



Swan City FC Handbook

Welcome to Swan City FC

Welcome to Swan City FC (SCFC), a soccer club dedicated to fostering the growth and development of soccer for children, youth, and adults in Grande Prairie, Alberta. We are thrilled to have you and/or your child as part of our community. This handbook is designed to provide you with important information about our club's policies, expectations, and guidelines.

Program Objective

SCFC is dedicated to nurturing a lifelong passion for soccer in Grande Prairie by promoting, developing, and governing both youth and adult programs. The organization emphasizes instilling valuable life skills, such as teamwork, discipline, and leadership while fostering good character, sportsmanship, and the overall well-being of all participants. Additionally, SCFC offers an Adaptive Power Soccer program to support all players, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility for all.

Philosophy of Swan City FC

Swan City FC's program is designed not only to develop athletic skills but also to enhance personal growth and social skills, instilling values that extend beyond the field.

Through soccer, we address individual qualities such as self-discipline, commitment, dedication, determination, responsibility, receptiveness, focus, emotional control, and self-confidence. Our coaching staff is dedicated to fostering these attributes in every player by setting and achieving personal development goals.

As soccer is inherently a team sport, the experience offers players the opportunity to grow their social conscience. All participants are encouraged to prioritize the team's needs over their own, fostering a sense of unity and purpose. While actual playing time may vary based on skill level, experience, and competitive context, all players are guaranteed equal attention and practice opportunities, ensuring everyone's growth and contribution to the team.

The team aspect of soccer also cultivates essential social skills, including cooperation, respect for others, leadership, trust, empathy, and the ability to make sacrifices for the collective good. By embracing this philosophy, SCFC strives to develop not only exceptional athletes but also well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to their communities both on and off the field.

Eligibility

All U4-U19 players may participate in SCFC youth programs.

Power Soccer athletes

Adults league eligibility U16 onwards.

Volunteers

Swan City FC values the dedication and support of our volunteers, who play an essential role in creating a positive, inclusive, and well-organized environment for our athletes. To ensure the smooth operation of our programs and the safety of all participants, the club has outlined the following expectations and guidelines for volunteers:

Volunteer Responsibilities

All Swan City FC volunteers, including team managers and coaches, are required to:

- Obtain and submit a clear Criminal Record Check annually as part of the club's commitment to participant safety.
- Represent the club professionally and respectfully while fostering a positive atmosphere for players and families.
- Follow the club's communication pathways to ensure efficient and transparent operations.

Role and Responsibilities of Team Manager

The team manager acts as the primary liaison between parents, coaches, and the club's directors. Their responsibilities include:

1. Communication:
 - Serve as the first point of contact for parents regarding team-related concerns, questions, or information.
 - Relay relevant information from parents to the coach as needed and maintain clear communication channels.
2. Administration:
 - Coordinate team logistics, such as practice schedules, game times, and team events.
 - Assist with the organization of travel arrangements for out-of-town tournaments, if applicable.
 - Ensure player forms and documentation are up to date.
 - Manage team fundraising, including team budget, bank accounts, and submitting fundraising requests to SCFC
3. Support:

- Support the coach in creating a positive and inclusive team environment.
- Handle team-related administrative tasks to allow the coach to focus on player development and training.

Communication Pathway

To address questions, concerns, or issues efficiently, Swan City FC has established a clear communication hierarchy:

1. Parent to Team Manager: Parents should direct their initial concerns or questions to the team manager.
2. Team Manager to Coach: If the matter requires further attention, the team manager will escalate it to the coach.
3. Coach to Technical Director (TD) or Executive Director (ED): Should the issue remain unresolved after discussion with the coach, it will be referred to the club's Technical Director (TD) or Executive Director (ED).
4. Adult league players to team representatives: if unresolved

Board representative will bring the concern to Director(s): the director can triage the concern to either the disciplinary committee or to the board for further consideration.

This pathway ensures that concerns are addressed at the appropriate level while always maintaining open and respectful communication.

Swan City FC appreciates the time, effort, and passion our volunteers bring to the club. Together, we can provide a supportive and enriching environment for all players, fostering both athletic and personal growth.

