

DAKOTA ALLIANCE SOCCER CLUB

Policies and Procedures Manual

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VISION STATEMENT

Dakota Alliance Soccer Club will strive to be nationally recognized as a leader in both recreational and competitive youth soccer.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are dedicated to providing the youth of Sioux Falls and surrounding communities fun, quality soccer experiences with opportunities to improve through a variety of developmental programs.

CLUB VALUES

CHARACTER

KEY RESULTS: Demonstrating Integrity

KEY ACTIONS:

- 1) Be honest and respectful at all times.
- 2) Show positive sportsmanship at all times.
- 3) Strive to build confidence, leadership and self-esteem.

ENJOYMENT

KEY RESULTS: Building a soccer environment that is safe, fun and fair

KEY ACTIONS:

- 1) Promote and have fun.
- 2) Build and maintain positive relationships.
- 3) Strive to develop skills and capabilities.

ENGAGEMENT

KEY RESULTS: Promoting active and productive involvement by all participants in the soccer community

KEY ACTIONS:

- 1) Clearly communicate events and activities.
- 2) Actively recruit players, volunteers, coaches and referees and staff.
- 3) Leverage our clubs' skills, knowledge and experience.
- 4) Secure program development through partnerships and sponsorships.

STEWARDSHIP

KEY RESULTS: Responsibly utilizing our resources to benefit our club, partners, sponsors and community

KEY ACTIONS:

- 1) Manage financial and other resources wisely.
- 2) Continually evaluate our programs and resources.
- 3) Work with affiliated organizations to achieve shared goals.

PASSION

KEY RESULTS: Instilling drive, competitiveness, commitment, perseverance, and a love and understanding for soccer in our staff, volunteers, coaches, players, supporters, and sponsors

KEY ACTIONS:

- 1) Expect 100% effort and emotional investment in every duty, responsibility, and role.
- 2) Create, model, and promote soccer culture in Sioux Falls and surrounding communities, South Dakota, and the Midwest.
- 3) Develop expectations and create demands that cultivate personal and group growth.

CLUB-WIDE POLICIES

Player Development Philosophy:

Our primary focus is to help each individual player develop, grow, and mature as soccer players, athletes and people. It is a long-term process that cannot be rushed. There is no guarantee that a player will reach his or her potential, but we must give the players an opportunity to become the best that they can be. There is no magic formula, no shortcuts to successful development. Coaching at the youth level is not about collecting or recruiting players to win team championships. It is about working the players and coaches to improve performance by creating age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate environments that are safe, healthy, challenging and competitive.

We need to understand who we are coaching; they are not mini-adults, they are children. Each age group has different characteristics that affect the way we teach and communicate. For all ages, winning is not the end all be all. While learning how to compete and (win and lose) are important, it is the acquisition of skills and life lessons which remains our highest priority. Since players develop at different rates, this is not just for those who are the most advanced for their age. Nor is it just for the best athletes or the most committed soccer players. It is why we should set individual challenges in front of each player.

Such a philosophy means sometimes taking unpopular stands regarding team formation and player placement. It means being honest with parents about the growth and development of their child. It requires us as coaches to challenge each individual player, while not forgetting about the needs of the player vs. that of the team(s) and the club. To accomplish these goals, we must all be committed to understanding the game and learning more about how we can coach, direct and lead. In this way, coaches need assistance, players need direction and parents need guidance.

Coaching Placement Philosophy and Licensure Thresholds:

The Dakota Alliance Soccer Club is dedicated to Player Development and understands the necessity for a strong coaching staff. The Club understands that regardless of a player's athleticism and commitment, a quality coach will be instrumental in a player's desire to reach their true potential. The coach should have the ability to identify a player's strengths and weakness. Through the organization and creation of training sessions, the coach will be able to teach his/her players to improve upon their weaknesses while continuing to build upon their strengths. A quality coach will not be consumed with short-term results (winning now) but, will be focused on the long term development of his/her players. The coach understands the necessity for developing players with creativity and game intelligence. The players' enthusiasm and passion for the game will grow over time as the skilled coach develops sessions that challenge not only the technical abilities of the players, but also their decision-making skills. A skillful coach will also build a personal relationship with each player and show them that he/she has their best interest in mind. They will also be able to create team unity and teach players to take responsibility for

their own careers. The reasons for needing quality coaching are endless. Not only do they help players' development, they help the whole club run smoothly and gain respect.

Because the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club is dedicated to Player Development, it has clear guidelines for the hiring/placement of coaches including qualifications and playing experience requirement. The Club has also, created clear duties and responsibilities for its paid staff including a Coaches' Code of Conduct. This will help in ensuring that each team is assigned the appropriate level coach. It is also the philosophy of the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club that coaches will lose their effectiveness over a long period of time with the same group of players. As such, the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club reviews its coaching assignments each year to ensure that the players under the guidance of their coach continue to develop and are challenged.

Coaches will be evaluated regularly (at least annually) by the Director of Coaching, who will use information obtained through direct observation, self-evaluation, solicited feedback from all players, and informal/unsolicited feedback from members and referees as part of the evaluation process.

The Dakota Alliance Soccer Club has adopted the following standard for licenses at these age / skill levels. It is understood that coaches shall obtain the minimum licensing within 2 yrs of their employment with the Club:

Age and Suggested Minimum License Level:

U5 - U6: Youth Module for appropriate age group (Module 1)

U7 - U8: Youth Module for appropriate age group (Module 1)

U9 - U12 Recreational: USSF "E" License and/or Youth Module for appropriate age group (Module 2)

U13 - U19 Recreational: USSF "D" License and/or (*Highly recommended*) USSF and/or NSCAA National Youth License

U9 - U10 Academy: USSF "E" License and/or (*Highly Recommended*) USSF and/or NSCAA National Youth License

U11 - U12 Premier: USSF "D" License and/or (*Highly recommended*) USSF and/or NSCAA National Youth License

U13 - U14 Premier: USSF "C" License and/or NSCAA National Diploma

U15 - U19 Premier: USSF "B" License and/or NSCAA Advanced National Diploma and/or UEFA "B" License

Coaches' Misconduct Sanctions:

A Dakota Alliance Soccer Club (DASC) coach who receives a red card or is ejected from any DASC game will be subjected to a one (1) game suspension for the next scheduled game. (This applies to both league and tournament games.) A coach who receives two (2) red cards during the soccer calendar year will be subjected to a two (2) game suspension for the next two (2) scheduled league games. A coach who receives three (3) red cards in a season will be subject to a disciplinary hearing, as structured in the Conflict Resolution section of the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual. A coach receiving a single red card in a game may be subject to more than a single game suspension if the circumstances warrant this action. Coaches with habitual offenses may be

subject to additional sanctions as structured in the Conflict Resolution section of the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual.

