



PSC Standing Rules and Regulations

Article I - Changes to Standing Rules and Regulations

- **Rule 1**
 - Changes to these Rules and Regulations for Prairie Soccer Club (hereinafter referred to as the Club) may be made at any regular Board meeting by a majority vote, subject to the board quorum requirement.
- **Rule 2**
 - Changes to these Rules and Regulations may be proposed by a member of the Board or a Team Representative.
- **Rule 3**
 - No change to these Rules and Regulations shall be retroactive.
- **Rule 4**
 - The Secretary shall send within ten days of the Board approval, to all officers and team representatives, any changes to these Rules and Regulations.
 - The Secretary may use the US Postal Service or electronic mail for this notification. ▪ The Club Manager shall publish the revised documents to the Club Website.
- **Rule 5**
 - Changes made to existing rules and/or amendments shall take effect on a date determined by the Board
- **Rule 6**
 - The Board may from time to time make temporary rules and regulations governing specific cases or occasions not provided for in these Rules and Regulations but which may be necessary for achieving the objectives of the Club.
 - These changes in governance may be done by a majority vote of the Board. ▪ Temporary Rules so adopted must be recorded and reviewed by the Board for possible inclusion in these Rules and Regulations.

Article II - Fees

- **Rule 1**
 - Player registration fees shall be set by the Board.



○ **Rule 2**

- No Supermod player shall be charged a trophy fee or a uniform fee above and beyond the registration fee without approval of the Board; however, individual older teams can seek donations to cover uniform and awards costs.
- A PSC Board approved vendor for the current year will be made available to parents and coaches on the PSC website for uniform selection preference.
- Rule 3 Requests for refunds will only be made until the start of the registrant's first game
 - A \$30.00 administrative fee will be retained
 - There will be no refunds after the start of the first game of the season
 - A full refund will only be made in cases where a team is unable to be filled in a particular age group and/or a suitable replacement is not found for the registrant(s).

Article III - Equipment

○ **Rule 1**

- The approved uniform shirts will have a 6 inch numeral.

○ **Rule 2**

- All equipment will be provided to the head coach at the beginning of each playing season and be returned to the Club unless alternative arrangements are approved by the Equipment Manager.

○ **Rule 3**

- The Equipment Manager shall be responsible for obtaining bids on all equipment needed and shall obtain Board approval before purchasing any equipment.

○ **Rule 4**

- Club equipment may be used only for Club sanctioned activities unless approval is granted by the Board.

○ **Rule 5**

- Equipment purchased and provided by the Club shall remain the property of the Club.
 - Permanently attached (imprinted or affixed by adhesive) team and/or sponsor identification is not permitted on such uniforms or equipment, in order to maintain the potential for re-use by others when outgrown or otherwise no longer useable by the team to which originally issued.



- Sewn-on or imprinted identification (patches, badges, logos, etc.) is permitted if the cost of the uniform is provided by the team or its sponsor.

Article IV - Coaches' Authorizations and Responsibilities

○ **Rule 1**

- The Club's coaches will be familiar with the Club's Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, Coaches' Code of Conduct, and with the Laws of the Game.

○ **Rule 2**

- The coaches' responsibility is to conform to these established guidelines in all matters relating to coaching activities.
- Coaches are expected to conduct themselves within these guidelines through personal example as well as in the direction of teams, players under their charge, and spectators; and in their dealings with match officials and club/league administrators.
- Any reports to the contrary can result in an investigation and disciplinary measures may be taken.

○ **Rule 3**

- Coaches will strive to teach all players to play within the rules of the game and to believe that winning is secondary to the consideration of safety, good sportsmanship, and the participation of all members of the team.

○ **Rule 4**

- Coaches shall be responsible for organizing team participation in league play, tournaments, and other team functions with the assistance of the team manager and assistant coaches.
- All activities outside of regular season play, such as tournaments, must be reported to the PSC Club Manager so that the PSC Board is aware PSC is sending teams representing the club in the event disciplinary issues may arise. The notification must include the name and location of any team function outside of PSC.
- While some duties and activities may be delegated to assistant coaches or team managers, the coach must accept full responsibility for the team actions and their activities within the Club.

○ **Rule 5**

- Coaches shall be responsible for keeping team members and parents fully informed and involved by providing all necessary information regarding team and Club activities by means of:
 - Team/parent meetings as required



- Telephone or electronic mail notification, as necessary.
- These duties are among those considered appropriate to delegate to the team manager.

○ **Rule 6**

- Coaches are expected to bring to the attention of the Club's Board any questions or problems relative, but not limited, to:
 - Interpretation of the Club's Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules and Regulations.
 - Formation of teams
 - Player transfers
 - Spectator problems
 - Player problems
 - Game protests
 - Referee performance or non-attendance

○ **Rule 7**

- Coaches are expected to conduct themselves (set an example) at team practices, games, and all other Club activities in a mature adult manner.
- Coaches are reminded that their actions reflect not only on their team but on the entire Club.
- The Club has zero tolerance for the following practices:
 - Foul and/or abusive language
 - Any form of harassment or players, referees, linesmen, opposing coaches, parents, team members or other officials
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct

○ **Rule 8**

- Coaches are expected to consider the team sponsor as part of the teams and maintain personal contact by providing the sponsor with special invitations to attend appropriate team meetings, Club functions, or activities such as dances and picnics.

○ **Rule 9**

- Coaches shall be responsible for maintaining Club equipment in reasonable condition, as well as maintaining an inventory record. Equipment, game balls, and practice balls are Club property unless purchased with funds not provided by the club.



