



# 2019 Outdoor Season

## Parents Information Handout

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## Presidents Welcome Message 2019 Outdoor Season

On behalf of the Beaumont Soccer Association (BSA) Board and Staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2019 Outdoor Soccer Season.

BSA exists to promote, develop and govern the soccer program in Beaumont. We strive to provide for all children and youth in Beaumont the opportunity to enjoy the “beautiful game.” We endeavour to develop all our players, regardless of initial skill, to their full potential as soccer players, encouraging the values of good sportsmanship and of course having fun.

Our Board members are committed to improving our programs so they are more enjoyable for our Players, Coaches and Parents. We are also determined to better manage these programs by increasing efficiencies and accountability to you.

BSA is a community volunteer driven organization. This means with a few exceptions, our program is organized and run by a group dedicated volunteers from Beaumont. We appreciate all our volunteers from Coaches and Managers working directly with the teams to the Board Members working to improve the program and the countless volunteers that help with registration, pre-season camps, inventory, tournaments, equipment, evaluations, and so much more. All these people contribute hundreds of volunteer hours each year to ensure our youth have the opportunity to play soccer. Please show them respect and gratitude, for without these generous volunteers, we would not be able to offer this program. Also, if you are not already involved, please consider volunteering some of your time to make your and all our children’s soccer experience a great one!

We welcome your comments, concerns or suggestions at any time, and if there is a problem, please contact us sooner rather than later, so that we might be able to help you. Feel free to relay them to [admin@beaumontsoccer.com](mailto:admin@beaumontsoccer.com). For more information, I invite you to visit our website at [www.beaumontsoccer.com](http://www.beaumontsoccer.com).

I hope you have a fantastic season!

Martin Carnegie  
BSA – President

## **BSA Needs Volunteers Like YOU!**

Our soccer program is delivered almost exclusively by volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for each and every volunteer. Please show respect and appreciation to the volunteers who give up their personal time to provide sports activities for your child. If you are not already involved, please consider volunteering some of your time to help make your child's soccer experience a success.

Your volunteer deposit cheque of \$250 dated April 15 2019 is kept until the entire soccer season is complete. Even though your child might be finished their season, our older youth are still playing and there are still many areas where we will need your help. Please offer as much assistance you can to our Volunteer Coordinator, as she has a huge portfolio and needs all the help she can get!

## **How can you help?**

Each of the coaches you see on the field started off just like you – a parent that wants to make a difference for a child. BSA offers many FREE coaching courses and clinics, as well as covers the costs of the NCCP certification courses, Goal to Goal courses run through Edmonton Minor Soccer Association. For more information on becoming a coach, please send us an email; contact a member of the Board or the BSA Administrator. If you'd like to help, but only have a limited amount of time, there are many other volunteer positions available. Please see the website for more job descriptions.

## **Volunteer Job Descriptions**

With the exception of the Team Officials, all volunteer duties last no more than an average of four (4) hours. At the end of the volunteer duty your cheque will be shredded or returned if requested.

**Coach** - in charge of the team. They pick up the teams equipment bag and jerseys. They contact their players. They will hold a parent meeting to inform the parents of all things necessary pre-season. They plan the drills for practices, attend technical clinics and training sessions and run the games. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators.

**Assistant Coach** - attends the meetings that coach isn't able to, helps run the practice drills, he/she might carry the equipment for the coach. Assistant coaches need to help and assume as many roles as possible for the Coach.

**Team Manager** - can act as the contact person for the team, sending out information and correspondence from the coach to the parents via TeamSnap and fill in all of the game score sheets. They can arrange for any tournament entries, team fundraisers, money collection and end of season parties.

## **2019 Outdoor Season Start Date**

The tentative start date for the season is around May 1<sup>st</sup>, and runs until the end of June.

## Player Registration and Fees

*Space is limited so please register early to avoid the disappointment of having your child put on a waiting list.* Registration fees may be paid by personal cheque or credit card. Note that **NSF cheques will result in an additional \$50 service fee.** **ALL OUTSTANDING FEES** will have to be cleared with BSA before a player is placed on a team

**Tax receipts** can be printed from the BSA website using your parent login after 6 weeks of the program has passed.

## Refunds and Withdrawals

**There will be NO refunds issued on or after the start of the season.**

A \$50 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds until that date on or after 03 March 2019. NSF fees are nonrefundable.

