



## GAME DAY PROTOCOLS

For All Players, Families, Spectators & Coaches:

To ensure a safe, organized and enjoyable game-day experience for everyone, please review the following protocols before arriving at the fields. These requirements apply throughout the season.

- **NO JEWELRY – OF ANY KIND**
- **SOCCER CLEATS ONLY** – NO BASEBALL CLEATS/FOOTBALL CLEATS/METAL CLEATS
- **SHIN GUARDS ARE REQUIRED UNDERNEATH SOCKS FOR ALL PLAYERS** - EVEN OUR TINIEST U5 ATHLETES
- **NO ANIMALS AT THE COMPLEX** – SERVICE ANIMALS ARE RESTRICTED TO THE CONCRETE AREA OF THE COMPLEX AND NOT ON THE GRASS
- **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** – NO SMOKING – NO ALCOHOL WITHIN THE GATED AREA OF THE COMPLEX
- **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES AND SECURE ALL PERSONAL ITEMS** – WE SHARE THIS PARKING LOT WITH THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND SKATE PARK – WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS
- **BATHROOMS ARE LOCATED INSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTER**
- **NO LITTERING** - Please pick up after yourselves and leave the fields cleaner than you found them.

### PLAYER EQUIPMENT & UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- NO JEWELRY OF ANY KIND IS PERMITTED DURING GAMES.
- This includes earrings, necklaces, bracelets, rings, watches and all other jewelry.
- Earrings may NOT be covered with tape. They must be completely removed before a player may participate.
- Please do not pierce your child's ears immediately before or during the soccer season. Newly pierced earrings are still required to be removed in order to play. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- NO metal hair clips, barrettes or hair accessories containing any metal pieces are permitted.
- Players may wear rubber hair ties, scrunchies and hair ribbons that contain NO metal.
- All players must wear properly fitted shin guards during games.
- Shin guards must be worn underneath and completely covered by the player's socks.
- Players must wear soccer cleats.
- Baseball and football cleats are NOT permitted.



- Please check all equipment before leaving home to avoid a player being unable to participate.

IMPORTANT: Referees are responsible for enforcing player equipment and safety requirements. A player who does not meet these requirements will not be permitted to enter the field until the issue has been corrected.

### **TEAM & SPECTATOR SIDELINE RULES**

To keep our sidelines organized and provide adequate space for players, coaches and referees:

- For U7 and up - Players and spectators (parents/siblings/friends/families) MUST sit on opposite sides of the field.
- Players and rostered coaches ONLY are permitted on the team side of the field.
- Parents, siblings and other spectators may not sit with or behind the team bench.
- Parents and spectators must sit directly opposite their team's bench on the designated spectator side.
- Please remain an appropriate distance back from the touchline so referees have adequate room to move safely.
- Please do not sit or stand behind the goals.
- If you are not seated in the appropriate location, you will be asked to move.
- Please follow any additional instructions from referees or Fort Worth United Game Day Staff regarding sideline positioning.

### **SIDELINE CONDUCT & NOISEMAKERS**

- NO NOISEMAKERS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED.
- This includes air horns, cowbells, whistles, megaphones and similar devices.
- Please cheer positively and encourage your players!
- Spectators should never attempt to coach players from the spectator sideline.
- Please respect referees, opposing teams, coaches and other families at all times.
- Fort Worth United has ZERO TOLERANCE for referee abuse, including abuse directed toward our youth referees.

### **ANIMALS**

- NO ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE COMPLEX.
- Please leave all pets at home.
- Service animals are permitted on the concrete areas only.

### **PARKING VEHICLES & PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

- Please lock your vehicle every time you leave it.
- Do not leave valuables or personal belongings visible inside your vehicle.
- Keep phones, wallets, purses, bags, sports equipment and other personal property secured.



- Please keep track of your belongings while at the complex.
- Parking is at your own risk. Fort Worth United Soccer League is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items, broken windshields, or other damage that may occur while on the premises. Place valuables in a secure area and lock your car at all times.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

- Chisholm Trail Complex does not have any storage facilities therefore we do not have the ability to store any misplaced or lost items. Anything left behind by players, coaches, families or any spectator will be kept with our Director of Game Day Operations until the completion of our last game for the day. After the completion of our last game, any items not picked up or claimed will be left immediately outside of the fenced area of the complex. Fort Worth United is not responsible for any items left behind and we are not able to maintain a lost and found.

