



CODIAC SOCCER

Grassroots/House League

PARENT MANUAL

2017

Codiac Soccer House League Parent Manual

Thank you for enrolling your child in the 2017 summer soccer program, and welcome to the Codiac Soccer family! We are looking forward to a great season for the hundreds of players who enjoy the game of soccer with us each summer.

This manual is intended to:

- Provide you with useful information
- Inform you of Codiac Soccer policies
- Answer questions that often arise during the season

Your Contact Information

Please ensure that Codiac Soccer has your updated contact information (email, phone, and mailing address). Most correspondence will be conducted via email, so please indicate your preferred email address if you are providing more than one.

Useful Information

Weather cancellations

Games may be cancelled for two reasons: field closures and thunderstorms/dangerous weather.

Field Closures

The fields we use are owned by the City of Moncton. As such, the City has the authority to close the fields in the event of poor weather (typically heavy rain). These closures are to protect the fields from being damaged when they are excessively wet. Whenever the City of Moncton closes the CN Sportsplex soccer fields, all Codiac Soccer House League games are cancelled, including those games scheduled for play at on fields outside of the CN Sportsplex.

To check for field closures, visit the Codiac Soccer website (www.codiacsoccermoncton.com) and click the Quick Link labelled **Check for Field Closures** - this will take you to the City of Moncton webpage where field closures are posted. Please verify that the date posted on the City webpage reflects the day in question. Closures should be posted by 3:00 PM, so it is best to wait until shortly after 3:00 to ensure you are viewing the most up to date information.

It is the responsibility of the parents to check for field closures when the weather is poor; coaches are not required to contact their teams to notify them of closures.

Thunderstorms/dangerous weather

If, during play, the weather becomes dangerous due to a thunderstorm, all play will be immediately suspended. Codiac staff will sound the notice of cancellation by way of an air horn. Coaches and referees have the authority to cancel play at the first sign of a thunderstorm, and are encouraged to get players safely off the field as quickly as possible. There is no need to wait for Codiac staff to confirm cancellation of play.

If the early games are suspended due to thunderstorms, the late games are cancelled as well, even if the weather improves. Games lost due to poor weather are not rescheduled.

Team Pictures

The opportunity to purchase team and/or individual photos is provided by Crandall Studio. **All arrangements are handled by the photographer directly.** There is no requirement for parents to purchase photos if they choose not to. Any questions regarding pictures (scheduling, purchase, etc.) should be directed to Bruce at Crandall Studio at 382-6681 or bruce@crandallstudio.ca.

Holiday schedule

Regular sessions will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017, and Monday, August 7, 2017.

Uniforms

The uniform provided to your child is yours to keep; there is no need to return it at the end of the season.

Player Equipment

All players are required to wear shin guards. Cleats are not required, but it is strongly recommended that all players wear them.

Watches, jewellery, medical devices and other similar items worn or carried by a player are strictly prohibited. The final decision on whether an object worn or carried by a player is appropriate rests with the referee.

City of Moncton Code of Conduct

As we are users of the City of Moncton facilities, all those associated with Codiac Soccer (staff, players, coaches, referees, and parents) must abide by the City's Code of Conduct. A summary of the document follows:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game and practice.
- I will maintain a "Fun is No. 1" attitude, and will remind myself and all players to laugh and keep a sense of humour.
- I will treat officials, coaches, and all players with respect and avoid ridicule or sarcasm.
- I will praise all players just for participating, regardless of their athletic skills, and I will remember to look for positives with all players.
- I will remain calm when players make a mistake, and help them learn from their mistakes.
- I will remind all players not to get down on themselves when things do not go well.
- I will try not to take myself too seriously when it comes to my involvement in youth sports, reminding myself that youth sports are for children, not adults.
- I will emphasize teamwork in team sports with the players, teaching them to think "we" instead of "me."
- I will teach players by giving them a good example of sportsmanship:

Winning Without Gloating/Losing Without Complaining

It is imperative that parents/spectators conduct themselves in a proper manner. Use of profanity, verbal, or physical harassment towards officials, staff, coaches, or players, will not be permitted. I understand that failure to abide by the policy and the above code of conduct will result in the following: **First** offence: parents/spectators being asked by a league representative to stop the inappropriate behaviour; **Second** offence: parents/spectator being ejected from the game; **Third** offence: parents/spectators being banned from all league activities. I also understand that physical violence or threats of physical violence will result in an immediate and permanent ban from all league activities.

Any person in violation of any aspect of this policy is subject to a disciplinary process.

Conduct towards referees

In addition to the City of Moncton's Code of Conduct, it should be noted that Codiac Soccer has a policy of zero tolerance with regard to the abuse of referees. All referees, whether new to the system or experienced, will make calls in error, or calls that coaches and/or parents disagree with. Despite a missed call, it is expected that coaches and parents act respectfully towards the referee. Any abuse in the form of verbal or physical assault, or any attempt to intimidate or threaten the official, will be subject to disciplinary action by the Codiac Soccer Board of Directors.

Social Media Policy

Regarding the use of Web pages or Social Media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) for team communications, Codiac Soccer has adopted a series of guidelines for the security of its membership and corporate partners. Approval to publish the team site or page must be granted by the Codiac Soccer Web Administrator based on the following:

- Web pages or social media pages must not be available for viewing by the public. This includes but is not limited to the following content: team rosters, game/practice or fundraising schedules, pictures, etc.
- The administrator of the page/group must either be a member of the coaching staff or an adult (18+ years of age) designate.
- Any requests for access to the page/group must be reviewed and granted by the administrator.
- Any advertisement associated with the team/page or group can not be in direct competition with an existing corporate sponsor of Codiac Soccer Inc. and must be approved by the Codiac Soccer Web Administrator.
- Access to team web pages must be granted to the Codiac Soccer Web Administrator to ensure compliance with the above listed items.

Refund Policy

Prior to the start of the season, refunds will be granted for the amount of the registration paid **minus** a \$20.00 administration fee.

A full refund will be given if a player cannot be placed on a team.

No refund will be given if:

- a player has received a uniform and has participated in at least one session
- a player has been dismissed for disciplinary reasons
- the request is made after July 10 of the playing season

Cases will be reviewed if:

- a player is injured or has developed a medical condition
- a player has moved out of the Moncton area

Procedure

- All refund requests must be sent in writing to Codiac Soccer via email (codiacsoccer@nb.aibn.com) or by mail (55 Russ Howard Drive, Moncton, NB E1C 0L7).
- Refunds will be issued on May 31, July 5, and July 31.

Questions

For questions regarding evening play, please feel free to speak to the Codiac Soccer Staff at the fields.

You may also contact Jan Hooper at the Codiac Soccer office at codiacsoccer@nb.aibn.com or 854-0011.

Additional information can be found on our website www.codiacsoccermoncton.com.

General Updates

Codiac Soccer often posts information/updates on our website (www.codiacsoccermoncton.com), or via the social media sites Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/Codiac-Soccer) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/codiacsoccer>)

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