



2011 SENIOR MEN'S PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION



Applications to participate in the 2011 MSA Senior Men's Provincial Championship Competition must be received by the MSA Office on the attached *entry form* on or before **5:00 PM, Friday, April 15th, 2011** and must be accompanied by the non-refundable entry fee of **\$350.00**.

The following information is a synopsis of the rules and regulations which can be found in further detail at http://www.manitobasoccer.ca/events_comps/provincialcomps.html. In any absence or gap in the Provincial Championship Rules and Regulations, the Canadian Soccer Association Rules for National/Regional Competitions 2011 shall apply.

CLUB ELIGIBILITY

- The 2011 MSA Senior Men's Provincial Championship Competition is open to all MSA affiliated regular member Senior Men's Clubs. Clubs must have completed the corresponding affiliation form and paid the annual fee.
- Clubs will be required to submit their *entry form* by April 15th, 2011 with the non-refundable entry fee of \$350.00.

CLUB OFFICIAL(S) ELIGIBILITY

- The MSA Senior Men's Provincial Championship Competition requires specific coaching qualifications. Any Club not meeting the criteria may apply in writing to the MSA Provincial Championship Competition Committee for an exemption.
 - **Head Coach – Full Community Coach Certificate (Child, Youth, Senior) (CSA Rule 2.8)**
- One (1) member of the Club Officials must be the same gender as the players (**CSA Rule 4.5.1 (d)**). This Club Official cannot be a player with dual roles on the team.
- All Team Officials listed on the roster must have *Respect in Sport* certification.
- Clubs are permitted to have only 1 Club Official under the age of 18 with the intent to mentor the individual as a Coach. The individual must have previously been registered as a Club Official and request, in writing, the approval of the MSA Provincial Championship Competition Committee.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Only players registered with the Manitoba Soccer Association shall be eligible to compete in the MSA Provincial Championship Competition.
- Each player shall be either:
 - a. a Canadian citizen; or
 - b. a permanent resident (as defined by the Government of Canada); or
 - c. a refugee claimant
- The deadline for registration and transfers shall be on or before July 31st of the current season (**CSA Rule 3.4**).



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- Within the deadlines established in CSA Rule 3.4 each player shall be registered with or transferred to the Club participating in Regional or National Competition not later than seven (7) days prior to playing in any Provincial or Regional qualifying game leading to the National Competition. No team shall register new players after qualifying for the Regional or National Championship (**CSA Rule 3.5**).
- If a player is listed on a Provincial Championship Competition team roster, regardless if the player participates in any matches, the player is tied to that team for the remainder of the Provincial Championship Competition and National Competition, if the team qualifies, regardless of the registration and transfer deadlines. This shall also apply to Clubs fielding more than one team entered into any Provincial or National Championship Competition.
- A Club may have a maximum roster of 20 players and may dress all 20 per game. For the purpose of tracking players, **a Club Roster must be submitted to the MSA Office 7 days prior to the Club's first match, on the MSA Provincial Championship Competition Club Roster Form. Clubs are also required to submit a revised Club Roster if any transfers or registrations take place before the July 31st deadline.** Players and Club Officials may be listed on the Club's Official Roster while under suspension. However, they are not permitted to participate until the suspension is served.
- Under exceptional circumstances any Club participating in the MSA Provincial Championship Competition may request, in writing to the MSA Provincial Championship Competition Committee special permission to allow players to participate who might otherwise be ineligible.

DISCIPLINE

- The MSA Provincial Championship Competition Committee will deal with or arrange to deal with all discipline cases involving players and club officials. The Competition Committee, at their discretion, may refer discipline cases to the MSA Discipline Committee or their designate.
- In most cases, suspended players or club officials shall serve their suspension in the competition in which it is received for the specified number of games. However, time suspensions and suspensions from all soccer activities in any other competition shall be enforced during the MSA Provincial Championship Competition.
- Any player who receives a third caution during the MSA Provincial Championship Competition, except in his Club's final game, shall receive a one-game suspension to be served in his next MSA Provincial Championship Competition game.



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- Any player or club official who is dismissed during the MSA Provincial Championship Competition, except in his/her Club's final game, shall receive a minimum one-game suspension to be served in his/her next MSA Provincial Championship game.
- Any player or club official who is dismissed or receives his third caution in his/her final game of the MSA Provincial Championship Competition will be delegated to the MSA Discipline Committee for discipline/sanction.
- Any player or club official who is suspended during the MSA Provincial Championship Competition and is unable to serve the full length of the suspension during the MSA Provincial Championship Competition shall be required to serve the remainder of the suspension during league play.