Levels of Competition

Grassroots

Grassroots soccer focuses on introducing and developing the sport at the community level, particularly among children and youth. It emphasizes creating a safe, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate environment where players can learn fundamental skills, enjoy the game, and foster a lifelong passion for soccer. Programs are designed to prioritize participation, skill-building, and fun over competition, ensuring accessibility for all. Coaches play a vital role in shaping positive experiences, and training frameworks align with long-term athlete development models to support holistic growth.

- **Grassroots teams** will ensure that all players receive equal playing time to foster a positive and inclusive development experience.

Club (Competitive and High Performance)

Competitive

Competitive Youth Players are those who have been members of our travel and competitive teams in the past or those who are looking to explore the challenges and rigours of the game with other players who enjoy a focus on soccer.

The beginning of each season is typically marked by a Player Assessment, which enables the Technical Teams to guide players into streams of play that may best benefit their development and enjoyment within the game.

Competitive teams compete in league and/or tournament play at levels determined by the technical team to challenge the group best. These competitions necessitate regular travel and additional costs associated with such.

It is essential to note that Swan city fc's constant aim and priority is to develop its players, both as individuals and athletes. This is the measure that we use to assess the success of any Competitive Team.

Competitive Team players must follow Team Itineraries concerning travel. Players and guardians must communicate with the team Manager if they plan to arrange alternative accommodation or activities. Players are required to arrive as scheduled for games.

- **Competitive teams** will also adhere to a policy of equal playing time for all players who participate in over 70% of practice time, prioritizing fair participation while promoting growth and teamwork.

High Performance

Players in the high-performance stream demonstrate a high level of understanding of the game and are part of the top performers in their age group. This stream requires a higher level of commitment, and these players are expected to attend all practices and games for the EMSA league in Edmonton.

- **High-performance teams** playing time will be at the **coach's discretion**, based on factors such as skill level, experience, and the competitive nature of the match.

While all players pay the same fees, make the same sacrifices, and receive equal practice time and attention, playing time in competitive games will vary to align with team objectives and performance goals.

Power Soccer

SCFC Share the Game Initiative: SCFC has a unique opportunity to run a volunteer program where our competitive athletes assist with our wheelchair soccer program. This is an opportunity for players to experience what adapted, inclusive sport looks like and to understand the importance of giving back to the SCFC soccer community that they have been a part of.

Power Soccer is an adapted version of soccer played by people with disabilities. Share the game is a way for all SCFC athletes to meet each other, become comfortable with helping one another, and grow a strong soccer community for all members.

Teams will be given a schedule by the SCFC Technical Director and team managers and then assigned to volunteer for their scheduled weeks.

Team managers are to ensure 2 volunteers attend. It is the whole team's responsibility to participate in the share the game volunteer initiative. It is managers responsibility to keep track of their teams shifts and attendance.

Athletes that cannot attend on an assigned night must find a player replacement and let the team managers know who is going in their place.

The Power Soccer program requires lots of help and the coach is depending on volunteers to keep practices and games running smoothly. If teams fail to attend for their assigned volunteer hours, they risk penalties charged against their team, with funds allocated directly to the Power Soccer program.

Practice Schedule

Practice schedules will be posted on the TEAMLINKT application a MINIMUM of two weeks prior to the session start date.

Practice Expectation

To ensure productive and effective training sessions, all players are expected to meet the following practice guidelines:

- **Timely Arrival:** Arrive at the practice location on time to maximize training and prepare adequately before the session begins.
- **Required Gear:** Bring all necessary soccer equipment, including cleats or turf shoes, shin guards, socks, shorts and practice jersey, and any additional training tools as communicated by the coach.
- **Hydration:** Carry an adequate supply of water to stay hydrated throughout the session.
- **Work Ethic:** Show commitment by putting forth your best effort and maintaining a positive attitude during drills and exercises.
- **Focus:** Remain attentive and engaged throughout the session, listening to instructions and actively participating in team activities.

Tournament Schedule

Tournament schedules will be posted on the TEAMLINKT application within 24 hours of SCFC receipt of the schedule.

