



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Can I be on the field during my child's practice?

No. For the safety of all players and in accordance with our insurance requirements, parents and spectators are not permitted on the field or inside the fenced practice area during training sessions. All Denver United FC coaches and approved staff have completed required background checks and specialized training to safely supervise players.

Do I have to pick my child up at the field after practice?

Yes. For the safety of all players, parents are expected to pick up their children promptly at the conclusion of practice.

- **Academy/Little Warriors (U10 and younger):** Parents or an authorized adult must pick up players directly at the field before leaving the facility.
- **Classic (U11 and older):** While players may walk toward the parking area, it is strongly recommended that parents meet their child at the field entrance or along the designated pathway to the parking lot.

If someone other than a parent or guardian will be picking up your child, or if you anticipate being late, please notify your coach as soon as possible via TeamSnap. Coaches will remain with players until they have been picked up, but repeated late pickups place an unnecessary burden on our volunteer coaching staff.

Are tents allowed on the Turf Field?

Yes. Stakes, spikes, or any object that penetrates the surface are strictly prohibited, regardless of weather conditions.

Pop-up tents and canopies are welcome **only when properly secured with a minimum of 40 pounds of weight on each leg** (160 pounds total for a standard four-legged canopy) in winds 20 MPH or under. Tents are prohibited whenever sustained winds exceed 20 mph or when strong wind gusts are present.

Can I coach my child from the sideline during games?

No. We ask that parents encourage all players but leave the coaching to the team's coaching staff. Hearing instructions from multiple people can be confusing for players and takes away from their development. Positive encouragement is always appreciated.

What should I do if I have concerns about my child's coach or playing time?

Please follow our **24-Hour Rule**. Wait at least 24 hours after a game or practice before contacting the coach. This allows everyone time to reflect and helps ensure conversations remain respectful and productive.

Can I speak to the referee about calls during or after a game?

No. Parents and spectators should never confront referees before, during, or after a match. If you have concerns regarding officiating, please direct them to your coach or club staff—not the referee.

What happens if practices or games are canceled due to weather?

All cancellations or schedule changes will be communicated through the club's official communication channels. Please do not assume activities are canceled because of rain or changing weather conditions until you receive official notification.

My child was injured. When can they return to soccer?

Your child may return once they can safely participate. Minor injuries that have fully resolved generally do not require medical clearance, while more serious injuries may require written clearance from a licensed healthcare provider.

What injuries require a doctor's note before returning?

Written medical clearance is required following:

- Concussions or suspected concussions
- Fractures
- Surgery
- Hospitalization
- Dislocations
- Serious ligament injuries
- Injuries requiring a brace, cast, splint, crutches, or walking boot
- Any injury or illness where a healthcare provider restricted participation

- Any incident requiring emergency medical services during a club activity
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Does my child need to be fully healthy before returning?

Yes. Players should only return when they can safely participate in training and matches without placing themselves or others at risk.

What happens if my child has a concussion?

Any player suspected of having a concussion:

- Will be removed from play immediately.
 - May not return the same day.
 - Must follow all NCYSA concussion protocols.
 - Must provide written medical clearance before returning to participation.
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Can a coach keep my child from participating?

Yes. Coaches may limit or remove a player from participation if they believe continuing to play presents a safety concern. If there is uncertainty, the Director of Coaching may also require medical clearance before a player returns.

Will my child return to full participation immediately?

Not always. Depending on the injury, based on medical recommendations and any applicable return-to-play restrictions, coaches may gradually increase a player's participation over multiple training sessions before returning to full activity.

Who is responsible for informing the club about an injury?

Parents or legal guardians are responsible for notifying the coach of any injury or illness that may affect a player's ability to safely participate.

Does Denver United FC determine whether my child is medically cleared to play?

No. Denver United FC does not diagnose injuries or determine medical fitness. The club relies on parents and licensed healthcare providers for medical clearance while reserving the right to withhold participation if there are safety concerns.

Why are these policies in place?

Our policies are designed to:

- Provide a safe environment for players and families.
- Protect our facilities and equipment.
- Support coaches and referees.
- Comply with NCYSA and facility requirements.
- Create a positive experience for everyone involved with Denver United FC.