Players may withdraw at any time. *Refunds may no longer be available due to the timing of the withdrawal.* A form can be found on the website. To request a refund, parents/guardians **must notify BSA in writing**, either by regular mail, office delivery or via email to [admin@beaumontsoccer.com](mailto:admin@beaumontsoccer.com) **Messages cannot be relayed through coaches.** It is also the parents' responsibility to ensure that all jerseys are returned to BSA or your jersey deposit will be cashed.

## Team Pictures

BSA includes pictures with the registration fees for all age groups. A photo day schedule will be available on the web site and communicated by team managers.

## Soccer Fest

June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 at Beau Meadow School/Fields for U5 thru U11 age groups.

## Additional Costs

Please be advised that, in addition to registration fees, coaches may request additional fees to pay for tournament entry costs, practice space (i.e. Centre Time), or other various team expenses. Please note, these are not mandatory and should not be enforced, if a child cannot/does not wish to attend a tournament, the fee should not be collected. BSA also encourages fund raising such as bottle drives and raffles. These activities not only reduce costs to families, but also are great team building activities. Please inform BSA of any fundraising activities for our records. No Team may use "Beaumont Soccer Association" on any bank accounts.

## Jersey Deposit Cheques

Effective the 2019 Outdoor season the Jersey deposit will no longer be collected. Instead, every player will receive a game jersey that they will keep after the season is over. Players will be able to put name bars on the back if the team chooses to do so, as long as they meet certain colour, size and font requirements.

## Team Formation and Requests

BSA places its emphasis on building and developing solid, recurrent team cores, where possible. While BSA allows you to make special requests on your registration form, remember that it is simply not possible to accommodate all requests. While we will do what we can to grant requests, there are absolutely **no guarantees of requests for player placement being met.**

Where a league is tiered, a friend request may not be able to be honored if the players have different skill levels.

## Playing-Up

“Playing-up” places a player in an older -age group and is accepted only in rare cases. **All playing-up requests must be submitted using the Playing-Up Request form on the BSA web site at registration time.** The [request](#) must include the reason for the request. The request will be discussed by the BSA board and the parent notified of the decision.

## Age Categories and Game Format

Age Group	Format	Practice Length	Game Length	Game Format
U5	15 min drills and fun games, parental involvement sometimes required 5 minute break: switch half players with other team 40 minute game	10	2 x20min	3 vs 3 (no keeper) for a few minutes, then switch all players, repeat. Playing in a diamond formation. They may not hold that formation but at least start in that formation. Refer to the Long Term Player Development Guidelines for more information <a href="#">LTPD</a>
U7	one game weekly and one practice	1hr	2 x25min	5 vs 5 (including goalkeeper)
U9	Two weekly games and one practice	1hr	2x30min	7 vs 7 (including goalkeeper)
U11	Two weekly games and one practice	1hr	2x35min	8 vs 8 (including goalkeeper)
U13	Two weekly games and one practice	1hr	2x40min	11 vs 11 (including goalkeeper)
U15+	Two weekly games and one practice	1hr	2x45min	11 vs 11 (including goalkeeper)

## Parent Meeting

Coaches may hold a parent meeting to go over their expectations for the season. This gives you a chance to get to know your child's coaching team and gives them the opportunity to get to know you too! The Coach will give you information about the games and practices. Please volunteer to help your child's team and BSA whenever and wherever you can. **Your support and much needed assistance can make the difference between a rewarding, productive season and a mediocre, frustrating one.** Each team will require volunteer helpers to assist during the season. Volunteers may include a co-coach, team manager, telephone/email person, or someone to plan the team photos or team wrap up party.

## Uniforms & Equipment

### U7

Children in this age category are given a Timbits jersey, a pair of BSA shorts and socks by BSA, and are allowed to keep them at the end of the season. No deposit required

### Under 5, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19

In these age groups, players are issued one game jersey, a pair of BSA shorts, and socks. Because of the rule regarding matching shorts and socks, all players are required to wear black shorts and socks. Teams will wear their jersey for all games and may be required to wear a pinnie over top for some games.

**Shin pads are mandatory for all players.** Shin pads are to be worn inside the player's socks. Players without shin pads will not be permitted to play.

**All players should have their own labeled water bottle.**

**\*\*Please help us extend the life of the U9-U19 jerseys by having your child wear their jerseys for games only. BSA provides a practice jersey to be worn at practices,**

**Please remember to wash your child's jersey and other equipment regularly.** Jerseys left in soccer bags do



smell and tend to mold if they are wet. For hygiene reasons please remember to wash and air dry shin pads.

## **Jewellery**

**Jewellery (earrings, necklaces, etc) is NOT allowed when playing soccer.** FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association – the world governing body for soccer) and the CSA are clear in this regard. A player cannot wear something that can hurt themselves or anyone else on the field, i.e. jewellery.