Uniforms and Jerseys

Swan City FC will provide each player with two official game jerseys, which remain the property of the club.

- jerseys are kept with the team manager and returned to them at the end of each season.
- Jerseys are strictly for use during official games only.

Applicable players/teams are required to purchase **one pair of shorts and two pairs of socks** (white and burgundy) through **MACRON**, the official merchandise supplier for Swan City FC. The cost of the shorts and socks required will be included in the registration fees for applicable teams. Additionally, training jerseys will be available for purchase prior to the start of the summer season.

Coaching at Swan City FC

At Swan City FC, we take pride in cultivating a coaching style that emphasizes growth, teamwork, and excellence. Our coaches are committed to fostering an environment that balances discipline with encouragement, ensuring players develop both their skills on the field and their character off it.

- **Player-Centered:** Our coaching approach focuses on understanding the individual strengths and development areas of each player, tailoring strategies to help them thrive.
- **Team-Oriented:** Collaboration is key—our coaches work to build unity and trust among players, ensuring the team operates as a cohesive unit.
- **Dynamic Training:** With an emphasis on tactical awareness, technical skills, and physical conditioning, our coaches provide innovative and engaging training sessions.

Expectations Coaches at Swan City FC are expected to:

- Communicate positively and respectfully to all players, managers, parents, referees, fellow coaches, support staff and all other individuals with whom they communicate as a coach with SCFC
- Lead by example with professionalism, passion, and integrity.
- Provide clear and constructive feedback to players, helping them continuously improve.
- Develop game plans and strategies that align with the club's philosophy and values.
- Commit to ongoing learning and adaptation to stay ahead in the ever-evolving world of football.

Coaches Conduct

Our coaches are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct, including:

- Providing a safe and positive environment for all players.
- Teaching and promoting good sportsmanship and fair play.
- Communicating effectively with players and parents.
- Continuing their education and development as coaches.

Coach Assignment Process Coaches are thoughtfully assigned to teams based on their expertise, experience, and compatibility with the team's needs. This process includes:

1. **Evaluation of Coach Profiles:** Coaches are assessed for their strengths in areas such as youth development, tactical acumen, and leadership.

2. **Team Needs Assessment:** Factors such as age group, skill level, and development goals are considered to ensure the right match.
3. **Collaborative Decision-Making:** Assignments are made by the club's coaching committee in consultation with team managers, ensuring alignment with club objectives and player needs.

Junior Coaching & Assistant Coaching Program

Junior Coach Program for Ages 11–15

The Junior Coach Program offers young athletes the chance to grow as players and leaders by learning from experienced coaches while mentoring younger athletes. Participants develop key life skills like self-confidence, resilience, leadership, and problem-solving and improve their own soccer abilities through teaching others.

Program Benefits

- Receive mentorship from experienced coaches.
- Build self-confidence, courage, and resilience.
- Develop leadership and problem-solving skills.
- Improve soccer skills by mentoring younger athletes.
- Develop self-management skills by practicing punctuality, accountability, and effective preparation.
- Gain the opportunity to coach independently after age 15.
- Work with U6–U9 players, fostering their growth and love for soccer.
- Complete coach training provided by Canada Soccer and Swan City FC (ages 16+).
- Earn a certification for volunteering at the end of each season.

Expectations of Junior Coaches

- Arrive 10 minutes early, dressed in appropriate soccer gear.
- Actively engage with players and contribute to a positive, fun practice environment.
- Complete Canada Soccer's Active Start and FUNdamentals courses (\$15–20).
- Always conduct themselves respectfully.
- Notify Swan City FC staff if unable to attend a session.
- Follow the SCFC No-Cell phone policy during coaching time

How to Register

Players can register online through the Swan City FC website under the "Our Club" section.

Player Fees

The player fee includes team jerseys, tournament entry fees, ASA and NWPSA insurance, mandatory club fundraising contributions, strength and conditioning for high-performance teams, field rentals, coaches' accommodations, and team gear and/or equipment, as applicable.

However, the player fee does not cover costs such as player accommodation, transportation, travel meals, or other discretionary travel expenses.

