



MANITOBA SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES



CLUB TRAVEL POLICY

STATEMENT

The Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) is committed to creating a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect, dignity and within the same rules and regulations.

The Clubs in Manitoba provide opportunities for competitions locally and also away from their city, province and country. As such, within the opportunities provided by the Club, it is expected that each Club, its representatives, coaches, players and parents will conduct themselves professionally at all times respecting the roles of each participant in the competition, particularly players under the age of majority.

Club officials, coaches, staff members and parents have a responsibility to create a sporting environment for all that is free of any perceived or real harassment and abuse.

The MSA requires that all Clubs follow this Club Travel Policy to ensure that all parties are protected from as much risk as possible.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Players, coaches, club officials must be registered with the Club and the Manitoba Soccer Association
- Clubs are responsible for the parents' conduct
- The policy applies to all ages, particularly players under the age of majority
- Coaches and administrators must abide by the policy or face strong sanctions
- Any exceptions to the policy must be approved in writing by the Club Representative on record with the MSA

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Policy is intended to protect the rights of individual participants, minimize the risk to the participants and the Club, and provide an environment free of any perceived or real harassment and abuse.

1. Players, coaches, team officials must be registered with the Manitoba Soccer Association.



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2. While the parents are not direct Members of the MSA, their conduct is the responsibility of the Club and if need be a Discipline Committee may deal with parent issues via the Club.
3. While attending any competition, where accommodations are required, the players under the age of majority may not room with any adult, regardless of that adult being a parent, coach, club official or staff members.
4. Senior players over the age of majority and who may need to room with other senior players over the age of majority may be exempt from this policy if the MSA is made aware in writing prior to the club traveling.
5. Unless the Club has a specific rule, only the players, club officials and staff members will be allowed to stay at the hotel accommodations / rooms allocated to the Club.
6. There will be no possession of, or use of, any illegal substances or performance enhancing drugs by any person involved with the Club.
7. There will be no possession of, or use of, alcohol by players under the age of majority.
8. When it involves players under the age of majority, anytime a room is visited by anyone other than the occupant(s) the door will be left ajar for viewing by the coach, manager or MSA delegate.
9. Any physical damage occurring, or cost arising from items missing in a room is the responsibility of the registered occupant(s), unless some other person(s) are proven responsible. If more than one person is sharing a room, costs will be shared equally if there is no admission of guilt.
10. Unacceptable behavior may include but not be limited to:
 - Committing any act that would be considered an offense under Federal, Provincial or Municipal laws
 - Breaking training or curfew as set by the Club
 - Unsporting behavior or conduct that is likely to bring discredit to the Club and / or the MSA
 - Acts contrary to the Club and / or MSA policies



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11. When there is an MSA Delegate assigned to the competition, the MSA Delegate, in consultation with the Club's representative, shall have the authority to take any discipline action he/she deems fit. The MSA Delegate will report any misconduct to the MSA Board of Directors, who in turn may take further action.

SANCTIONS

The disciplinary sanctions may include:

- Fines
- Removal of registration with the Manitoba Soccer Association
- Denied participation in the Manitoba Soccer Association Provincial Championship
- A player being sent home at the parent's expense
- No further representation of the Manitoba Soccer community in out of town competitions
- Or other possible sanctions deemed necessary by the Discipline Committee.

APPROVED BY: Manitoba Soccer Association Board of Directors

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