

Match Day Expectations - U12

Check your schedule before heading out to ensure the time, date and field location.

We recommend arriving 30 minutes before the game begins. This allow time to park, find your field/coach and give time for the player to warm up. Games are played at **Yankton Trail Park**. <https://www.dakotaalliancesoccer.com/field-locations>

Make sure your player has the necessary equipment

- Jersey
- Socks
- Shin guards
- Cleats (no-toe cleats)
- Ball (size 4)
- Water bottle
- Remove any jewelry ahead of time (i.e. watches, earrings, necklaces, etc.)
 - Exceptions will be made for medical and religious items

Game Expectations

The spirit of the game is to work together as a team, playing position, passing to build up play to the opponent's goal

- Matches are officiated by a US Soccer certified Referee.
- 2 x 30 min halves with a maximum 10-minute half time
- 9 vs 9
- The referee will check in both teams 5-minutes before the match start (both teams at the same time)
 - Player Check (jersey, shin guards, cleats, no jewelry)
 - Conduct pre-game team walk by (replacing handshake)
 - Call for captains and 2 game balls from each team for the coin-toss
- When the ball goes out of bounds, on a sideline, it is thrown in by the opposing team that last touched the ball.
- Score is recorded.
- Standings are recorded for the season – Champions are rewarded at the end of season
- Goalkeepers are used
- Off-sides is called
- NO BUILD-OUT LINE

Spectator Expectations

Sit a safe distance away from the touchline (sidelines), we recommend at least 15 feet. Do not sit on the goal line or behind the goal. Sit on the opposite side of the field to where the coaches/players are.

HAVE FUN! That is why we are here!

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Coaches Conduct

- Follow the Match Day Expectations for your age group
- Be familiar with the DASC Handbook for rules/procedures
- Understand the spirit of the game
- Let the referee ref
- Let the fans cheer
- Let the players play
- As a coach, your job is to celebrate the player, encourage and instruct the team.
 - Do NOT shout displeasure with a player, coach or referee
 - Set a **POSITIVE** example for your player and those around you
 - Ensure each player gets as close as possible to even playing time
 - Facilitate a **FUN** environment, this is after all a recreation league

Referee Conduct

- Follow the Match Day Expectations for the age group your officiating
- Be familiar with the DASC Handbook for rules/procedures
- Understand the spirit of the game
- Let the coach(es) coach
- Let the fans cheer
- Let the players play
- As a referee, your job is to **facilitate the game** in an efficient and safe manner
 - Do NOT shout displeasure with a player, coach or fan
 - Do set a positive example of composure and confidence
 - Be clear and concise
 - Communicate with players and coaches when necessary to explain on field decisions to help aide understanding of the call.
 - Encourage players when they are doing the right/good things
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Fan Conduct

- Follow the Match Day Expectations for your age group
- Understand the spirit of the game
- Let the referee ref
- Let the coach(es) coach
- Let the players play
- As a fan, your job is to celebrate the player, encourage the team. That is all.
 - Do NOT shout orders to your player/team
 - Do NOT shout displeasure with a player, coach or referee
 - Do set a positive example and pleasant experience for your player and those around you
 - Do cheer positively and enthusiastically for players on the field