Transportation and Accommodation

Transportation

- Parents or guardians are responsible for arranging and covering the cost of transportation to all practices, games, and tournaments.
- The club will provide clear schedules and locations to assist families in planning their travel.

Accommodation

- Team managers will organize suitable hotel accommodations for away games and tournaments.
- Parents or guardians are responsible for booking and covering the cost of these accommodations as per the arrangements made by the team managers. All players are expected to make reservations at the assigned hotel.
- All individuals are expected to maintain professionalism and respect during their stay. Damages or incidents at accommodations will be the responsibility of the individuals involved.

Travel Expectations

When representing Swan City FC during travel, players are expected to maintain professionalism, discipline, and respect always. The following guidelines ensure a successful and enjoyable experience for everyone involved:

- **Punctuality:** Arrive on time for all departures, meetings, and scheduled events. Adhering to the team's travel itinerary is essential.
- **Behaviour:** Represent the club with professionalism and respect both on and off the field. Players must abide by the club's zero-tolerance policy in all environments, including public spaces and social media.
- **Curfews:** To ensure adequate rest and focus, players must adhere to curfew times set by the coaching staff or team managers. Curfew violations will be addressed seriously.
- **Room Assignments:** Respect rooming arrangements and fellow teammates' space. Loud or disruptive behaviour is not permitted.
- **Preparation:** Bring all required gear, including uniforms, personal items, and essentials for hydration and recovery.

- Supervision: Follow instructions from coaches and team managers during travel and adhere to all club policies.

Team Expectations

At Swan City FC, we uphold respect, professionalism, and teamwork in all aspects of the club. Players, coaches, and families are expected to demonstrate these values consistently.

Players

- Treat all teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials with respect.
- Encourage teammates and contribute to a positive, supportive team environment.
- Uphold the club's zero-tolerance policy in all environments, including social media.
- Report any injuries promptly to the coaching staff.
- Follow the club's established communication pathway for addressing questions or concerns.
- Represent the club professionally during games, tournaments, and public interactions.

Play Expectations and Eligibility

To ensure a positive experience for all players, we have established the following play expectations and eligibility requirements:

- Players are expected to attend all practices and games unless excused by providing communication to the coach via TeamLinkt.
- Players must demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for others.
- Eligibility for play is based on age, skill level, and commitment to the team.

Coaches

- Treat all players, staff, and parents with respect and in a positive manner, leading by example.
- Motivate and encourage players to achieve individual and team goals.
- Maintain a professional and inclusive environment during practices and games.
- Uphold the club's values of teamwork, respect, and integrity.

Parents/Guardians

- Ensure timely transportation and update player availability on TeamLinkt as required.
- Support players and coaches by promoting a positive atmosphere during games and events.
- Treat all players, staff, opponents, and officials with respect.
- Allow the coaches to coach and refrain from interfering with coaching decisions.

- Follow the club's established communication pathway for any concerns or issues.
- Avoid posting negative comments or criticisms on social media.

Role of the Parent

Parents play a crucial role in the success of our club. We ask that parents:

- Support their child and the team in a positive manner.
- Encourage their child to attend all practices and games.
- Communicate any concerns with the coach in a respectful manner.
- Volunteer to help with team activities and events.

Code of Conduct

At Swan City FC, we expect all members, including players, parents, coaches, and volunteers, to adhere to a high standard of conduct. This includes:

- Respecting all players, coaches, referees, and spectators.
- Encouraging good sportsmanship and fair play.
- Refraining from using abusive or offensive language.
- Supporting all players, regardless of skill level.

Zero Tolerance Policy

Swan City FC has a zero-tolerance policy for any form of abuse, harassment, or discrimination. This includes:

- Physical or verbal abuse.
- Bullying or intimidation, or harassment
- Discrimination based on race, gender, religion, or any other characteristic.
- Must adhere to social media policy

Any violations of this policy will result in immediate disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion from the club.

Concussion Policy

Swan City FC is committed to prioritizing the safety and well-being of all participants by adhering to the Alberta Soccer Association's concussion guidelines. To ensure a consistent and informed approach, all coaches are **required to complete the NCCP Making Head Way Concussion Course on an annual basis.** This protocol outlines the steps for managing suspected concussions and ensuring the best possible outcomes for players.