Medical-Alert jewellery or clothing required by player's religion may be worn only if the referee deems it safe and does not give the player an unfair advantage. Medical-Alert jewellery can normally be made safe by wrapping it with tape, with the necessary information showing.

- A Player refusing to remove any type of jewellery at the request of the referee (including all external body piercing(s)) will not be permitted to play.

## **Head Covering "Hijab"**

The wearing of sports type hijab will be permitted upon a satisfactory pre-game inspection by the referee, as mandated by FIFA rule four, which states all items of clothing or equipment other than the basic equipment must be inspected by the referee and determined to be safe.

- The wearing of other forms of the hijab will also be permitted at the discretion of the referee, but only after a pre-game determination that the hijab does not pose a danger to the wearer or any other player.
- The objective in developing clear guidelines and communicating same is to ensure continuity of implementation across the province.

## **Eye Glasses**

Eye glasses are allowed ONLY if they are prescription and ONLY if they are made of plastic and are non-shattering lenses. Sunglasses are NOT permitted unless they are prescription lenses. Sport glasses and sport glass covers are permitted.

## **Casts/Splints/Athletic Braces**

- Hard casts (plaster) are NOT permitted – even if padded.
- Soft Casts – if adequately padded will be allowed if the Referee approves it.
- Braces are permitted – but if it is a hard brace or has edges – it must be padded.

If a player uses a cast or brace to intimidate with intent to injure they will be cautioned and sent off the field.

## **Security Clearance Forms**

BSA requires an RCMP Vulnerable Sector Check from all volunteers who are in regular contact with our players. BSA conducts these record checks at no cost to our volunteers. The VSCs are valid for a period of two years

## Player/Coach Cards

The following groups/divisions require an EMSA player card:

U9 City Wide

U11 City Wide Tier 1, 2 & 3

U13, U15, U17 Tier 1, 2 & 3

**U13, U15, U17 and U19 Community**

**\*\*All coaches/assistant coaches and managers for the above age groups also require a card to be on the bench.** \*Bench parents just require a piece of photo identification.

You must have your player/coach card. Referees will be checking cards from the very first game and if you don't have your card you will not be able to play or be on the bench.

**Players must be PRESENT** for the picture and bring a copy of **ONE** of the following.

Note: Student ID and Blue Cross cards **are not** acceptable.

- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate
- Passport
- Landed Immigrant Card
- Learners or Driver's License
- Alberta Health Care Card **ONLY** if the player's name in full (not Initials) is clearly printed on the card

## PLAYING DAYS

Age Group	Days of Play
U5	Saturdays - usually in the 10am-12pm window Tuesdays – early evening
U7 Boys	Games Mondays and Practices Wednesdays evenings* - Rainout Friday/Saturday
U7 Girls	Practices Mondays and Games Wednesdays evening* - Rainout Friday/Saturday
U9 Boys	Mondays and Wednesdays evening – Rainout Fridays/Saturdays
U9 Girls	Tuesdays and Thursdays evening – Rainout Fridays/Saturdays
U11 Boys & Girls	Mondays and Wednesdays evening – Rainout Saturdays
U13 Boys & Girls	Tuesdays and Thursdays evening – Poss a few Sundays
U15 Boys & Girls	Mondays and Wednesdays evening – Poss a few Tuesdays or Thursdays
U17 Boys & Girls	Sundays and Thursdays evening - Poss a few Wednesdays
U19 Boys & Girls	Sundays and Tuesdays evening – Poss a few Thursdays

**\* Due to field availability, holidays, time restrictions you may be required to play a few of your games on a different playing day other than what is listed above.**

## Games

Players should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of all games. This allows the coaches time to give instructions to the players prior to the game.

Parents should stay for all games so that they can enjoy observing their child's activities and be present if they are needed by the child or coach.

***The Coach is NOT a babysitter*** and will not automatically assume the task of transporting your child to/from fields, or caring for your child beyond practice or game time. If you need help, work something out with another parent.



## Selects

The Selects teams are MWSA Zone Representative teams at the U7 Jr Selects, U9 City Wide, and Premier A and B Representatives at the U11, U13, U15, and U17 age categories. They play against other zone representative teams in a citywide program that is guided by EMSA rules and regulations.

The Selects Program is a more-competitive program, which requires higher commitment levels (by players, their parents, and coaches), and some additional costs:

- Selects shorts & socks
- Tournament expenses, in and/or out of town
- Expenses to attend Provincials
- A track suit (optional)
- Team Picture (optional)
- Socks, shorts, jackets, pants and bags are available for sale at KICKS 2027 111Street.