- **Rule 10**
 - Coaches must maintain a current Emergency Medical Authorization form (provided by the Club) to administer medical services to players in the absence of a parent or guardian.

- **Rule 11**
 - Coaches or managers will be provided by the Club with a first aid kit for use at practices sessions, games, and team activities.

- **Rule 12**
 - Coaches shall instruct team members in:
 - Basic Soccer Skills
 - Rules of the game
 - Sportsmanship and conduct
 - Team play
 - Fair play
 - Coaches shall not be responsible for basic disciplinary actions for perceived inappropriate behavior. Such sole disciplinary actions are the responsibility of the parents or designated guardians
 - Coaches reserve the right to sideline a player who is demonstrating inappropriate behavior until the behavior is corrected by the parent or designated guardian

- **Rule 13**
 - The Assistant Coach is appointed by the Coach and works under his/her direction. The Assistant Coach will follow the same guidelines as the coach in regard to responsibility to the players, parents, and the Club and obtaining RMA clearance. The Assistant Coach also acts on behalf of the Coach in the Coach's absence.

- **Rule 14**
 - The Team Manager is appointed by the Coach and/or selected by the team parents. The Team Manager must also obtain RMA clearance. Under the Coach's direction, the Team Manager may be asked to perform, but is not necessarily limited to, the following duties:
 - Hands out uniforms to the individual team players at the beginning of each season
 - Organizes team committees for telephone, refreshments, and transportation tasks

○ **Rule 15**



- A plea of ignorance to any published rule or regulation shall not be considered a valid reason for violating the same.

Article V - Formation and Conduct of Recreational teams

○ **Rule 1**

- Recreational teams are allocated players based on principles of fairness and reflecting, where possible, player/parent preferences.
- Teams may carry more than the maximum allowable number of players as specified by WSYSA or other league authority, if approved by the TCYSA Director of Competition. ▪ Player additions to a team roster, including transfers from other teams, are decided by the President/Vice President and the manager.
- All new players must submit birth certificates or other approved identification with their registration form.
- Players may be dropped for disciplinary reasons under certain conditions. No player is to be dropped without obtaining the President's approval prior to the action.
- Coaches are encouraged to discuss discipline problems with the respective parent(s) prior to disciplinary actions. No action may be taken which would constitute an offense under criminal law or which might damage the Club's standing in the community.

○ **Rule 2**

- Players are entitled up to 50% play time; however, 50% playtime is not guaranteed for players who have unexcused or unreported absences from scheduled practices or games or have documented inappropriate behavior (refer to Players Code of Conduct, which may be interpreted at the coaches' discretion)

○ **Rule 3**

- Coaches may not drop any team member from the team roster due to lack of soccer skills or athletic ability.
- Any issues related to a player's participation should be brought to the attention of the Board so that a solution acceptable to all parties may be sought prior to any action.
- Similarly, coaches cannot recommend or force players to attend a practice before deciding whether or not they are able to request their team at registrations.
- Using a practice to evaluate a player will remove the recreational status of your team.

○ **Rule 4**

- A team may not refuse to accept additional players offered by the Club Registrar where that team has unfilled positions within the limitations set by the appropriate

league authority.



- A coach may appeal the proposed placement of a player on his team. Such an appeal will be heard by the board in a timely fashion. The decision of the board is final in all such appeals.

○ **Rule 5**

- The following guidelines are to be used by the President/Vice President and Manager when assigning players to recreational teams:
 - Player registration date(s)
 - Player/family preferences and contributing factors such as, including prior experiences (good or not good) between a player/parent(s) and a coach.
 - In all such decisions, the interests of the player will take precedence.

○ **Rule 6**

- Coaches may not recruit players with the intent of stacking a team based on skills and ability to play. This includes having a player “try” a practice prior to their registration.

Article VII – Zero Tolerance for Bullying, Foul Language, or Intimidation

○ **Rule 1**

- Foul Language: Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for the use of foul language on the field or around any players, coaches, parents, or opposing teams and their players, coaches, or parents. Foul language is interpreted as being verbal or non verbal gestures which could be interpreted as bad language, strong language, coarse language, foul language, bad words, vulgar language, lewd language, swearing, cursing, cussing, or using expletives.
- All reported cases will be investigated fully and if a coach, player, or parent is found to be guilty they will be removed from the roster (in the case of players or coaches) or no longer allowed to sit on the sidelines at games.
- No refunds will be provided to parties found guilty of violating said policy.

○ **Rule 2**

- Abusive Language: Prairie Soccer Club has a zero-tolerance policy for the use of abusive language on the field or around any players, coaches, parents, or opposing teams and their players, coaches, or parents. Abusive language is any communication, both verbal and non-verbal which has the intent of demeaning, humiliating, or in any way attacking a person’s ability, gender, age, race, culture, or any other identifying characteristic.



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- **Rule 3**
- **Bullying or Intimidation:** Prairie Soccer Club has a zero tolerance policy for bullying, or perceived bullying in the form of physical or verbal harassment which usually involves an imbalance of power. Bullying behavior can include teasing, insulting someone (particularly about their weight or height, race, sexuality, religion or other personal traits), shoving, hitting, excluding someone, or gossiping about someone.
 - All reported cases will be investigated fully and if a coach, player, or parent is found to be guilty they will be removed from the roster (in the case of players or coaches) or no longer allowed to sit on the sidelines at games.
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