Approved: March 2026



WWSL POLICY

5. Referee Authority:

The referee has the authority to request that children be removed from the bench area and may delay the start of the game until compliance is achieved.

6. Default Consequences:

Any default resulting from a failure to comply with this policy will be applied against the defaulting team.

7. Purpose:

This policy is intended to promote a safe, organized, and professional environment for all participants and spectators.