Player Cards:

All Competitive Program players, all High School League players, all U15-U19 Recreational Program players, and all Recreational Program players wishing to participate in sanctioned tournaments are required to have a player pass made for identification purposes.

Procedure:

Coaches of teams requiring player cards will contact the DASC and request the player cards be generated. The coach will then collect player pictures from each player for whom a card is requested along with proof of age. Player cards will not be considered valid until they are signed by the player.

Proof of age will consist of the following (unless otherwise noted):

- a. A certified state or city birth certificate
- b. A Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the Uniformed Services of the United States.
- c. A birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records.
- d. A passport
- e. Alien Registration Card issued by the United States Government
- f. Certificate issued by the Immigration Naturalization Services attesting to age.
- g. A current driver's license.
- h. A certificate of a US citizen born aboard issued by the appropriate government agency.

These certificates will not be accepted: Baptism certificates, hospital issue certificates, or religious certificates.

Injury Policy:

Please seek medical attention if an injury results in a player temporarily discontinuing their participation. DASC recommends the players follow the advice of their physician and only return to play when it is deemed appropriate or safe. Injured players are encouraged to continue to attend team events during their recovery.

DASC League Policies:

Player Misconduct Sanctions:

A Dakota Alliance Soccer Club (DASC) player who receives two yellow cards or one red card in a

league game will be subjected to a one (1) game suspension for the next scheduled league game. A player who receives two (2) red cards during the soccer calendar year will be subjected to a two (2) game suspension for the next two (2) scheduled league games. A player who receives three (3) red cards in a season will be subject to a disciplinary hearing, as structured in the Conflict Resolution section of the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual. A player receiving a single red card in a game may be subject to more than a single game suspension if the circumstances warrant this action. Players with habitual red card offenses may be subject to additional sanctions as structured in the Conflict Resolution section of the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual.

Notes:

1. Players on a varsity or junior varsity team during the regular high school season will be subject to player eligibility as defined by the South Dakota State Soccer Association.
2. Red cards issued in the course of tournament play may subject the player to additional sanctions specified in the rules for that particular tournament.
3. Suspensions will include actual games played and not scrimmages, practices, canceled or forfeited games.
4. All suspensions due to red cards may be appealed to the Referee Assignor.

Protesting a Game:

Only violations of the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual or the misapplication of the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall be proper subjects to consider for protest. Any coach wishing to protest the outcome of a game must complete the following procedures:

1. The game must be played out to the end.
2. The coach must submit a written protest to the Recreational Program Director or Competitive Program Director (whichever is applicable) within 24 hours of the end of the game in question. The protest may be delivered to the DASC office or mailed so that it is postmarked within the given 24 hours.
3. The (center) referee who officiated the game ~~must~~ will be notified of the protest by the program director.
4. The referee shall file a report to DASC which accounts for any issues pertinent to the game being protested.
5. In consultation (as appropriate) with the Director of Coaching and parties to the game in question, the program director will issue a prompt ruling on the protested game.

Running Up the Score:

With the enjoyment of all players, coaches, and parents in mind, coaches are asked to keep winning margins within reasonable limits. Coaches are encouraged to move players around or to put restrictions on their players when the lead begins to appear insurmountable. The referee does have the power to ask coaches to "back off" and keep the contest reasonable. Extra goals may slip in, but we expect sportsmanship and courtesy to prevail.

Playing Scheduled Games:

All teams in DASC are expected to appear for all of their scheduled league games.

Teams scheduled to play on a given date and time are expected either to show up and attempt to play the game, or to follow the proper reschedule procedure. (See also “Requests to Cancel/Reschedule Games”). -Rules governing numbers of players required to start a game may prevent the game from beginning, but this does not preclude the team from attempting to be present for the match.

To “appear” or to “show up” or “to be present” for the game will be defined as having a coach and players present at the field at the scheduled time. Last minute cancellations or no appearance at all will be considered a violation of this policy.

Teams not maintaining their league schedule or forfeiting two or more games will need to appear before the Ethics / Conflict Resolution Committee before being allowed to participate the following season. The offending team coach and Club Representative will be asked to appear.

Requests to Cancel/Reschedule Games:

Recreational league games may be rescheduled at a coach’s request only in the event of illness, coach’s absence a major school conflict resulting in that coach’s inability to field an adequate team. Major school functions include such activities as concerts, football games, track meets, etc. in which soccer players also participate.

Notes pertaining to rescheduled games:

1. Any coach requesting a schedule change under this provision should email the Recreational Director to determine up to three possible reschedule dates.
2. Once a game has been rescheduled, it cannot be rescheduled again. If one team does not show up for the game, it will be considered a forfeit for that team.
3. If no reasonable attempt to reschedule the game can be made, the game may be canceled, resulting in a forfeiture by the requesting coach’s team.
4. Falsifying information will result in immediate forfeiture of the game and/or suspension of the game.

A referee may move any game to a handicap accessible field if the need arises and such a field is available. A handicap accessible field must be made available if those currently using it do not require handicap accessibility or services. A referee moving a game will do so at the request of a player or spectator of one of the teams prior to the beginning of the game if appropriate field space is available. Handicap accessible fields are numbers 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 at Tomar Park Complex, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 at Yankton Trail Complex, and 1, 2, 5 and 6 at Spencer Park. These field designations are subject to change.

Inclement Weather Policy:

Severe weather in our area that may involve the suspension or cancellation of a game, practice or other activity generally includes lightning, thunder, strong winds, heavy rain, hail and tornados. While there are guidelines referees or coaches and staff will follow in these severe weather conditions, it is important that each individual, to the best of their ability, take responsibility for

their own safety. All individuals should know and heed community warning systems and general rules of severe weather safety. Families are encouraged to have their own plan for severe weather regarding shelter, carpools from cancelled games/practices, etc.

Same-Day Cancellation of Games and Practices:

The Recreational Coordinator / Competitive Soccer Coordinator / Director of Coaching will make the decision to cancel activities at the Sioux Falls Parks and the Harrisburg Complex (or any other fields DASC uses) on game days; such decision will be made by 8:00 am on weekends and 4:00pm on weekdays. Please check the DASC website's home page or call the weather hotline at (605-274-9895) for any cancellation information before you leave for the soccer fields. If you are playing an away game, check that club's website for information about their fields before heading out.

Weather Related Suspension/Cancellation of Games In Progress:

The referee will suspend the game if a warning of severe weather is reported - LISTEN TO HIM/HER!!

Notes/Procedures governing games which are suspended in progress:

1. Go to your cars as quickly and orderly as possible. Remain in your car for 30 minutes.
2. After 30 minutes the referee will determine whether play will resume.
3. If the referee determines that play cannot resume, you will be informed the game has been abandoned and you will be instructed to leave. Games that are abandoned within the first half of play will be rescheduled. If play is abandoned during the second half of play, the game will be considered played complete.