This includes:

- Immediate removal of any player suspected of having a concussion.
- No return to play until the player has been evaluated and cleared by a medical professional.
- Following a graduated return-to-play protocol to ensure the player's safety.

Social Media Policy

Coaches, contractors, board members and support staff of SCFC are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will not discredit SCFC or the associations governing our sport. These expectations extend to social media activities.

Social media is defined as websites and mobile applications that enable users to create and share content, as well as participate in social networking. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Instagram, X, TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, YouTube, LinkedIn, Podcasts, and blogs.

As a coach, contractor, support staff member, or board member, it is essential to recognize the power of online communication and its significant impact on individuals, friends, family, teammates, and an athletic program, both immediately and in the future.

Breach of said policy will be reviewed by the disciplinary board, and appropriate action will be at the discretion of the committee and or SCFC Board of Directors.

Social Media

SCFC recognizes everyone's right to participate in social media fully. However, it maintains certain expectations for coaches, contractors, board members and support Staff. As such, please refrain from social media posts that contain any of the following:

- Sexist, racist, obscene or profane material of any kind.
- Anything that is degrading, demeaning, attacks or threatens any person, school, organization, etc.
- Cyberbullying of any kind is not appropriate.
- Any material that violates Federal, Provincial or Municipal laws, policies or rules.
- Any materials that reflect negatively on themselves, SCFC or other associations.
- Any material that violates Alberta Soccer or Canada Soccer Association rules and regulations (examples: sharing of injury statuses, sports wagering, etc.).

Referee Treatment

Referees play a vital role in ensuring the smooth and fair conduct of soccer matches. At Swan City FC, we are committed to treating referees with the utmost respect and professionalism. This includes:

- **Respecting Decisions:** All players, coaches, and parents are expected to respect the decisions made by referees, even if they disagree with them.
- **No Abuse:** Any form of abuse, whether verbal or physical, towards referees will not be tolerated. This includes shouting, swearing, or making derogatory comments.

- **Support and Encouragement:** We encourage all members to support and encourage referees, recognizing the challenging nature of their role.
- **Reporting Issues:** If there are any concerns or issues with a referee's performance, they should be reported to the team manager after the 24-hour minimum waiting period, in a respectful and constructive manner.

Volunteer Opportunities

Swan City FC thrives because of the dedication and support of our volunteers. We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities for parents and community members to get involved and make a difference. These opportunities include:

- **Coaching:** Volunteer coaches are essential to the success of our teams. Whether you have prior coaching experience or are new to coaching, we welcome your involvement.
- **Team Management:** Team managers help with organizing practices, games, and team events. They also serve as a liaison between the coach and parents.
- **Special Events:** Volunteers are needed to help with organizing and running special events, such as tournaments, fundraisers, and community outreach programs.
- **Board Membership:** Serving on the club's Board of Directors is a great way to contribute to the overall direction and success of Swan City FC.
- **Field Maintenance:** Volunteers assist with maintaining and preparing the soccer fields for practices and games.
- **Administrative Support:** Help with administrative tasks such as registration, communication, and record-keeping.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact info@swancityfc.ca for more information on how you can get involved.

Thank you for being a part of Swan City FC. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable season!

Fundraising Policy

1. All competitive and high-performance teams are eligible to fundraise solely for the opportunity to pay for development opportunities.
 - Extra tournaments, extra pitch time, guest coaches, etc.
 - Coaching fees for extra tournaments included
 - Fundraising cannot be used for
 - Team tracksuits and apparel (sponsorship from a local business not considered fundraising)
 - Player travel or accommodations to regular tournaments and EMSA matches
 - Club Registration fees
2. Team manager/coach must apply to and be approved by Fundraising committee a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of the fundraiser. Included in application
 - Description of the fundraising activity
 - Purpose of the fundraiser and the cost associated.
 - Intention for any funds over and above what is needed.
 - Contact information of the person coordinating the fundraiser.
 - Agreement to the terms that 10% of all fundraisers over \$2500 done under the Swan City name and logo go back to the club.
 - Teams must have an agreement among 75% of the team to fundraise; however, funds must be evenly distributed amongst all team members.
 - Teams taking on fundraisers must make supporters aware that the activity is in support of one team and that the club does not issue tax receipts to anyone donating for the activity.
 - Applications can be forwarded to **info@swancityfc.ca**.
3. Once approved, the team's fundraising coordinator is responsible for accurate recording of all funds and expenses. All receipts are required to be kept and submitted back to the fundraising committee within a week of the end of the fundraiser.
4. The club will not approve
 - alcohol or tobacco related fundraisers
 - Crowd funding such a GoFundMe

