

Indy Premier Soccer Club Turf Invitational Security & Medical Plan

Indy Premier Soccer Club and the Tournament Committee are dedicated to ensuring the safety of all players, coaches, referees, and spectators as participants in the Indy Premier Turf Invitational, and timely response to incidents requiring medical support during the tournament. Given that not every medical or security issue can be addressed or foreseen, this plan has been developed to mitigate potential issues and identify responsibilities and procedures where appropriate.

Team Responsibilities

Indy Premier and the Tournament Committee operate under the anticipation that officials from each team will aid in monitoring its players, coaches, parents, and spectators to ensure appropriate behavior and the reinforcement of a positive soccer experience. Should any player, parent or other spectator become unruly, obnoxious, physically violent, or maintain continued use of foul language, a team representative should request Field Marshal support.

Field Marshal Responsibilities

Each field or locally grouped fields will be designated to a licensed fourth official or a volunteer field marshal, who will act as official Field Marshals. All Field Marshals will be in contact with the Tournament Director, medical staff and on-site law enforcement personnel. If game-related incidents occur, Field Marshals will report the incident and request support from the Tournament Director and relevant support staff. For off-field issues, the Field Marshal will immediately report unruly individuals and/or related incidents to the Tournament Director.

Tournament Director Responsibilities

The Tournament Director has final resolution authority for all security issues. If contacted by a Field Marshal to address a security issue, the Tournament Director will attempt to resolve the issue. If unable to resolve the issue, the Tournament Director will request on-site uniformed law enforcement officer support.

Uniformed Law Enforcement Officer Responsibilities

Uniformed law enforcement officers monitor the tournament premises and are available to support security issues as required. Officers are available during the tournament operating hours. Officers will be in constant communication with Field Marshals and Tournament Committee personnel and may provide incident support if they determine their presence is warranted. If the Tournament Director requests support for a security issue, the uniformed officer will assist in resolving the issue. If the issue is unable to be resolved amicably, the uniformed officer has the authority to escort individuals from the tournament site.

Medical Personnel Support

Medical personnel, namely athletic trainers, are available on-site for the duration of the tournament operating day – prior to the first game until the conclusion of the last game of the day. Additional personnel, including emergency medical technicians, are also available to assist in providing medical attention. Medical personnel will be easily identified and stationed in a medical area, in plain view of the playing fields.

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The medical personnel are on-site to provide immediate care to players and related individuals participating in the tournament.

Field Marshals and other Tournament Committee personnel are not authorized to provide medical support and will not provide medical support under any circumstances. If medical support is required, Field Marshals and other Tournament Committee personnel will request support from the medical support staff.

Concussion Protocol

Any player receiving a blow to the head, or who is suspected of having a concussion, must be checked out by the medical personnel and be cleared before being allowed back in the game. If the medical personnel decide that a player has a suspected concussion, that player will not be allowed to go back into the game. The player card for the player suspected of having a concussion will be taken by the medical personnel and held to ensure the player does not play again until being cleared by a physician. The medical personnel will have absolute authority to decide if the player may go back into the game and there is no process to challenge decisions in the case of concussions.

Ambulance Support

Ambulance support is available and will be requested on an as-needed basis only by the onsite medical staff. Field Marshals and other Tournament Committee personnel are not authorized to request ambulance support unless specifically requested to do so by the on-site medical staff.

Questions regarding this medical support plan or the security plan, its implementation, or responsibility actions may be directed to the Tournament Director.