A referee canceling a game due to inclement weather will report that decision to DASC within 24 hours of the event. Coaches whose games are canceled due to inclement weather are to notify the Director of Recreational Soccer or the Head Age Group Coordinator (Competitive).

Weather Related Suspension/Cancellation of Practices In Progress:

The Recreational Coordinator / Competitive Soccer Coordinator / Director of Coaching /team coaches will make the decision to suspend or cancel training in progress at the Sioux Falls Parks and the Harrisburg Complex (or any other fields DASC uses) under conditions of severe weather or when severe weather is reported in the area.

Policy on Player Recruitment Within DASC:

Our members (coaches, administrators, parents and players) will not directly contact the players, parents or coaches on other teams within DASC with the purpose of convincing them to move to another team within the club. Any player movement will occur only during the club-identified team creation time-frame. Under special circumstances, (e.g. player developmental or scheduling) with the approval of the impacted players, parents, coaches ,and DOC, team player movements

between teams may be allowed outside the defined team creation time-frame by petitioning the DOC directly under the direct supervision of the Director of Coaching.

Note:

1. Players can be moved from one team to another within the club as long it is developmentally appropriate and with the approval by the Director of Coaching.

Furthermore, there is to be no recruitment of players by club organizations at DASC sponsored functions. These activities include but are not limited to: league games, league tournaments, and tryouts.

Procedure for handling potential violations:

1. DASC members are to report recruiting effort to the Director of Coaching if they become aware of it.
2. The Director of Coaching, President or designee will contact the involved individual and explain/remind them about our policy and the potential problems that arise from such recruitment.
3. If such recruitment efforts continue after verbal contact has been made with an individual, a letter will be sent to the South Dakota State Soccer Association.
4. Club coaches wishing to recruit or visit with the parents of potential club players may call the DASC office to obtain telephone numbers and follow up with their recruitment in that manner.

Parent to Coach Communication:

Parents, players and coaches need time to reflect and process performance following a game. Therefore, parents are asked to refrain from approaching coaches to discuss game-related issues/concerns for a period of 24 hours after the game.

Parents are asked to refrain from approaching coaches prior to, during and immediately after trainings. Coaches need to be allowed to use this time to properly prepare for their training sessions.

Note:

1. It is understood that individual coaches will be available and communicate how best they choose to receive the communication from parents and players – whether phone call, personal visit, email and/or text.

Parent Role and Code of Conduct:

At DASC, our mission is to provide fun, quality soccer experiences for the youth in the surrounding community. Parents, coaches, administrators, referees, and the players themselves all play an important role in reaching this goal.

Parents of DASC players are asked to help provide a quality soccer environment by observing the following basic principles and practices. Parents who regularly or flagrantly disregard these principles will be subject to the Misconduct and Disciplinary Procedures described in the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual.

Attitude:

1. I will support my child's passion and love for soccer and for a game well played.
2. I will commit to placing the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of my own desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to be graceful in victory and to turn defeat into victory by working toward improvement.
4. I will remember the game is played for the fun and benefit of youth.

Decorum:

1. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players from the sidelines. (Coaching from the sidelines distracts the players. The child becomes torn between listening to their parent or the coach.)
2. I will refrain from engaging the referees from the sidelines. (Parents represent the club and their child. Parents should not be communicating with the referees at any point during the game unless the referee directly addresses them.)
3. I will applaud good plays by my team and by members of the opposing team.
4. I will foster a supportive and positive environment by refraining from participating in derogatory conversations about players in the presence of my child, other players, or parents.
5. I will remain in the parents' section of the field after each game until the coach releases the players.
6. I will refrain from approaching the coaches to discuss game-related issues for at least 24 hours following the game, and will respect the coaches' need to focus on their work immediately before, during, and after training sessions. Please see Parent Communication Policy in the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual for more information.

Responsibilities:

1. I will make every effort to enable my child to attend scheduled team events.
2. I will commit to getting my child to and from team events on time.
3. I will support the club by volunteering my time when requested, or by paying an annual opt-out fee to offset my inability to volunteer my time to the club.

Parent Sanctions:

A DASC parent who is in violation of our Substance Free Environment policy or is ejected from any DASC game will be subject to a one (1) game suspension for the next scheduled game. (This

applies to both league and tournament games.) A parent who is ejected from two (2) games during the soccer calendar year will be subject to a two (2) game suspension for the next two (2) scheduled league or tournament games. A parent who is ejected from three (3) games in a season will be subject to a disciplinary hearing, as structured in the Conflict Resolution section of the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual. A parent ejected from a single game may be subject to more than a single game suspension if the circumstances warrant this action. Parents with habitual offenses may be subject to additional sanctions as structured in the Conflict Resolution section of the DASC Policies and Procedures Manual. Any parent who feels they have been unjustly sanctioned may address their concern through the Conflict Resolution process.

Conflict Resolution:

DASC is committed to promoting a healthy environment for all participants that is free of harassment, abuse of any kind, ethical violations and unfair treatment. This section of the policy manual outlines procedures for managing potential situations which conflict with this ideal.

1. Any recreational league member/parent of the DASC having a grievance which he/she is unable to satisfactorily resolve by direct communication with the involved individuals should contact the next level of authority in the following order: League Commissioner, League Director, Director of Coaching, President (or at least one of these in that order).

Any competitive league member/parent of the DASC having a grievance which he/she is unable to satisfactorily resolve by direct communication with the involved individuals should contact the next level of authority in the following order: Competitive Soccer Coordinator, Director of Coaching, President (or at least one of these in that order).

2. If this does not result in satisfactory resolution of the situation, the individual may request a hearing before the Ethics / Conflict Resolution Committee. The individual must submit a verbal or written request to the office of DASC.
3. Members of the Ethics / Conflict Resolution Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall include: The President or board representative(s), one commissioner, one competitive coach. The Referee Director may serve in an advisory capacity. Committee members directly involved in a specific incident shall recuse themselves from the related proceedings.
4. DASC is committed to closing the hearing within 30 days of the request for the hearing. This period of 30 days includes a period of discovery, hearing and a rendering of a decision. The decision of the committee will be final.
5. Involved parties may bring witnesses to the hearing (up to three (3) witnesses per side). If an individual feels he/she requires more than the allotted witnesses he/she must have prior approval by the President. The committee members are encouraged to solicit input from involved individuals as needed.
6. One committee member will be assigned as recorder to number evidence and take notes.

Audio/visual recording is optional and is not accepted by the USYSA unless transcribed.

Note: If the concern lies with one of the persons named above, go to the next person in the chain of communication. For example, if it regards the Competitive Soccer Coordinator, go straight to the DOC. If the concern regards the DOC, the first point of contact is the DASC President. Of course, all attempt should first be made to resolve the conflict with the person with whom the conflict regards.