### **HELP US KEEP OUR FIELDS CLEAN**

These are City fields that we are fortunate to be able to use. Please help us leave the complex in excellent condition.

- Please pick up ALL trash before leaving your sideline.
- Dispose of water bottles, food wrappers, cups and other trash in the appropriate receptacles.
- Please pick up after yourself and your children.
- Coaches, please make sure your team's sideline area is clean before leaving the field.
- If you see trash near your area, please help us by picking it up.

Our goal is to leave the fields cleaner than we found them.

### **FENCES & CHILD SUPERVISION**

- DO NOT allow children to climb on any fences within the complex.
- Children should be supervised at all times.
- Please do not allow siblings to enter playing fields during games.
- Keep children away from goals, team equipment and areas where games are actively being played.
- Soccer goals should never be climbed on, hung from or used as playground equipment.

### **RESTROOMS**

- Restrooms are located INSIDE the Community Center building.
- There are ample restrooms available inside the Community Center during its operating hours.



### **IMPORTANT — SUNDAY GAMES**

The Community Center does NOT open until 1:00 PM on Sundays.

If you have a game scheduled before 1:00 PM on a Sunday, the indoor restrooms will not yet be available.

- Porta potties are available near the complex for games played prior to 1:00 PM on Sundays.
- Once the Community Center opens at 1:00 PM, families may utilize the restrooms located inside the building.

Please plan accordingly, particularly when bringing younger children to Sunday morning games.

### **PLAYER SAFETY, INJURIES & EMERGENCIES**

Please refer to Fort Worth United Soccer League's Player Safety & Emergency Procedures for complete information regarding the League's policies, procedures and responsibilities related to player injuries and emergencies.

Families should understand that:

- Fort Worth United Soccer League does not provide on-site medical personnel or medical treatment.
- The League maintains a basic first-aid kit at the complex for minor first-aid needs.
- Parents/guardians remain responsible for making decisions regarding medical care for their children.
- Coaches and League personnel should not be expected to diagnose injuries or provide medical treatment beyond basic first-aid assistance within their capabilities.
- For a serious or potentially life-threatening emergency, 911 should be called immediately.
- Parents should make sure their emergency contact information is current and that an appropriate adult is available for their child.

Please review the full Player Safety & Emergency Procedures prior to the beginning of the season.

### **RAINFOUTS/INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The City of Fort Worth governs our fields and are the ones who determine whether fields are open or closed. They will inform us of potential field closures by 8am on each respective game day. Any inclement weather decisions that occur in the middle of the game day or after games have begun for that day will be determined by our Director of Game Day Operations and/or managers of the Fort Worth United Soccer League. The City of Fort Worth does not have any lightning detection systems installed on their fields



therefore the league will utilize up to date weather applications to make an informed and safe decision for all of our players.

We rely on PlayMetrics to communicate cancellations or any weather related information. Please be sure to have your PlayMetrics email and text notifications turned on to receive alerts as soon as cancellations or delays are sent.

The Athletics Division updates the rainout line (817) 672-6714 daily to provide the status of athletic field playing conditions.

### **ARRIVAL & GAME READINESS**

- Please arrive early enough for your player to be completely dressed and ready to play before kickoff.
- Check jewelry, hair accessories, shin guards and cleats before arriving at the field.
- Players should report directly to their coach/team area upon arrival.
- Parents and spectators should proceed to the designated spectator side.
- Games must begin on time to keep the day's schedule running properly.
- Please promptly clear your team/spectator area following your game so the next teams can prepare.

### **GAME DAY QUICK CHECK:**

#### **Before You Leave Home:**

- Soccer cleats
- Shin guards
- Proper uniform
- ALL jewelry removed
- NO earrings — taped earrings are NOT allowed
- NO metal hair accessories
- Water bottle
- Pets stay home

#### **WHEN YOU ARRIVE:**

- Players & rostered coaches → TEAM SIDE
- Parents & spectators → OPPOSITE/SPECTATOR SIDE
- Sit directly opposite your team's bench
- No noisemakers
- Keep children off fences and goals
- Keep the fields clean
- Secure personal belongings and lock vehicles



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US PROTECT OUR PLAYERS & OUR FIELDS**

We appreciate every family, coach and spectator helping us take care of our facilities, support our referees and make game days a great experience for our players.