



## Squamish Youth Soccer Association Uniform Policy

### **Purpose and Scope:**

The Squamish Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) is committed to maintaining a professional and cohesive appearance throughout all aspects of its operations. This uniform policy outlines the guidelines and expectations for the appropriate attire of players, staff, volunteers, coordinators, directors, officials, and anyone associated with the SYSA during games, official events, travel, and association-related activities.

### **General Guidelines:**

- All individuals representing SYSA are expected to dress in a neat, clean, and respectful manner that reflects the professionalism and values of the association.
- All individuals associated with SYSA are required to wear apparel approved by the association during games, official events, and association-related activities.
- The official uniform consists of a jersey, shorts, socks, and any additional apparel as approved by the association.
- All SYSA apparel must adhere to the official club colors, which are blue and white. Uniforms should primarily consist of these colors.
- Home jerseys should be predominantly blue, and away jerseys should be predominantly white. Goalkeepers may wear distinct colors that do not conflict with the primary team colors.
- Only sponsor logos that have been officially approved by SYSA and are applicable club-wide may be displayed on team uniforms.
- No additional sponsor logos are allowed on any part of the uniform (e.g., shorts, socks) unless explicitly approved by SYSA.
- All team uniforms and related apparel must be purchased through SYSA-approved vendors - Soccer X and Source for Sports (Squamish). Uniforms purchased from other sources will not be considered official SYSA uniforms.
- All Clothing and accessories should be free of offensive images, slogans, or symbols that contradict the association's principles.
- Uniforms should be worn as intended, without any alterations that may compromise the integrity of the uniform or promote inappropriate messages.
- Individuals are encouraged to wear clothing that is, appropriate for the weather conditions, and promotes a positive image of the association.

### **Players:**

- Players are expected to wear the official uniform provided by SYSA during all games and practices as designated by the association.
- Uniforms should be clean, in good condition, and properly fitted.
- Players are expected to maintain a professional appearance during travel to and from games, competitions, and association-related events.
- Jerseys must be tucked into shorts at all times during games. c. Players should wear appropriate shin guards and footwear that adheres to safety guidelines.

### **Staff, Volunteers, Coordinators, Directors:**

- Staff, volunteers, coordinators, and directors are expected to wear official SYSA apparel when representing the association during games, travel, events, and association-related functions
- Official SYSA apparel includes shirts, jackets, pants or other items designated by the association. c. The attire should be clean, neat, and professional, reflecting the values of SYSA.

### **Traveling:**

- Individuals representing SYSA during travel are expected to adhere to the same guidelines as mentioned above.
- Players, staff, and volunteers should wear clothing that is both comfortable and respectful, reflecting the image values of the association.

### **Association Business:**

- Attire for association meetings, conferences, and official business should be business-casual unless otherwise specified.
- Individuals should aim to present a professional and respectful image of the association.
- The dress code for association business may include business casual attire or specific SYSA branded uniforms
- Individuals representing SYSA in meetings, presentations, or official business should wear attire that reflects professionalism and the values of the association

### **Enforcement and Consequences:**

- Compliance with this uniform policy is mandatory for all individuals representing SYSA.
- Supervisors, team managers, and coordinators are responsible for ensuring that participants adhere to the policy.
- Non-compliance with the uniform policy may result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, suspension from games or events, or other appropriate measures deemed by SYSA Board of Directors.

- Decisions regarding consequences for non-compliance will be made by the SYSA management or governing body, following a fair and transparent process.

#### **Policy Review:**

- The uniform policy may be subject to periodic review and amendments by the SYSA management or governing body as necessary
- Changes to the policy will be communicated to all relevant parties in a timely manner.

#### **Communication:**

- All individuals subject to this policy will receive clear instructions and guidelines related to uniforms during orientation and at the start of each season. b. Any updates or changes to the policy will be communicated through official SYSA channels.
- By adhering to uniform policy, the Squamish Youth Soccer Association aims to create, maintain a professional and cohesive image while upholding the values of sportsmanship and respect within the community.

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