Misconduct and Disciplinary Procedures:

Regardless of the level at which the incident was resolved, if disciplinary action is warranted, it will proceed according to the following guidelines.

Verbal Counseling:

The Director of Coaching shall conduct a meeting with the party involved at which they will be notified that they are being placed on verbal notice and future allegations will result in additional action. Director of Coaching will maintain written documentation of the meeting for future reference, if necessary.

Written Notice:

Should a second actionable offense occur, the party in question will be provided written notice, outlining the results of the first meeting with the Director of Coaching and notifying them of a second actionable offense. The written notice shall include:

1. Nature of the problem.
2. Action to be taken and consequences if further infractions occur.
3. Request that the party will refrain from continuing the offending behavior.
4. Notification that if the behavior continues and another complaint is lodged, they will be asked to discontinue their relationship with DASC.
5. Instructions for appealing the allegations to the Ethics/Confliction Resolution Committee, should the party in question feel they were unjustly accused. Appeals should be in writing within two weeks of the written notice.

The Director of Coaching and the DASC Board will keep a copy of the written notice, along with the documentation from the verbal counseling or written notice for future reference.

Final Notice:

Upon receipt of a third actionable offense, the party involved will be asked to discontinue their relationship with DASC pending review of the allegations. Such notice will be provided in writing and include:

1. Nature of the problem.
2. Notification that the situation will be brought to the DASC board for review.
3. Notification that the relationship with DASC is suspended pending the DASC board decision.
4. Possible consequences which will be enforced
5. Instructions for appealing the allegations to the Ethics/Confliction Resolution Committee, should the party in question feel they were unjustly accused. Appeals should be in writing within two weeks of the written notice.

Additional Rules Applying to Coaches:

If offenses are committed by any recreational or competitive coach, the following additional sanctions apply:

- a. Offense 1: Suspension without pay for two (2) games.
- b. Offense 2: Suspension for one season.
- c. Offense 3: Automatic and indefinite expulsion from the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club.

The Director of Coaching reserves the right to take immediate action to suspend an accused individual pending investigation if the situation is deemed threatening to the legal exposure of the club or safety and well-being of its participants.

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. The chairperson of the committee should be the most experienced member and should be separate and distinct from the voting members.
2. The recorder shall number evidence and take notes. All original documents must be saved.
3. All paperwork should be organized.
4. The chairperson must state the rules of the hearing prior to allowing any testimony.
5. At the end of the hearing the chairperson shall ask all parties if they feel that all rules have been upheld.
6. Committee members must remain courteous, listen attentively and ask questions about the evidence as it comes in.
7. Prior to a testimony, there will be a review of the rules with the committee member chairperson.
8. The individual that filed the petition for the hearing will present evidence first. Each participant will proceed in the following manner. Opening statement, presentation of evidence, closing statement.
9. After the parties have presented their respective cases they will be dismissed and asked to leave. The committee may remain and reach a decision or reconvene and reach a decision within twenty-four hours.
10. The committee will stand on one (1) final decision, determined by majority vote. Participants will be notified of the committee decision. Individual votes will not be divulged.
11. Participants may bring an attorney if they so choose. However, attorneys may not give testimony or question other witnesses. Participants or committee members acting in those capacities who happen to be attorneys are allowed to function in those capacities outlined in this procedure.
12. Conversation during the hearing will be directed through the chairperson to avoid "fighting" during the hearing. Deliberations do not need to be recorded.
13. Red cards require no hearing if involving five (5) games or less.
14. When disciplinary action is taken, the individual must be notified that they have the right to a hearing.
15. All members of the DASC will be notified at least annually of the availability of the Conflict Resolution Committee and copies of the procedure will be provided upon request.
16. The Conflict Resolution Committee shall not overrule any policy of the DASC.

Fundraising Policy:

Club Level:

The club may require teams and/or team members to volunteer their time to support specified club events. These events generally serve as fundraisers for the club; they may or may not benefit individual teams and/or team members directly.

Examples of these events may include but are not limited to:

1. DASC fall, winter and spring tournament events
2. DASC Fall friendly event
3. State Recreational / Classic Tournament
4. State Cup
5. Region II Championship Series

The club may also provide fundraising opportunities to teams and/or to team members that may financially benefit the club, team and/or team members. If a fundraising event requires participation from all members then a buyout option will be made available. If participation is optional then only those individual team members who participate will benefit from the proceeds. If there are funds to distribute to the individual team members, those funds will be given to the team manager or team treasurer for further distribution.

Example of these events may include but not limited to:

1. The sale of Big Soo Coupon Book
2. Cookie dough sales

Team Level:

Teams are allowed conduct/host fundraising events to benefit the members of their team, subject to approval by the sponsorship committee. [Note change to prior policy. Direct approval of fundraisers is provided by the sponsorship committee, but not the full Board.] The sponsorship committee will make a monthly report to the DASC board of all approved fundraisers.

Teams will not be allowed to use the DASC logo in conjunction with their individual fundraising events.

Teams will not be allowed to solicit sponsorship(s) to benefit their individual team members. This includes both cash and/or in-kind donations.

Individual teams will be responsible for determining how funds raised from team level fundraising events are distributed.

Please fill out the Team Fundraising form and submit this form to the sponsorship committee for approval. Once approved by the sponsorship committee then it will have to be approved by the

DASC board. The form can be found on the DASC website under the competitive section. This form must be submitted to the committee at least 1 month prior to the fundraising event. The committee will contact you within 7 – 10 business days from the time they received the proposal. The event cannot be advertised prior to approval by DASC.

Club Logo and Spirit Wear Policy:

The logo of DASC is considered intellectual property and is proprietary to DASC. The logo may only appear in the following manners and as demonstrated in the attachment below:

[\(Matrix and link for logos to download go here\)](#)

Notes:

1. Only approved vendors are allowed to produce spirit wear items. Spirit wear is defined as all items, including apparel and merchandise that carry the DASA logo and/or name.
2. All spirit wear merchandise for sale to the membership falls under the direction and control of DASC.
3. DASC members cannot use the DASC logo, name, email list, tax ID without the prior approval of the DOC or Board of Directors Sponsorship Committee Chairperson.
4. Teams/members must have prior approval of the DOC or Board of Directors Sponsorship Committee Chairperson to sell spirit related items such as stickers, banners, pins or flags.

Administrative Policies:

Website Policy:

In order for a photo of any kind to be posted on the DASC Website, the photo must first follow the following eligibility criteria:

1. DASC will not allow posting of players without parent permission. Team managers are asked to collect permission in writing and keep it on file.
2. The caption for each photo may not list *full names* of players, only first names and last initials.

Groups affiliated with DASC may request permission to post their announcements on the website. Please contact the DASC Soccer Office for additional information.

Content posted on any team's website must be consistent with the Mission, Values, Policies and Procedures of DASC.

