

## **SWDSL Additional Rules / Amendments for Outdoor 2021**

### **4.0 Responsibilities of Member Organizations and Team Officials**

- 4.3.3 In alignment with the most up to date return to play guide it is recommended that a safety field marshal be present. Home organizations are responsible for appointing a safety field marshal to ensure compliance with social distancing rules and safety protocols as identified by your local public health unit.
- 4.4.1 Physical Distancing of at least two (2) meters is required by all participants when not on the field. When not possible to physical distance on the sidelines a mask should be worn.
- 4.7.1 Spectators may only be permitted in accordance with public health restrictions and as identified in the most up to date return to play guides.
  - a. Step 2 permits up to 25% facility capacity.
  - b. Step 3 permits up to 75% facility capacity.
- 4.7.2 Spectators must be physically distanced by at least two (2) meters and abide by any further public health restrictions.
- 4.18 Team Officials shall wear a mask when completing off-field duties where physical distancing cannot be maintained including but not limited to exchanging payment or game sheets with Match Officials.

### **6.0 Player Eligibility**

- 6.1.1.1 Maximum game day roster size for competitively registered youth teams is 18 players.
- 6.3.2.1 Rule 6.3.2 limiting grassroots call ups to house league programs of the same age division is void for the Outdoor 2021 season.
- 6.3.2.2 In all Grassroots Divisions, call ups are permitted from target, development, or house league teams from the age division one year below the team in need of a player.
- 6.3.2.3 In all Grassroots Divisions, call ups are permitted from house league programs of the same age division. Open roster player movement is permitted and encouraged amongst target and development teams in the same age division.
- 6.3.2.4 In U8 through U11 Grassroots Divisions, calling a player down from house league programs of the age division one year above, the team in need of a player, is permitted.
- 6.3.2.5 The purpose of rule 6.3.2.2 through 6.3.2.4 is to assist clubs in populating game day rosters and as a result limit the number of game defaults in a season where program registration numbers are low.

## **7.0 Scheduling**

- 7.2.1 All games will be scheduled to be completed by the end of September.
- 7.2.2 All U18/U21 games will be scheduled to be completed by the end of August.
- 7.3.1 Games will be scheduled at the discretion of the league on playing and/or alternate days to maximize competition.
- 7.8.1 The minimum number of scheduled games as identified in 7.8 is void for the Outdoor 2021 season. The number of games offered will be maximized but may be limited due to a shortened season and other return to play restrictions.
- 7.8.2 Depending on public health restrictions, return to play restrictions, length of season, and division size the resulting schedules may be unbalanced. Where permitted each team will play a minimum of one game against each team within the same division.
- 7.9.1.2 All grassroots (U8-U12) competition days will be festival format and scheduled on Saturdays.

## **8.0 Rescheduling**

- 8.1.1 Team reschedule requests will not be accepted and therefore the team reschedule request procedures 8.2 through 8.4.2, 8.6 and 8.6.1 are inactive for outdoor 2021.
- 8.5.2 The rescheduling of postponed youth games shall be determined by the League in consideration of public health and return to play guide restrictions. Where possible the league will reschedule in coordination with the impacted organizations.

## **9.0 Postponement and Defaulting of Games**

- 9.1.2 In alignment with return to play guide recommendations and at the discretion of the league a game may be postponed in advance if severe weather is in the forecast.
- 9.1.3 In the instance of a positive covid-19 test, member organizations are to defer to their Emergency Response Plan as identified within the Return to Play Guides and notify league administration. Required postponements will be determined in coordination with the member organizations and public health. Games may be subject to rescheduling per 8.5.2.

## **12.0 Uniforms and Equipment**

- 12.8 In alignment with return to play guide recommendations player uniforms and equipment including water bottles are not to be shared.

## **13.0 Games Sheets / Reporting**

- 13.1 Official league game sheet paper will not be provided by the league for the outdoor 2021 season. Team Officials must print and complete the game sheets on their own paper in alignment with 13.1.1.
- 13.2.3 In alignment with return to play guide recommendations all game sheets will have an area where Team Officials must confirm that players have acknowledged no covid-19 symptoms.
- 13.2.4 For the purpose of contact tracing, all game sheets must remain in the team officials or member organizations possession for a minimum of 30 days.

## **14.0 Match Officials**

- 14.1.4 At all grassroots division competitions the game day rosters shall split all Match Official fees.
- 14.5.1 Assistant Referees shall NOT be assigned to u11 and u12 age divisions for the Outdoor 2021 season.
- 14.15 Match Officials shall wear a mask when completing off-field duties where physical distancing cannot be maintained including but not limited to collecting payment and exchanging game sheets.

## **17.0 Cup Competitions**

The viability of offering a cup competition is currently under review.

## **21.0 Other Provisions**

- 21.3 In alignment with the return to play guides all “non-essential” contact should be avoided including handshakes, high 5’s, etc...
- 21.3.1 For the Outdoor 2021 season team handshakes shall not be permitted.
- 21.4 All additional rules / amendments for Outdoor 2021 are subject to change at the discretion of the league in consideration of up to date public health restrictions and return to play guides.