



Brantford City Soccer Club

Indoor Soccer League-Update to Policies for COVID-19



Changes to Game Rules:

- **There will be ZERO tolerance for spitting on or around the field of play/turf.** If spitting is seen by one of the match officials it is an automatic red card and send off.
- Defender and attacker **deliberate** contact is not permitted at **any time**
- The referee should **NOT** make hand contact with the ball, only the goalies should do this. Match Officials are to use their foot to pass the ball when transferring to a player
- The ball shall only be touched by the referee when it is being distributed and collected for sanitizing.
- To reduce body fluid transfer onto the ball surface the following changes have been implemented:
 - Heading of the ball is not permitted. Heading of the ball will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.
 - All drop balls will be converted to an indirect free kick for the team defending.
 - If the drop ball is inside the penalty area after hitting the Referee, the ball automatically goes to the Goalkeeper.
 - Walls for Free Kicks:
 - Deliberate contact between the defender and attacker is not permitted when creating a wall. Failure to comply will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
 - Players are responsible for retrieving out of play balls with their feet, no help from spectators may be provided to retrieve the ball or equipment.
- There will be no coin tosses instead the home team chooses the half of the field.
- No goal celebrations (incorporating physical touching) are permitted. Violations will result in: first offence-a verbal caution to the goal scorer, second offence-yellow card, and third offence-red card. If continual occurrence a yellow or red card may immediately be utilized
- Teams are permitted unlimited on-the-fly player substitutions.
- When a player is injured, Match Officials may only observe and refer assistance to the team bench.
- There will be no handshakes or high five's permitted at any time before, during or after any event.
- Parents/Guardians are considered general spectators and must adhere to social distancing rules and all other public health and safety protocols.
- Player inspections by match officials may still be completed but must be at a distance of no less than two (2) meters/six (6) feet.
- Players are permitted to wear face masks and/or gloves if they would like to do so.
- Goalie changes limited to one per game (one goalie for each half)

Changes to Game Structure:

- No half time. The referee will still blow the whistle, time will continue to roll, and play will return to the halfway line.
- No pre-game warm ups.
- One forty (40) minute game (opposed to the traditional forty-four (44) minutes and a three (3) minute half time).
- Game starts at XX:05 minutes after the hour and go for forty minutes ending at XX:45 mins after the hour.
- Players from the first game need to leave by XX:50 mins after the hour through the designated facility exit.
- Players starting the second game to enter at XX:00 and go right to field.
- Only clearly marked water bottles with the players name are permitted
- No personal bags/belongings may be brought onto the field area.

Changes to Logistics:

- Parents to receive their schedules via email. Alternatively a hard copy can be obtained in person from the office.
- Parents will need to collect their child's jersey and a hard copy of contact tracing/symptom checklist forms from the office prior to the first gam
- Coaches, spectators and staff are required to wear masks at all times. Referees are encouraged but not required to wear masks.
- There is a strict limit of one (1) spectator per player. No exceptions.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on both team benches for players to sanitize their hands in between shifts and for the referee to use at half time and in between games.
- Leagues are limited to a total of fifty (50) players and coaches.

Contact Tracing and Symptom Checklist Completion

- Prior to arrival at the Access Storage Sports Centre Parents will need to complete the following VERY BRIEF sign-in process at the following link/on the homepage of our website: <https://brantfordcitysoccer.ca/contact-tracing-attendance-submission/>
- Upon arrival BCSC staff will screen all parents/players and ask if they have completed the online sign-in process and parents will submit a hard copy of contact tracing/symptom checklist.
- Parents and players will proceed as normal if they have answered "no"
- Parents and Players will need to return to the vehicle and complete this online process using their mobile device before returning and entering the facility if they have answered "no"
- Anyone who answers "yes" will not be permitted entrance to the facility.
- Upon arrival at the facility spectators, coaches, staff and players will be required to use hand sanitizer
- Masks must be worn by all attendees at all times (with the sole exception of players), players will need to wear a mask until they enter the field area and will need to wear a mask upon exiting the field area.