Consent for Use of Photo Image and e-mail Sharing:

The following wording will be required on all paper and online registration forms in regards to the use of photos that maybe taken during our state soccer events:

By signing this form, I agree and consent that both SDSSA and its member associations have my permission to use any image, photograph, video clip, or other similar image, in any media format, of either myself or my child, provided (1) the image is taken while I am, (or my child is) a player or participant in one of the various activities, events, and competitions sponsored by SDSSA or its member associations or as otherwise allowed by law, and (2) the image is used for one or more of the following purposes: media coverage of soccer activities, SDSSA Website use, SDSSA promotional materials, program books, video presentations and for similar purposes related to the activities of SDSSA or its member associations. I further release both SDSSA and its member associations from any liability for any adverse results which may result from the use of the above named photograph(s) or media images in the manner described. To opt out check here _____.

I do agree that any email address I provide may be used by the Local and State Soccer Association, US Youth Soccer and any of their assigns to provide me with information about their programs and sponsors. To opt out check here _____.

Risk Management:

All adults in positions of responsibility or direct contact with members of the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club (DASC) who are directly involved with the members of the DASC teams, including coaches, assistant coaches, referees, team managers, board members, DASC staff, etc. will complete a Risk Management form as provided by the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA). These forms must be filed as directed by the timetable released by the Director of Risk Management for the South Dakota State Soccer Association. The form should be completed online and can be found at www.southdakotasoccer.com. An individual can go to the DASC office for assistance in completing the form online if needed.

DASC works to ensure that all individuals required to complete the form do so in a timely manner.

Any issues that arise as a result of a review by the state of an individual is resolved by the State Risk Management Coordinator through the South Dakota Soccer Association.

Insurance Claims:

In the event of injury that may be subject to benefits through the SDSSA player insurance policy, contact Dawn Swoboda at www.southdaktoasoccer.com or at 3701 Freda Circle, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

Any person requesting payment will have to have authorization from the state office and complete a Bollinger Accident Claim form which is available at the SDSSA website.

Note: This is a secondary policy. If you are covered under any other insurance or health care plan, you must first submit your bills to your primary insurer for payment. After your primary insurer has paid on your claim, you may submit any unpaid or remaining balance to this secondary plan for consideration. You will need to submit copies of all invoices and the Explanation of Benefits from your primary insurer with this secondary claim.

Facility and Equipment Policies:

Substance Free Environment:

DASC facilities and DASC training, games, tournaments, special events and other DASC-sponsored events are tobacco, alcohol, and substance free environments. Coaches, players, parents, spectators and staff are expected to refrain from use of tobacco, alcohol and other chemical substances while on DASC property or attending DASC events.

Use of Soccer Complexes:

Yankton Trail, Tomar and Spencer Parks contain designated fields for scheduled games. Scrimmage games and practices games may be scheduled on designated fields in these parks. All games must be assigned a referee. Scheduling/rescheduling of any games, scrimmages or practices will be done through the DASC Scheduler or in accordance with the game rescheduling policy described in this Policies and Procedures Manual.

Game fields at the above specified parks are not to be used for practice sessions of any kind. Clinics or special training events requiring a full field at the parks listed above must be approved by the Recreational Director, Director of Coaching, and the City of Sioux Falls Department of Parks and Recreation prior to the event.

Use of the DASC training complex in Harrisburg is scheduled by the DASC staff. Individual players and teams ordinarily may not request use of the DASC training complex outside of the training sessions, games, clinics, etc., already scheduled for that facility.

Rental of DASC Office Facilities/Equipment:

The DASC large conference room and back-office turf are available to rent to individuals or teams. The areas may be reserved by contacting Daniel Ohayon at danielo@dakotaalliancesoccer.com or (605) 332-5911. An Indemnification Agreement must be signed and rental payment must be made in advance of the event. Deposits are required to ensure proper cleanup and care for the facilities after the reserved event and will be returned after the event following cleanup.

The rates are as follows:

- CONFERENCE ROOM – \$15 per hour plus a deposit of \$35
- TURF – \$35 per hour plus a deposit of \$35
- BOTH – \$45 per hour to rent both areas plus a deposit of \$35

Equipment belonging to DASC may be used, (if approved) by submitting a list of what is required and a submitting a deposit. The deposit will vary based on what equipment is being used. The deposit will be returned if the equipment is undamaged.

If any equipment is lost, stolen, or damaged, we expect that it will be replaced by the group or individual responsible for it at that time.

Purchase of DASC Equipment:

Policy: All equipment ordered by the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club, or any of its members in the amount of \$500.00 or more, must be put out for bids before purchase.

The DASC Executive Board may give its approval to negate this policy in situations where the circumstances deem it necessary.

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM POLICIES

DASC Competitive Team Policies:

Team Naming Standard:

Each Dakota Alliance Soccer Club team shall identify themselves (for all tournaments, league games, state cup, etc..) with the words “DASC” followed by their age division, gender, level and then a specific team name – only if there is a need to differentiate between multiple teams in one age group.

Having multiple teams in one age group the example would be “DASC U11 Boys Premier – Black” or “DASC U11 Boys Premier – Silver”.

Example:

DASC U11Boys Premier – Black

DASC U11Boys Premier – Silver

DASC U11Boys Premier – White

Uniform Policy:

Dakota Alliance Soccer Club works exclusively with Nike to provide player uniforms as well as coaching gear. The cost of uniforms is separate from the club fee; players will own their own uniforms. Uniforms will be ordered through team managers of each competitive team, and paid for by each player. The players will be able to order specific sizes to meet their individual needs. Uniforms will continue to be purchased and worn on a three year cycle. The basic required uniform kit includes: two jerseys, two shorts, and two pair of socks (effective Fall 2011, the basic kit will include warm-ups). Players may purchase additional items at their own discretion.

To the greatest extent practicable, each player within an age group should have a distinct jersey number. Players’ numbers will be assigned as determined within each age group.

Additional Notes:

1. Only the DASC logo and jersey number can be on DASC uniforms (jerseys, shorts, etc.)
2. Only the DASC logo, jersey number and player name can be on any other DASC apparel (warm-ups, bags, etc.)
3. Game jerseys must be tucked in at all times.
4. All players should arrive to a game wearing their uniform or to other warm-up gear as specified by their coach. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
5. All players should have both game uniform sets and their training shirts with them, along with their soccer bags, soccer balls, and water or sports drinks. **Soccer bags should be lined up neatly on the sidelines.

6. Compression under-shirts (white or black - should match main color of game jersey) and under-shorts (white or black – should match color of game shorts) may be worn.
7. Goalies may elect whether or not to tuck in their training shirt during practice, or goalkeeper jersey during game play, while playing as goalkeeper.
8. Goalie's game uniform is black game shorts, black game socks, and the Nike GK Jersey purchased through the club.

Exception to the Uniform Standard: Region II patches may also be added to players' jerseys in the proper location at the bottom of the right sleeve of the jersey.