Swan City FC Parent Code of Conduct Contract

As a parent/guardian of a player in Swan City FC, I acknowledge that I play a key role in fostering a positive and supportive environment for my child and the team. By signing below, I confirm that I have reviewed the Swan City FC Handbook in its entirety and agree to the following commitments to ensure both my own and my child's adherence to the club's expectations:

1. I will ensure that my child and I are familiar with and committed to following the guidelines and expectations outlined in the Swan City FC Handbook.
2. I will encourage my child to maintain a high level of academic achievement.
3. I will promote and model sportsmanship at all practices, friendlies, and competitions, ensuring my child also exhibits a positive attitude.
4. I will teach my child to respect the decisions of match officials and team officials, and I will demonstrate the same respect at all times.
5. I will guide my child to communicate any concerns to their coaches respectfully and will also follow appropriate procedures if I have concerns.
6. I will ensure my child attends practices consistently to support their skill development and communicate any necessary absences with as much notice as possible.
7. I will prepare my child to come to practices and competitions ready to participate, emphasizing the importance of being physically and mentally prepared, including stretching and warming up appropriately.
8. I will encourage my child to give maximum effort at practices and competitions to foster team unity, develop their skills, and set a positive example for their peers.
9. I will help my child understand and adhere to the Alberta Soccer Association's expectations, rules, and policies, reinforcing these standards as part of their involvement in a club athletic activity.
10. I will guide my child in recognizing the privilege and responsibility of representing Swan City FC and Grande Prairie, Alberta, ensuring their behavior reflects positively on the club at all levels—local, provincial, national, and international.

Consent for Photo and Video Use

I authorize Swan City FC and its representatives to capture photos and videos of my child during practices, games, tournaments, and other club activities. I grant permission for these photos and videos to be used by Swan City FC for promotional, educational, and social media purposes. I understand that this consent is voluntary and may be revoked by providing written notice to the club.

Acknowledgment of Risk of Injury

I understand that participation in soccer involves inherent risks, including the possibility of physical injury. While Swan City FC takes reasonable precautions to provide a safe environment, I acknowledge that injuries may occur during practices, games, or other club activities. I accept responsibility for

ensuring that my child understands the importance of safety, follows instructions, and takes preventative measures, such as proper warm-ups and wearing appropriate equipment.

I agree to release and hold harmless Swan City Football Club, its members, the executive director, the technical director, all coaches, and all other of their agents, servants and or employees and agree to identify each of them from any claims, cost, suits, actions, judgment, and expenses arising from participation in club athletics.

Consent for Emergency Medical Care

In the event of an injury or emergency during a Swan City FC activity, I authorize the club and coaching staff to seek necessary medical attention for my child if I cannot be reached. I understand that reasonable efforts will be made to contact me. Still, if I am unavailable, I consent to emergency medical care being provided to my child as deemed appropriate by medical professionals.

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, I confirm that I have carefully reviewed the Swan City FC Handbook, fully understand the outlined expectations, and agree to ensure that both my child and I uphold them. Additionally, I acknowledge and consent to the provisions regarding the use of photos and videos, the risks of injury, and emergency medical care.

Parent/Guardian:

- **Printed Name:** _____
- **Team Name:** _____
- **Signature:** _____
- **Date:** _____

Swan City FC Player Contract

Player Name: _____

Team Name/Age Group: _____

Season: _____

Introduction

Being part of Swan City FC (SCFC) is a commitment to personal and athletic growth, teamwork, and respect. By signing this contract, I agree to uphold the club's values, guidelines, and expectations to contribute positively to the SCFC community.