ENTRY

The 2011 MSA Senior Men's Provincial Championship Competition will allow a maximum of 28 MSA affiliated regular member Senior Men's Clubs to participate. The MMSL shall provide the MSA with a ranking of all their Clubs prior to the commencement of the outdoor season. Of the MMSL Clubs entered, the top 11 ranked Clubs will automatically be entered into Stage 2 (Round Robin). The 12th seed shall be reserved for a Regional Club (any other MSA affiliated regular member Club not participating in the MMSL). In the event two or more Regional Clubs request participation, the MSA will arrange a playoff to determine the 12th seed. If no other Regional Club(s) request participation, the 12th seed shall be allocated to the 12th ranked MMSL Club participating in the Competition. The remaining Clubs must qualify through the MSA Provincial Championship single elimination qualification (Stage 1) with four Clubs advancing to Stage 2. All Clubs competing in the MMSL must qualify through the MMSL ranking process. All games shall be played at a venue determined by the MSA Provincial Championship Competition Committee.

FORMAT

The 2011 Provincial Championship Competition shall be divided into three stages:

- Stage 1 shall be a single elimination qualification with a possibility of two rounds.
- Stage 2 shall be a group round robin with four Clubs in four groups.
- Stage 3 shall be a single elimination playoff round beginning with the quarterfinals.

The 2011 Senior Men's Provincial Championship Competition shall use a ranking system provided by the MMSL to determine the seeding of the MMSL Clubs. The ranking system is based on the previous outdoor season final league standings which reflect the application of promotion and relegation.



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SCHEDULE

STAGE	DATE	STAGE	CLUBS INVOLVED	VENUE
STAGE 1	June 25 th , 2011	Qualification Round 1	16 Clubs	Winnipeg Soccer Complex (WSC)
	June 26 th , 2011	Qualification Round 2	Winners from previous round	Winnipeg Soccer Complex (WSC)
Draw	June 30 th , 2011	Clubs drawn into Groups	All Round Robin Clubs	TBD
STAGE 2	July 10, 2011	Group Stage - Round 1	Round Robin Clubs	Winnipeg Soccer Complex (WSC)
	July 17, 2011	Group Stage - Round 2	Round Robin Clubs	Winnipeg Soccer Complex (WSC)
	July 24, 2011	Group Stage - Round 3	Round Robin Clubs	Winnipeg Soccer Complex (WSC)
STAGE 3	August 7 th , 2011	Quarterfinals	Top two Clubs in each group	Winnipeg Soccer Complex (WSC)
	August 14 th , 2011	Semifinals	Winners from QF	Winnipeg Soccer Complex (WSC)
	August 20 th , 2011	Final	Winners from SF	Winnipeg Soccer Complex (WSC)

*The Manitoba Soccer Association reserves the right to adjust the Provincial Championship Competition format and schedule to ensure the integrity and competitive balance of the competition is maintained.

STAGE 1 | Single Elimination Qualification

Round 1

(A) 13 vs 28, (B) 14 vs 27, (C) 15 vs 26, (D) 16 vs 25 (E) 17 vs 24 (F) 18 vs 23 (G) 19 vs 22
(H) 20 vs 21

Round 2

Winner (A) vs Winner (H), Winner (B) vs Winner (G), Winner (C) vs Winner (F),
Winner (D) vs Winner (E)

STAGE 2 | Round Robin

Clubs ranked 1-8 shall be randomly drawn two per group and Clubs ranked 9-16 randomly drawn two per group. This ensures a competitive balance within the group stage. Clubs are guaranteed three games.



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STAGE 3 | Playoff Round

Upon completion of Stage 2, the top 2 Clubs in each group will advance to a single elimination playoff round to determine the Provincial Champion.

Quarterfinal

A1 vs C2

B1 vs D2

C1 vs A2

D1 vs B2

Semifinals

Winner A1/C2 vs Winner D1/B2

Winner B1/D2 vs Winner C1/A2

Final

Winner SF vs Winner SF



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2011 SENIOR MENS PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CLUB NAME: _____

TEAM COLOURS: _____ _____ _____
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ALTERNATE: _____ _____ _____
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NAME OF TEAM REPRESENTATIVE 1: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ **POSTAL CODE:** _____

HOME / CELL NUMBER: _____ **BUSINESS:** _____

ALTERNATE TEAM REPRESENTATIVE 2: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ **POSTAL CODE:** _____

HOME / CELL NUMBER: _____ **BUSINESS:** _____

All information with respect to the competition will be sent to the contacts noted above – email will be heavily relied upon.

The entry form and non-refundable entry fee of \$350 must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 15th, 2011. All information should be sent to the Manitoba Soccer Association Office at 211 Chancellor Matheson Road, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 1Z2.

We have read the entry rules and regulations and agree to all conditions therein. We hereby agree to the rules and administrative procedures of the competition. We are not entered in any other soccer activity that conflicts with the Competition schedule. We understand that all decisions of the MSA Provincial Championship Competition Committee are final and binding in as far as the competition is concerned.

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