## Evaluations

Each season the players wanting to play in our Selects City Wide and Premier A & B division in the U9-U17 age categories go through an 'evaluation' process. It is designed to evaluate a player's skills and abilities to ensure that players are placed on teams with player of similar skills and abilities. Evaluations involve the written assessment of players by their coaches in previous seasons, as well as a physical test of the players' current skills. Evaluations are held prior to the start of the season.

The following evaluations are mandatory:

U9 – All City Wide Players

U11 – All Players Tier 1, 2 and 3

U13 – All Players Tier 1, 2 and 3

U15 – All Players Tier 1, 2 and 3

U17 – All Players Tier 1, 2 and 3

Shorts and a T-shirt are ideal and shin pads are mandatory. No "Select" or other club clothing is allowed.

## Being a Trialist (U9+)

“Triallists” are players that are ‘loaned’ by one team to play on a team of higher age or Tier.

**BSA strongly encourages the use of trialists** because it benefits the player, his or her team, the receiving team, and our program.

BSA coaches do not ‘own’ their players and are responsible to advance each player’s ability. Occasionally, when teams are short-handed or want to try-out promising players from other teams, they *may* ask for players from other teams (younger age group or lower tier). This is done on a game-by-game basis, to a **maximum of 5 league games**.

If asked to be a trialist, consider it a compliment that would allow your child a great opportunity to play at a more demanding or competitive skill-level.

## Players Clinics throughout the Outdoor Season

As part of a player’s registration fees, the technical program hosts Community technical team sessions at Community team practices throughout the season. These sessions will start at the beginning of the season and will provide assistance with a player’s development in soccer.

## Rules of the Game

- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators.
- Complete Rules for indoor soccer can be found on the following websites:
  - Edmonton Minor Soccer Association – [www.edmontonsoccer.com](http://www.edmontonsoccer.com)
  - Alberta Soccer Association -- [www.albertasoccer.com](http://www.albertasoccer.com)

## Dispute Resolution

In case of disputes between you and your child's coach or other team officials please handle them with dignity and serve as a good role model to your child and others. If your effort to correct the situation directly with the coach or team officials fails, please relay your concern to the BSA President and 1<sup>st</sup> VP.

## Discipline

If a player is exhibiting minor behaviour issues or missing many practices, the player may experience a reduction in his/her playing time. Significant issues with a player or parent, that requires intervention beyond the team coaching staff, will be addressed by the BSA Vice President.

## Bench and Change Room Moms and Dads Requirement

ALL teams must have at least one adult on the bench that is of the same gender as the players. For example, if the Coach, Assistant Coach and Manager of a GIRLS team are all male, then they must include a fourth person - one of the parents, to be a "Bench Mom" who would be present at all times. This is required for all games. The same, in reverse, applies to the BOYS team that requires a "Bench Dad".

## Respect your Referees

### Referee abuse and harassment by spectators, players or coaches will NOT be tolerated!

Game officials (i.e., Referees) are critical to the sport of soccer and without them there would be no game. Please treat them with respect and recognize that they too are learning and improving with experience. Anyone found guilty of harassing game officials will be disciplined and may be barred from games. The only person who is allowed to communicate with the Referee or Assistant Referees is the Referee Liaison (see below). Any abuse or harassment of game officials will not be tolerated.

## Referee Liaison (RL)

It is mandatory for every team (U9 - U19) to provide a referee liaison for every league game. The liaison can be a different person each game and can be anyone with the exception of the coach or assistant coach. The name of the referee liaison MUST be marked in the area provided on the game sheet. The team has a 15 minute grace period in which to provide a liaison or it will default the game. **Please ensure the ref liaison name is marked on the game sheet.**

### Background:

Referee abuse and harassment by spectators and coaches is the main reason why referees, particularly those in their early teens, drop out of the development program resulting in severe shortage of officials at all levels. This unacceptable behaviour towards our youth must be addressed as a **priority** particularly if soccer is to have an adequate supply of referees.

All teams participating in the U9-U19 age groups, must designate an individual (does not have to be the same person for each game) at each game (home and away) to act as a **referee liaison**. The **referee liaison** of each team shall be a person who is not the coach or assistant coach and their main role will be to act as a deterrent to possible acts of misbehaviour by spectators or team officials. The **referee liaison** will also be available to the referee should a request to do so be made or if a potential problem exists.

