

## **Coaches Manual-Kiwanis Diversity Cup 2025**

- This is a fun tournament, only round-robin, we will not be keeping track of the scores. The objective is to play and have fun!
- Check-in: only required on Saturday, please aim to do this at least 30 minutes before your first match. Please go to the CPS tent/Diversity Cup Trailer, this is tournament headquarters, any other issues or concerns throughout the tournament should be brought there.
  - Upon check in you should receive your food bag, water, and shinpads. Medals will be handed out on the Sunday after your last game. There will also be a map of the fields and other information at the trailer.
    - Please keep in mind this is a charity-run tournament, and we can provide each team with enough medallions for 15 players, as this is the maximum for each team. Please direct concerns or questions to the organizers at headquarters.
- Sunday: Medal ceremony is done on Sunday after your team's last game. Come to the tournament headquarters where each team will be presented their medals by a members of the community. This is a great photo opportunity for parents.
- Competition rules: Please see the rules that were handed out, remember that the referee has the final say when it comes to equipment, substitutions, and all other aspects of the game. Please always show respect to the referees, they are volunteers but are doing their best. Another reminder, these referees are human themselves, so please remember that before you criticize them, you don't have to like their calls, but you must respect them.
  - No player is permitted to wear jewellery, this includes earring, necklaces, bracelets, etc. Bobby pins or hair clips of any kind are not permitted. This is for the safety of the players and their opponents.
  - The only permitted piece of equipment are medical alert bracelets, please ensure that players are wearing them if necessary and are visible in case of emergency.
  - Any complaints should not be made to the referee but should be directed to the tournament headquarters, we will try our best to find a solution. We do not check the age of the players, we function based on the honor system, so please take concerns to headquarters.
  - Poor behavior directed towards the referees will not be tolerated.
- Weather policy: we will try to play through as much as possible; however, it is impossible for us to reschedule games.
  - Extreme heat: higher than 30°C or referee discretion. Water breaks in each half will be given and the game clock will continue to run through (the time will not be added back on).
  - Rain: unless the water begins to pool on the field we will continue to play through the rain.

- Lightning: the Canada soccer policy is the law and there are no arguments or grey areas. The policy is as follows, when a referee hears thunder, the match is to be suspended and will not continue for at least 30 minutes from the last thunder.
  - Please ensure that all players are seeking the correct shelter, vehicles, or building.
- Smoke: the air quality will be measured and monitored throughout by the committee using (<http://airquality.alberta.ca/map/>). If the air quality is at 7 at the game start time then the games will be canceled. If it is 6 or below games will remain on. Anything between 4-6 will mean that there will be 1 water break each half with the time still running. This is checked by the committee throughout the day and will be communicated to you should games be canceled.
- Banner selection: Members from the Kiwanis association and other volunteers will be walking around to evaluate and note which teams best exemplify the core values of the tournament, fair play, teamwork, leadership, and respect.
- Medical aid: There will also be an ambulance on site, please either go to them or to the headquarters if you or a player require medical attention. Any players with suspected concussions or other serious injuries should be substituted off and checked by the staff before returning to the game.
- Parking: This will be limited on Saturday more so due to the added event, please advise parents to be respectful and safe. There will be additional parking available at the Forest Lawn High-School parking lot closest to the field.