

# Practice, Game and Tournament Policy

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The Dallas Texans Soccer Club Austin Division (DTA) is striving to project a professional image. Every player, parent, and coach should adhere to the following policy. Disciplinary action can be taken for failure to adhere to this policy.

## Practices:

- Players must arrive at the field prior to the scheduled practice time.
- Players must follow the Uniform Policy for practices.
- Players must come with a properly inflated soccer ball.
- Players must wear shin-guards.
- Players must notify the coach in advance if the player is arriving late or leaving early.
- Players must notify the coach in advance if the player will miss practice. Practices must be made up with another team as directed by the coach.
- Parents are not allowed to step on the field to talk to the coach or the players. In case of emergency, parents must talk to the manager to summon the coach to the sideline.
- Parents must make an appointment with the coach if a conference is requested. Conferences must be held before or after practice, or some other free time of the coach.

## Games and Local Tournaments:

- Players must arrive at the game field at least 45 minutes prior to game time.
- Players must follow the Uniform Policy for games and tournaments.
- Players must only warm up with their team mates and coaches.
- Players can only be instructed by the assigned coach or other designated club coach during a game.
- Players must notify the coach in advance if the player is arriving late.
- Players must notify the coach in advance if the player will miss a game.
- Any involvement of a parent with their player during a game has to be designated by the coach (injuries, water breaks, etc.).
- Parents should not coach from the sidelines. Their role is strictly encouragement.
- Parents and coaches should not make any comments to game officials.
- Parents are not allowed to approach the coach after a game. Parents must make an appointment with the coach if a conference is requested regarding playing time, playing position, etc.
- Every coach, player, and parent must behave according to STYSA, association, and tournament rules.

## Out of Town Tournaments:

- An itinerary should be given to all players and parents by the team manager before departure to any out of town tournament.
- Players and parents must follow the itinerary and players must observe curfew hours.
- Players are strongly encouraged to travel, lodge and dine together as a team as much as is reasonably possible.
- If a team is still playing in a tournament, players are required to meet at a designated area at a designated time as specified by the coach or manager to do any team related activity such as meals, walks, etc.
- Teams will travel from the hotel to the fields and back together as much as is reasonably possible.
- Players must be dressed uniformly when departing to the games.
- Use of the swimming pool, Jacuzzi, exercise equipment, or the like must only be done with permission of the coach.
- Players leaving the hotel with their parents or other designated adult(s) should notify the coach.
- The coach must know the whereabouts of all players at all times.
- For U11 – U13 teams, the players have the option of staying with their own parents or other designated adult(s).
- For U14 – U18, the players must room together if required by the coach.
- Coaches, players, and parents must follow the rules of the hotel in which they are staying.
- Players are not allowed to run around in the hotel, play soccer in hallways, or walk around barefoot or shirtless.
- If the tournament has both male and female teams, casual association during free time will be allowed in public areas. Absolutely no player will enter the rooms of players of the opposite sex.
- If a conference is necessary between a coach and an individual player, it must be done in the lobby of the hotel. If a more private area is required, it must be done in the presence of another coach, a team manager or the parent(s) of the player or other designated adult(s).

In order to preserve and respect our professional reputation, it is the strict policy of the Dallas Texans Soccer Club Austin Division that no person challenge, protest or file any complaint (written or verbal) against any soccer officials without express permission from the team Coach. All rules under STYSA, WDDOA, Western District, or CAYSA must be followed in order to lodge a proper protest. All disputes must be approved by the appropriate DTA Director of Coaching before being submitted to the appropriate review board.