

# Match Day Expectations - U5, U6, U7 and U8

## **Check your schedule before heading out to ensure the time, date and field location.**

We recommend arriving 20 minutes before the game begins. This allow time to park, find your field/coach and give time for the player to warm up. <https://www.dakotaalliancesoccer.com/field-locations>

U5/U6 - Spencer Park

U7/U8 – Tomar Park or Yankton Trail

## **Make sure your player has the necessary equipment**

- Jersey
- Socks
- Shin guards
- Cleats (no-toe cleats)
- Ball (size 3)
- Water bottle
- Remove any jewelry ahead of time (i.e. watches, earrings, necklaces, etc.)
  - Exceptions will be made for medical and religious items

## **Game Expectations**

- Matches are timed and officiated by the coaches/representatives of each team.
- When the ball goes out of bounds, on a sideline, it is kicked in by the opposing team that last touched the ball (no throw-ins).
- Score is not recorded.
- No goalkeepers.
- The spirit of the game is to run after and dribble the ball towards the opposing team's goal.

### U5/U6

- 3 vs 3
- 4 x 8 min. Quarters - 2 min. break after 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 min break after 2<sup>nd</sup>

### U7/U8

- 4 vs 4
- 2 X 20 min. halves – 5 min. half time

## **Spectator Expectations**

Sit a safe distance away from the touchline (sidelines), we recommend at least 15 feet. Do not sit on the goal line or behind the goal. Sit on the opposite side of the field to where the coaches/players are.

HAVE FUN! That is why we are here!

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## Coaches Conduct

- Follow the Match Day Expectations for your age group
- Be familiar with the DASC Handbook for rules/procedures
- Understand the spirit of the game
- Let the referee ref
- Let the fans cheer
- Let the players play
- As a coach, your job is to celebrate the player, encourage and instruct the team.
  - Do NOT shout displeasure with a player, coach or referee
  - Set a **POSITIVE** example for your player and those around you
  - Ensure each player gets as close as possible to even playing time
  - Facilitate a **FUN** environment, this is after all a recreation league

## Referee Conduct

- Follow the Match Day Expectations for the age group your officiating
- Be familiar with the DASC Handbook for rules/procedures
- Understand the spirit of the game
- Let the coaches coach
- Let the fans cheer
- Let the players play
- As a referee, your job is to **facilitate the game** in an efficient and safe manner
  - Do NOT shout displeasure with a player, coach or fan
  - Do set a positive example of composure and confidence
  - Be clear and concise
  - Communicate with players and coaches when necessary to explain on field decisions to help aide understanding of the call.
  - Encourage players when they are doing the right/good things
  - Facilitate a **FUN** environment, this is after all a recreation league

## Fan Conduct

- Follow the Match Day Expectations for your age group
- Understand the spirit of the game
- Let the referee ref
- Let the coach(es) coach
- Let the players play
- As a fan, your job is to celebrate the player, encourage the team. That is all.
  - Do NOT shout orders to your player/team
  - Do NOT shout displeasure with a player, coach or referee
  - Do set a positive example and pleasant experience for your player and those around you
  - Do cheer positively and enthusiastically for players on the field