### Description of duties:

- Please wear the identifying armband provided by your team. If the referee requires your assistance he will identify you by the armband.
- Monitor the behaviour of your teams' parents and spectators.
- Quickly diffuse potential problems before they arise by either being visible or calmly speaking with the individual(s) involved.
- Deal with, and act on, inappropriate comments, gestures and/or general unsporting behaviour directed at referees, players or any other individual by your teams' spectators or coaches but please avoid getting into a confrontation.
- Submit a brief report in writing to the EMSA office of any incident that you feel the EMSA should be aware of involving inappropriate behaviour by ANY individual. Based on any official report, the EMSA will conduct an investigation into the incident and act accordingly.

## Coaches Code of Conduct

- Head Coaches in BSA are fully responsible for all activities of their team. They shall demonstrate leadership, commitment, compassion, and fairness when interacting with their team's players and their parents/guardians.
- All BSA coaches (Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Team Managers) are representatives and agents of BSA. They shall demonstrate respect to its values and expectations, despite
  - a. Their interests/involvement in a specific BSA team;
  - b. Any personal interest as an individual consumer of BSA services;
  - c. Like or dislike they may have for Board members, coaches or volunteers
- BSA coaches are trustees of public confidence. They need to serve as role models for the youth under their care, to develop soccer skills, good sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, and fair play.
- BSA coaches should avoid actual or the perception of conflict of interest. They shall not use their position or role to gain advantage for their child (or another player on the team), or gain financially from the team's resources.
- Coaches may speak for their team, but not for BSA.
- Coaches must demonstrate respect for and adherence to the rules of soccer, assigned referees, and related BSA Policies and Procedures.
- Coaches must strive to extend each of their players to his/her full potential, and play hard towards the highest possible reach of their team. However, coaches should never forget that in the end Soccer is only a game.

## Players' Code of Conduct

- Do your best! Your behavior reflects on you, your team, your coach, BSA, and the sport of Soccer. Your behaviour impacts all of these.
- Be a good sport
- Play hard, but play fair
- Play strong but have compassion for those who lose the game
- Play to win but remember that "winning" is doing your best against all odds
- Be respectful
  - Of people (i.e., of coaches, your teammates, other players, and referees)
  - Of rules (i.e., the rules of soccer and their application by referees)
  - Of existing policies and procedures (i.e., BSA, EMSA, ASA)
- Support your team
  - Participate in practices and drills. They are important for skill and team development
  - Work with the coaches to improve your and the team's skills
  - Be a team player, not a lone hero
- Play safe! Ensure that your equipment and how you play the game are safe for you and all other players in the game.
- Enjoy Soccer fully, but remember that in the end Soccer is only a game.

## Parents' Code of Conduct

Your child's coach is a volunteer giving up valuable personal time to guide your child's *recreational* activity. **The Coach is NOT a babysitter** and will not automatically assume the task of transporting your child to/from fields, or caring for your child beyond practice/game time.

Please help the Coach to better meet your child's needs:

- Avoid being a sideline coach. It confuses the players and frustrates coaches.
- Respect the coach's position as the team leader by not undermining his/her instructions to players.
- Support your child. Give praise not only for scoring, but also for doing his/her best and contributing to the team
- Treat the coach and referee with respect.
- Help your child's team and BSA whenever and wherever you can. Your support and much needed assistance make the difference between a rewarding, productive season and a mediocre, frustrating one.
- Alert, as early as possible, your child's coach or team official of your concerns
- Accept responsibility for your child's behavior at all team activities.

In case of disputes between you and your child's coach or other team officials, handle them with dignity. (You are a role model to your child and others.) If your effort to correct the situation directly with the coach or team officials fails, please contact the BSA President and 1<sup>st</sup> VP.

## Dog Policy

Dogs are not permitted to accompany their owners when their owners are viewing their child's soccer game on a town field, even if leashed.

## Smoking/eCigarettes (Vaping)/Cannabis and Alcohol

BSA is concerned about the health of our youth and young players. Smoking is not permitted around the soccer field. Those wishing to smoke are asked to be considerate and smoke in areas downwind from the field and at least 50 meters from where the players are, or the edge of the field. If the field location is governed by greater amplifying regulations, those regulations supersede the BSA By-laws.



## **Did we miss something?**

We want to hear from you if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for improving the BSA soccer program, this information booklet or our website. If you like what we are doing, please let us know that too. Please email your questions, comments and suggestions to [admin@beaumontsoccer.com](mailto:admin@beaumontsoccer.com)

# **Thank You**

Special thanks go out to all of our dedicated  
**Volunteers, Coaches, Managers, and the BSA Board**  
*We couldn't run our programs without your support!*