1. Commitment to Development

- I will actively participate in practices, games, and events, arriving prepared and on time with the required soccer gear.
- I will develop self-confidence, leadership, and sportsmanship through dedication and effort, supporting both personal and team goals.

2. Sportsmanship and Teamwork

- I will treat teammates, opponents, referees, coaches, volunteers, and all SCFC staff with respect and professionalism.
- I will prioritize teamwork and unity, maintaining a supportive and encouraging team atmosphere.

3. Participation Guidelines

- **Competitive Teams:**
 - I recognize the commitment to travel and costs associated with league and tournament play.
 - I will adhere to Team Itineraries and communicate with the Team Manager about alternative arrangements when necessary.
 - To qualify for equal playing time in matches, I will participate in at least 70% of practices.
- **High-Performance Teams:**
 - I understand the higher expectations and commitment required to attend all practices and games for the EMSA league in Edmonton.
 - Playing time is at the coach's discretion, based on skill, performance goals, and match objectives.
- **Power Soccer:**
 - I will contribute to SCFC's "Share the Game" initiative by volunteering with the wheelchair soccer program.

- I will notify my Team Manager if I cannot attend a scheduled volunteer shift and arrange for a replacement.

4. Practice and Tournament Expectations

- Practice schedules will be posted on the TEAMLINKT app at least two weeks in advance, and tournament schedules within 24 hours of receipt.
- I will adhere to practice guidelines, including punctuality, preparation, hydration, and focused effort throughout training sessions.

5. Transportation and Accommodation

- I understand transportation and accommodation costs for away tournaments are the responsibility of parents or guardians.
- Team Managers will organize accommodations, and players are expected to stay at assigned hotels, maintaining professionalism during travel.

6. Uniforms and Jerseys

- I will wear SCFC-provided game jerseys exclusively for matches and return them at the season's end.
- Additional required gear (shorts, socks) will be purchased through SCFC's official supplier, and training jerseys will be available for purchase.

7. Representation and Social Media Conduct

SCFC recognizes the importance of social media participation but maintains expectations for respectful online behavior. I agree to:

- Avoid posting sexist, racist, obscene, or profane material.
- Refrain from cyberbullying, threats, or any demeaning content.
- Abstain from sharing content that reflects negatively on SCFC, Alberta Soccer, or Canada Soccer Association rules and regulations (e.g., injury statuses, sports wagering).

Any violations will be reviewed by the disciplinary board, and actions will be taken at the discretion of the SCFC Board of Directors.

8. Referee Treatment

I understand the vital role of referees and will:

- Respect their decisions, even if I disagree.
- Avoid verbal or physical abuse toward referees, including shouting or derogatory remarks.
- Support and encourage referees, recognizing the challenges they face.
- Report concerns constructively to the Team Manager after observing the 24-hour waiting period.

9. Volunteer Opportunities

SCFC thrives because of its dedicated volunteers. As part of the SCFC community, I will support and appreciate volunteer efforts, which include:

- Coaching younger athletes and fostering their development.
- Team management, organizing schedules and events, and serving as a liaison.
- Participating in special events like fundraisers and tournaments.
- Assisting with administrative tasks or field maintenance.
- Serving on the Board of Directors to guide club initiatives.

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing this contract, I agree to uphold SCFC's guidelines, values, and policies, representing the club positively in all environments. I understand disciplinary actions may result from violations.

Player Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Coach/Team Manager Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Appendix

- **ASA concussion policy.**
 - [Alberta-Soccer-Concussion-Protocol-Policy-January-22-2016-2.pdf](#)
- **Team Fundraising Application**

Team Fundraising Application

TEAM NAME	
TEAM MANGER	
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR	Name: Phone: Email:
TYPE OF FUNDRAISER	
DATE OF FUNDRAISER	
AMOUNT NEEDED TO FUNDRAISER	
PURPOSE OF FUNDS	
IF OVER \$2500, DO YOU AGREE THAT 10% OF YOUR TOTAL MUST GO TO SWAN CITY FC	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
HAVE YOU GOTTEN 75% AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE FROM YOUR TEAM	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO