

Crow River Soccer Club (CRSC) Policies

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

The registration deadline for Summer Travel Soccer (U9 and up) is February 22, 2009. Registrations received after this date will be charged a \$25 late registration fee.

The registration deadline for Recreational Soccer (ages 5-9) will be April 15, 2008. Registrations received after this date will be charged a \$10 late registration fee.

REFUND POLICY:

100% of regular fee (not including late fees) minus a \$25 MYSA registration and administrative fee if canceled before 1st scheduled game.

No refund if canceled after first scheduled game.

Refund requests will be required to be in writing via email at info@crowriversoccer.com or by postal mail to:

Crow River Soccer Club
1874 94th St. SW
Montrose, MN 55363

Information required will include:

Player's name
Age
Gender
Parent's name
Parent's phone number
Reason for refund

Refund requests not received in writing will not be eligible for a refund.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS (TRAVEL):

Travel Team assignments are based on age and birthdate. A valid birth certificate will be required from each player. Teams will also be formulated according to the number of participants signed up in each age group. For age levels that have few participants signed up, CRSC will create teams based on MYSA standards for eligibility in "playing up". CRSC will do its best to create teams for everyone; however, it is possible that a participant or participants may be unable to play due to age limits and the inability to create a suitable team for a particular age level. In this situation, a full refund will be provided to the participant, even if after published deadlines.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS (RECREATIONAL):

The CRSC believes that all participants should have a relatively similar experience in terms of coaching, playing time and skill formation at the recreational level. The CRSC relies heavily on volunteer coaches, some with little or no soccer experience, and as such, is committed to

providing the training and skill sets necessary to all coaches and volunteers. With that in mind, players will be assigned to teams based on their age level or sex, to help facilitate the creation of well-balanced teams. Special requests such as playing on a friend/neighbor's team, specific coach, etc. will not be accommodated due to its often detrimental impact on team balance.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

COACHES:

The CRSC adopts the following coaches rules of conduct provided by the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) and developed by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA):

1. Soccer is the player's game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.
2. Coaches bear responsibility for teaching players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the laws of the game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
3. Travel Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
4. Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise, regardless of opponent player, coach and parent behavior.
5. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of the coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
6. Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: clubs, schools, sponsoring organizations and sports governing bodies.
7. Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of the game.
8. Coaches are responsible for taking an active role in education about, and prevention and treatment of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse; both in their lives and in the lives of their players.
9. Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of the game.
10. Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players.
11. Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the laws of the game and rules governing competition.

PLAYERS:

The CRSC adopts the following Player Code of Conduct as outlined by MYSA and created by the International Federation of Association Futbol (FIFA):

1. Play the game for the game's sake.
2. Be generous when you win.
3. Be graceful when you lose.
4. Be fair always no matter what the cost.
5. Obey the laws of the game.
6. Work for the good of your team.
7. Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
8. Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
9. Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

PARENTS/SPECTATORS:

The following are guidelines for the appropriate conduct of parents and spectators. Adherence to these guidelines will demonstrate support for the CRSC and its members and participants.

1. Be a good spectator. **Do not criticize** referees, players or coaches.
2. Show good sportsmanship by applauding a good play.....on EITHER team.
3. Support all players by providing encouragement and praise. Do not be critical and do not coach from the sidelines.
4. Support the coaches. They are spending a considerable amount of time teaching and mentoring the children in many ways. Show them respect and encouragement.
5. Support your CRSC board members. All members are volunteers, spending much time and energy to create a successful program in our local community. Support board objectives and direction.

INCLEMENT OR HOT WEATHER

CRSC does not currently have access to a weather line. The following guidelines should be used when inclement weather is an issue.

Weather: Recreational Soccer:

Coaches will be encouraged to monitor the weather conditions via any method they have access to...TV, Internet, radio, etc. Games WILL be played in moderate rain, absence of a downpour or lightening/severe weather. If there is any question as to a possible cancellation, coaches of teams playing each other will be expected to be in contact to determine whether to play, cancel, or "wait it out". If play is cancelled, coaches will do their best to contact all players prior to their respective playing times. In extremely hot weather, coaches and parents will determine the course of action, e.g. more water breaks, shorter substitutions, shorter game times, or canceling altogether. In both types of weather conditions, parents will be encouraged to use their best judgment as to whether to allow their child(ren) to play in the current conditions. Reimbursements will not be given for missed games, nor will make-up games be played.

Weather: Travel Soccer:

It is MYSA Policy for coaches to never cancel Travel games. It is the head referee's decision. For that reason, unless you hear directly from a coach or manager, you **MUST SHOW UP** at the game field at the appropriate time ready to play. Failure for a full team to show up when a referee has not called the game will result in a sizeable fine from MYSA, which the team may be held liable for.

For practices on days where weather is inclement, please try to reach a coach or manager. Often teams will set up email and calling trees for this situation. It is your responsibility to check emails or phone another parent if you are not available during the time the weather-related decision is made. If you have not heard anything, proceed to the practice field. Practices may not be held when lightning is present. Often, coaches may not see lightning if it is far away. If this happens, please feel free to approach the coach and inform him/her.

FINANCIAL AID/DISCOUNTS

CRSC reserves the right to offer discounts/credits to volunteers who meet certain criteria such as heading up a committee, coaching, etc. The amount of the discounts is at the discretion of the board.

CRSC plans to offer financial aid to players who meet low-income criteria as set forth by the public school lunch assistance program. This program will be put in place as soon as a volunteer offers their help. Until that time, CRSC has established a \$400 family cap.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time for Recreational Soccer shall be equal to the extent that the child is willing to play. Exceptions to this policy are if a child has acted in a dangerous or disrespectful manner. In this case, it is preferred for the parent to remove and discipline the child. In the absence of parent intervention, the coach will talk to the player and have the player sit on the sideline for no more than 5 minutes.

Playing time for Travel Soccer will change as players progress in both age and skill. Coaches are required to play all players in all games. In the absence of a designated goaltender, players will be selected by the coach and will take turns in this position. At U9-U11 playing time should be equal and there should be no specialization of position. Coaches may reduce playing time for disciplinary reason, but this must be communicated to both the player and the parents in a timely fashion. U12-U14 players should expect to receive a minimum of 50% playing time, however in many cases it will not be equal. Coaches are encouraged to make skill improvement and sportsmanship the main objective for each season. As such, coaches are allowed to reduce playing time as a consequence for poor practice attendance, bad attitude and disrespectful behavior. You may begin to allow for some specialization of positions, however due to the nature of our club and its inexperienced players at this time, we recommend that you give all players the chance to play all positions in the beginning of the season.

U15-U17 Players at this level are expected to give both practices and games their best effort. We leave the actual amount of playing time up to the coach, as long as every player is played a minimum of 15 minutes during the game. Poor skill or inexperience should not be a factor in reduced playing time. Effort and improvement should be rewarded.

Consequences for poor conduct....players AND spectators

Players and parents will be warned of poor conduct first by the coach or manager. If problem persists, player or parent will be contacted by the board. After that player or parent will be suspended from the program, pending investigation by the board. If you have a dispute or complaint, please put it in writing and send to

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