(See also Club Logo and Spirit Wear Policy.)

Rostering Policies:

Rostering Up Policy:

DASC strongly encourages its players to play with their proper age group because of the recognized long-term benefits for its teams and programs, as well as its individual players. Rostering-up to an older age group will only be allowed for DASC if approved by the Director of Coaching and upon a joint recommendation of the staff coach(es) for the older age group team the player would be joining. Even though rostering-up is strongly discouraged, rostering-up requests will be considered if there are special circumstances involving a player of particularly unique talent who requires playing up to ensure development. As a result, in evaluating any such request for rostering-up, the staff team coach(es) shall consider the following factors:

1. Uniqueness of talent
2. Player's need for individual development
3. Attitude and maturity of player (size of a player)
4. School grade and/or closeness of player's birthday to older age cutoff date
5. Potential roster size of older age group team
6. Potential roster size of proper age group team

For players in the U16-U19 age groups, consideration will also be given to whether the requesting player has been playing up on the older team previously for several years. Playing up requests must be made in writing by the player's parent or guardian and submitted to the DASC DOC. If playing up is allowed for a previous season, there is no assurance that any future request will be granted.

Notes:

1. The player must be able to start and have an impact for that team if they are going to be able to rostering-up.
2. Players may be asked to play-up from time to time, and this is at the discretion of the Director of Coaching. The Director of Coaching will approve all play-ups.

Exceptions to the Rostering-Up Standard: At the DOC discretion there may be instances when younger players may be rostered on older player teams to complete older team's rosters. In these cases, the criteria governing the player-requested rosters policy may or may not apply.

Dual Rostering Policy:

Players can be dual rostered. However, players residing within 50 miles of Sioux Falls who elect to dual roster must list the DASC competitive team as their primary team.

Example:

Competitive Training, Event and/or Tournament come before any training, event and/or tournament with the secondary team if there is a conflict.

Guest Player Policy:

The policies below are consistent with many clubs throughout the country.

Financial Responsibility for Events in which Guest Players Participate:

All team members, participating or not, are responsible for paying tournament/event fees and if guest players are invited they should not have to pay. If there are two teams in an age group and if only one team is invited to go to an event then only those players will be charged for that event.

Guest Players Among Teams within the Club:

Guest Players (from one DASC team to another – used in League games) – The use of guest players is permitted when that team is short of available players. Guest players are not to be used to replace currently rostered players. The head team coach will ask the guest player's head team coach if a certain guest player is available to play. Players will be picked based upon the needs of that specific team.

Notes:

1. Teams wishing to obtain guest players from within the club must first look for players inside the age group who would be an appropriate selection as a guest player for the event in question.
2. Teams wishing to obtain guest players from within the club must initiate the process by approaching the team coach of the player they desire to add. Do not contact the player or parent directly.
3. Guest players may not be excused from their own team's activities without express approval from their coach.
4. Any conflict between teams regarding the sharing of players will be resolved by the Director of Coaching.

Guest Players from Outside the Club:

DASC Coaches must first look for guest players inside the DASC club. They should look for players in their particular age group then outside the age groups before looking for guest players outside the DASC club.

Event Participation as a Guest Player for Another DASC Team – DASC players may not play as a guest player with another team if the player's DASC team is participating. If the DASC team is not participating in the tournament, a player desiring to play for another team may do so but have to consult their head coach and Director of Coaching before doing so. Any such guest playing shall not interfere with play for DASC.

Notes:

1. Do not directly contact individual players or parents of players from other clubs.
2. Do not get your players or parents of your players to directly contact players or parents of players from other clubs.
3. Team coaches wishing to add a guest player from another club must request said player through Director of Coaching.
4. The Director of Coaching will approve all guest players from outside the club.

Game/Event Participation as a Guest Player for another Club other than DASC:

Notes:

1. DASC players may not guest play for other team(s) without the approval and express written consent of said players team coach and DOC.
2. DASC players may not be rostered and/or participate in any games whether sanctioned or unsanctioned, without the approval and express written consent of said players team coach and DOC.
 - a. EXCEPTION: South Dakota ODP Events
 - b. EXCEPTION: High School Events

Player Participation Policies:

Player Code of Conduct:

- I will follow all DASC policies and procedures.
- I will represent myself, my team, and my club in the best manner possible when at all DASC games, events, and activities.
- I will always put forth 100% effort in training and games.
- I will respect and take care of all DASC facilities and all facilities that I am representing DASC at.
- I realize that I am an athlete and will take care of my body so I can reach my fullest potential. I will refrain from using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
- I will dress appropriately like a soccer player at all training, games and events. This includes wearing shin guards with socks completely covering them, having my shirt tucked in, and refraining from wearing jewelry, watches, and earrings.

I, _____ as a member of or guest player for Dakota Alliance Soccer Club will conduct myself in a manner that shows respect for the facilities, other players, referees, the coaching and administrative staff, and parents, while I am participating in any Club, State, Regional, or National USYSA events.

Furthermore, I as a player understand that if I am found to be using or in the possession of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol, or in violation of Dakota Alliance’s, USYSA’s, or the hosting organization’s rules and regulations, this could result in suspension of participation for and/or IMMEDIATE expulsion from the club, as well as the proper authorities being notified.

If dismissed from the club or an event while traveling, I understand I may be sent home immediately at my own or my parent’s expense. If dismissed from the event or expelled from the club, I understand that event fees and/or club dues will not be reimbursed.

I/we the undersigned have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above guidelines and policies. I/we also agree to accept all actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines and policies.

Signature of Player

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Player Eligibility to Receive DASC Benefits:

Only players with a DASC signed Letter of Intent on file and who are currently registered with DASC may receive DASC benefits including participation in DASC events to include training, games, tournaments, special events and other DASC-sponsored events. Any player is welcome to participate in DASC camps and clinics. An exception would be a player who is invited by DASC to guest play with a DASC team.

Player Position Policy:

DASC policy is to allow players to play multiple positions. Coaches will play players in different positions throughout the seasonal year. Players will be expected to play the positions as chosen by the coach. Players will begin to be placed in more consistent positions later, typically after U14 age level. A possible exception to this policy relates to those who wish to play goalkeeper on a full-time basis. In order for our players to fully develop, they need to experience different positions.

Please notes that the manner in which coaches rotate players into multiple positions may differ in training, league games and tournaments. Player rotation will happen throughout the seasonal year in training and not necessarily in a weekend of games.

Playing Time Policy:

Playing time is not guaranteed. However, our primary goal is player development. Young players (U11 and U12) should receive enough playing time to allow them to develop their skills. The coaching staff will make every effort to enhance a player's confidence and development by giving players an appropriate opportunity to play. Playing time for tournaments (including State Cup) will not be guaranteed.

