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RE: Club Development Centre protocol for PRACTICES @ École des Sources

To the parents of DSC's U04 to U10 athletes,

With the season underway, we will be adjusting and reinforcing certain protocols.

- For CDC training sessions, parents and spectators are asked to remain in the stands and not walk around the field nor stand behind any goal nets. Lawn chairs are only permitted in the area beside the stands, not on the artificial turf. Parents also need to keep their other children away from the practice field. Players, staff, and the program cannot be distracted. Although we realize that most parents do stay in the stands, we have also had some parents who were walking around the playing area, talking to players during sessions, and playing on the field with their other children. These are all situations that cannot happen when being evaluated on a structured development program like the CDC-REC. It is important to know that evaluators from Soccer Canada and Soccer Quebec will be attending our sessions to evaluate them and they are looking for a certain professionalism around the setup; like how we had it in the past. It is important for the club to maintain its soccer license. The CDC is a safe, fun, learning and development program and the sessions need to look structured and professional.
- Players, parents, and spectators will enter the field from the entrance gates closest to Lake Road: BOYS from the entrance closest to the parking, and GIRLS from the opposite entrance closest to Centennial Park.
- Players must wear their full uniform to every soccer session and bring: a water bottle with name clearly marked, soccer cleats and shin pads.
- When games begin, parents are encouraged to stay in the stands and should encourage the children while not giving tactical or soccer-based instructions that can be contradictory to what we are trying to do as a club at this age. Although the coaches give players simple, general, and basic instructions at this age, players also need to be able to explore and make their own decisions without being constantly instructed on what to do.

The DSC Technical Team thanks you for your understanding and cooperation.

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