



4.0 Responsibilities of Club and Team Officials

Club Responsibilities

- 4.1 Each club must identify one club contact via the provided online form to handle all communications with the league. All club contacts are to abide by the Southwest Soccer League [Club Contact Responsibilities](#) as posted.
- 4.2 The host club for Southwest Soccer League games shall ensure fields are properly permitted, cleared, and safe for set up.
- 4.3 Home clubs will be responsible for the provision of: a suitable field (League discretion) and markings; goal nets; corner flags; two properly inflated game balls; change rooms (if available) and field lights (when required). Fields must meet Ontario Soccer regulations, guidelines and the Development Matrix.
- 4.4 The team benches must be at least two (2) metres back from the touch line, inside the technical area as defined by FIFA.
- 4.5 Clubs that do not provide fields in accordance to Ontario Soccer standards will not be eligible to host on Home fields. The opponent will become responsible for booking the field & referees at the expense of the original home club.
- 4.6 At all District league, cup, or exhibition games both teams must be positioned on one side of the field with all spectators on the opposite side of the field.
- 4.7 Spectators shall not be allowed in or behind the bench area or behind the goals. Team officials shall be responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Spectators must remain two metres back from the playing area.
- 4.8 Clubs will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators and will be subject to disciplinary action, and will be fined as per Appendix C if found guilty.

Team Official Responsibilities

- 4.9 "Team Official" shall mean coach, assistant coach, manager, or assistant manager who will be registered and carded by the District association. Only carded team officials signed on the game sheet are eligible to be on/at the team bench and are deemed to have coached.
- 4.10 All team head coaches and assistant coaches must comply with Coaching Certification Requirements including Respect in Soccer as identified in Ontario Soccer policy.
- 4.11 A maximum of four (4) carded team officials shall be permitted at the bench.
- 4.12 A club head coach may be on the bench as a 5th Team Official if recorded on the game sheet.
- 4.13 The League must be notified in writing of any change made in team officials during the season within (7) seven days of the change.



- 4.14 In all games no persons without current Ontario Soccer identity cards will be allowed on the side of the field with the teams.
- 4.15 Any team found to have a non-carded person at the bench acting as a team official will be discipline as per Appendix C.
- 4.16 Team Officials will not be allowed to smoke while coaching their teams. A team official that does not comply will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 4.17 Team officials will coach within one metre of their bench and are not permitted to walk up and down the touchline or obstruct and/or obscure the view of the assistant referee.