Coaches need to coach and not be time managers. Players need to play. Parents need to understand that equal playing time is not possible at this level. As a result, the following policy has been created:

Notes:

1. Players are not guaranteed equal playing time
2. Players are provided with **MEANINGFUL** playing time
3. Meaningful playing time varies from game to game
4. Meaningful playing time varies from tournament to tournament
5. Meaningful playing time varies from player to player

Players Participating in Multiple Sports:

DASC is flexible with players who play multiple sports. We have lots of players currently in the club who play football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, hockey, softball, and track. DASC tries to work with the other sports schedules as much as possible but there has to be good communication between the parents and the coaching staff on which practices and games that player will miss. DASC does not penalize players who play multiple sports.

Player Attendance:

Players are generally expected to attend all team events, including practices, games and team-related activities deemed necessary by the coach. However, DASC understands there are circumstances that arise that may prevent a player from attending these scheduled events.

Players are required to give their coach proper notification as far in advance of the absence as possible. (Also see Parent to Coach Communication policy. Note #1.) Multiple unexcused absences may result in a reduction of play.

Players who anticipate regular training conflicts should make arrangements with their coach to attend another team's training events as it is the expectation of DASC that every player attend practice at least two times per week.

Financial Policies:

Financial Assistance for Club Fees:

A limited number of scholarships are available to help defray the cost of competitive fees for players who can demonstrate financial need. These scholarships can be awarded on a full or partial basis. Applications must be completed and submitted to the DASC Scholarship Committee by the appropriate dates. Contact the Soccer Office or any DASC Scholarship Committee member for further information. Scholarships are only available for the DASC competitive fees, not registration fees, Uniforms, Tournaments or team fees. For more information and the application form please visit the website at www.dakotaalliancesoccer.com.

There may be situations where DASC would approve services in exchange for credit for the payment toward club fees. Criteria for approving the situations should include a demonstrated financial need of the club member and a recognized financial benefit to the club of the service rendered. Interested members will be required to complete the DASC Scholarship Application Form and contract for in-kind services rendered. All scholarship program policies apply.

Note:

DASC reserves the right to evaluate services and amend contract as needed at any point in time.

Refund of Club Fees:

For the purpose of club-level competitive program fees, the soccer year runs August 1 through July 31 for U11-U14 age groups and from the end of the high school season through July 31 for U15-U19 age groups. If a player chooses to withdraw from the competitive program or is forced to discontinue participation due to a situation beyond their control (such as a season-ending injury or relocation of their family to a community outside the Sioux Falls area) for the entire remainder of an unfinished soccer year then that player will be entitled to a refund based on the following guidelines:

Prior to August 1: Full refund of all club fees paid, less tryout fee.

After August 1: Refund of a portion of their annual competitive fee (excluding the tryout fee), prorated to the fraction of the soccer year they will subsequently miss, less \$275.

Each competitive program team is expected to maintain a similar refund policy for team account.

Proration of Club Fees:

A player who joins the club midway through a soccer year shall be responsible for paying the full annual competitive fee. An exception to this policy will pertain to players who are joining DASC for the first time [and to players who were not registered with or through* the DASC competitive program for any of the previous soccer year](#); these players shall pay a portion of the annual competitive fee, prorated to the fraction of the soccer year remaining at the time they join the club. [Any player rostered by August 1 of a soccer year shall be responsible for paying the full annual competitive fee regardless of when the player begins participating in training, games or events.](#)

* As used here, “with or through” means the player did not have a player card from DASC and/or was not registered with the state of South Dakota through DASC.

Delinquent Fees:

Unless other arrangements have been made with the Club or Team Treasurers, any player who is delinquent in any payment, whether club fees or team fees, will not be permitted to participate in any practices/games/tournaments until the delinquent fees have been paid. (No Pay, No Play)

The club will review fees on November 1st and March 1st of each year and any player whose club or team account is delinquent on either date will not be eligible to participate in any practices/games/tournaments until the accounts are current.

Note:

Penalty fees may apply to past due accounts and/or returned checks.

Team-Level Player Accounts:

Teams are able to maintain team accounts at the bank of their choice. Treasurers are expected to provide regular reports of player balances and team financial activity.

Notes:

1. All team members, participating or not, are [typically](#) responsible for paying tournament/event fees and if guest players are invited they should not have to pay. [\(See Team Accounting Guidelines below for further clarification of this policy.\)](#)
 - a. If there are two teams in an age group and if only one team is invited to go to an event then only those players will be charged for that event.
2. Players maintain their own player account within each team.
3. If a player moves from one team to another within the club those dollars will travel with that player.

Team Accounting Guidelines:

By default, all rostered players are assessed for all events. However, if a team member cannot participate in an event and notifies a team representative (i.e. manager) of such at least 60 days prior to the event, the player should not be charged for that event. If a player first commits to attending an event and then changes his/her availability more than 60 days out from the date of the event, the player should not be charged for that event. If notice is given under 60 days from the date of the event, the player should be charged for the event.

If a team decides to enter any events within 60 days of the event date, those players who indicate they are available at the time of entry will be assessed whether or not they end up attending the event.

Essentially, this policy is provided for those instances when a player is unable to attend an event and notice is given well in advance of the event, the club wants to promote an environment that is flexible in regard to paying for events the player is not attending.

Coaching Expense Policy:

It is important that we appropriately cover our coaching staff for their travel costs while on the road for tournaments, events, and other Dakota Alliance Soccer Club-related activities. At the same time, we should not add an excessive financial cost and burden to our members.

It is also important that a coach is not burdened by fronting these expenses. By this, all teams will pay their coach's traveling expenses ahead of the event so a coach does not have to front the expenses. Teams will divide the expenses for coaches if a coach is coaching multiple teams at an event.

Hotel rooms for coaches are paid by the teams. If more than one coach is attending the tournament, rooms may be shared - two coaches to a room. If multiple teams are attending the same tournament, coaches from different teams can share a room and the cost divided between the teams. If a DASC staff coach takes more than one team, the room cost should be shared by all applicable teams. Whenever possible teams should try to secure a complimentary room for the coach.

Food allowance for out of town tournaments of \$30 per full day and \$15 for partial days is recommended. For example, if the coach leaves home Saturday morning and returns home on Sunday, an appropriate amount for food is \$60. If the coach leaves home Friday and returns on Sunday, an appropriate amount for food is \$75 (\$15 for Friday, \$30 for Saturday, and \$30 for Sunday).

Gas allowance for out of town tournaments paid to coaches for personal transportation is consistent with the current mileage rate posted by the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, available at <http://dlr.sd.gov/workerscomp/rates.aspx>. Coaches are encouraged to share rides to minimize expense.

Gas mileage rate is paid for round trip travel from home to tournament site, plus game related miles (e.g. between the hotel and the field location).

For **local tournaments / local league games / training**, teams do not reimburse coaches for their expenses.

Note:

The information and examples above are guidelines and may need to be adapted based on individual situations. In general, however, no team should incur expenses that exceed the guidelines.

Team Fee Refund/Non-Payment Policy:

Players are entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to their team account if they withdraw from the program for the remainder of the soccer year. Personal money includes personal contributions, money directed to the player's account through fundraisers in which the player/family earned credit and script dollars earned. Any funds donated to the team will remain with the team and be redistributed to the remaining team members. Any unused scholarship aid will be returned to the scholarship committee.

Team Fees Accrued While Injured:

If a player is injured and cannot participate in training/team events for 30 days or less, team fees are still assessed by that player and are expected to be paid as per normal practice. If a player is injured and cannot participate in training/team events for more than 30 days, team fees will not accrue for that player for events that occur while the player is unable to participate. Any fee assessment that is made for events that will occur after the player is able to return to play should be accrued and paid by the injured player as per normal practice. If fees have been paid in advance that, based on this policy, should not accrue, a full credit for those fees should be applied to that player's account.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM POLICIES

DASC Recreational Player Registration:

To participate in any of the DASC recreational programs, the player must first register online at www.dakotaalliancesoccer.com. Registrations are also accepted at the DASC office during regular office hours.

Notes:

1. Registration must be completed before the deadline to guarantee placement. Please check the website for program registration deadlines.
2. Players who register after the deadline will be placed on teams according to availability on a first come/first serve basis.
3. Dues are required at the time of registration.
4. Scholarships will be assigned according to need and availability of monies. (See also "Financial Assistance for Club Fees".)

DASC Recreational Team Policies:

Team Formation:

Registered players will be assigned to teams according to age, gender and geographical location (school player attends and zip code). New teams will be formed for each fall season. No special requests for league, team, or coach will be accepted or honored. Team size will be determined at the discretion of the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club.

The number of players per team will be determined by the number of players allowed on the field during games and the number of players/teams in the league. The number of players on a team should facilitate the "half-game playing time" policy.

A player may make written request to be placed back in the pool for computer reassignment for the spring season but may not request a specific team or coach. Parents may make written request that their child not be placed on a specific team. Such requests should be made prior to team formation.

Players from outside Sioux Falls will be placed on the same teams whenever possible. Coaches from other towns may register players from their local school district as a team as long as they are the same age and gender and not assigned to another Sioux Falls team.

Coach Assignment:

The head coach will be a volunteer - usually a parent of one of the players on the team.

The head coach may select/recruit an assistant coach. Ideally, the head coach will name his/her assistant at the time of registration. Any individual named as assistant coach is expected to actually function in that capacity.

If a player is presently on a team, permission from that player's coach must be obtained before the player will be transferred for assistant coaching purposes.

If no volunteer coach is available when the team is formed, a DASC representative will contact each parent on the team to request volunteers. If this is not successful, a team parent meeting will be called. If no one agrees to take responsibility for the team at this point, the team will be disbanded. Several parents may agree to work together to manage and coach a team. Disbanding a team will be considered only after all possible options are exhausted. Refunds will be issued accordingly.

Registered players will be assigned to teams according to age, gender and geographical location (school player attends and zip code). New teams will be formed for each fall season. No special requests for league, team, or coach will be accepted or honored. Team size will be determined at the discretion of the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club.

Uniforms:

A t-shirt will be provided to each registered player for their use. The t-shirt is the property of the individual player.

Players are responsible for providing their own short shorts, socks, shin guards, cleats and ball.

(See also Club Logo and Spirit Wear Policy.)

Team Practices:

DASC expects that teams in fall and spring soccer will practice a minimum of one time per week in addition to the scheduled league games. Practices are not scheduled for Summer 4v4 Soccer.

Notes:

1. Practices may begin for fall and spring soccer after the coach's meeting has been held for that age and gender division.
2. Practices for a team will not take place after the regular season schedule has been completed.
3. Most city parks have open areas, which allow soccer teams to practice. No temporary goals or markers of any kind should be left at these sites outside the practice time for this team.
4. There will be no practice sessions allowed on any game field at Spencer, Tomar, Yankton Trail Park or the Training Grounds (Harrisburg facility). Additionally, practice cannot be held on sporting fields of other sports activities in the city. Such facilities include inside the outfield fence or softball diamonds used for league baseball or softball games and the football fields used for Junior Football games.

Player Eligibility:

All players must be registered with DASC to be considered eligible to play.

Players will be allowed on the field provided they satisfy the following criteria:

1. Proper uniform (t-shirts tucked in during play)
2. Shin guards covered by socks
3. No jewelry may be worn.
4. Soft headbands or hair ties only
5. Properly padded casts at referee's discretion only
6. Properly padded splints or braces at referee's discretion only
7. (U19 Division only) Player cards are issued for each player and given to the coach at the beginning of the season. Player cards are presented to and checked by the referee prior to each game. Absence of said player cards will result in forfeiture of the game to the opposing team. (Also see "Player Cards".)

Game Scheduling:

The Recreational Director will schedule all games prior to the beginning of each season. Rescheduled and canceled games will be handled in accordance with DASC policy. (Also see DASC League Policies" and "Inclement Weather Policy".)

Game schedule is available online at www.dakotaalliancesoccer.com. Also, coaches will receive a packet of information that includes for each player a copy of the game schedule.

Determination of League Winner:

Team standings are maintained by DASC to determine a league winner in the U12 and U14 Divisions.

In the case of a tie in accumulated points, the following tiebreaker procedure is used:

1. Head to head record among all the teams involved in the tie.
2. Fewest goals allowed by the teams tied in all league games during regular season play.
3. Goals scored by the teams tied in all league games during regular season play using a goal differential of 3 (three) goals per game.
4. Flip of a coin

If more than two teams are tied, the same sequence is followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams then restart the sequence until the tie is broken.

Financial Policies:**Refund of Recreational Program Fees:**

Recreational program fees are refundable, less \$10, until one week after the registration deadline. Program fees for SoccerNastics, Joga and Toca are refundable, less \$10, prior to the day of the first scheduled practice.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM POLICIES:

DASC administers the high school soccer programs for Sioux Falls (Lincoln, O’Gorman, Roosevelt, Washington, SF Christian), Brandon Valley, Harrisburg and West Central under the policies and procedures of the South Dakota Soccer Association. (See www.southdaktoasoccer.com for more information.)

All players who desire to play high school soccer must register and attend tryouts.

Players who tryout but are not rostered to a high school junior varsity or varsity team are automatically assigned to a U19 Recreational League team.

Players for Sioux Falls Lincoln, O’Gorman, Roosevelt, Washington and Harrisburg register through DASC. Go to www.dakotaalliancesoccer.com.

Players for Sioux Falls Christian register through Sioux Falls Christian High School.

Players for Brandon Valley register through the Brandon Valley Soccer Association.