

## Match Day Expectations - U9 and U10

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

We recommend arriving 25 minutes before the game begins. This allow time to park, find your field/coach and give time for the player to warm up. Games are played at **Yankton Trail Park**.

<https://www.dakotaalliancesoccer.com/field-locations>

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

- Jersey
- Socks
- Shin guards
- Cleats (no-toe cleats)
- Ball (size 4)
- 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 officiated by a US Soccer certified Referee.
- 2 x 25 min halves with a maximum 5-minute half time.
- 7 vs 7
- The referee will check in both teams 5-minutes before the match start (both teams at the same time)
  - Player Check (jersey, shin guards, cleats, no jewelry)
  - Conduct pre-game team walk by (replacing handshake)
  - Call for captains and 2 game balls from each team for the coin-toss
- When the ball goes out of bounds, on a sideline, it is thrown in by the opposing team that last touched the ball.
- Score is recorded.
- Goalkeepers are used.
- Offsides
  - U9 - No offsides but players that are deep within the opponent's end will be encouraged to remain even with the ball.
  - U10 – Offsides is called
- No heading
- Goalkeeper cannot punt the ball - must throw or roll the ball out.
- Build-out line – USSoccer is now mandating a build-out line. For DASC the build-out line will be the **halfway line**.
  - When the GK has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal-kick, the opposing team must move behind the build-out line until the ball is put into play.
  - Once the opposing team is behind the build-out line the GK can pass, throw, or roll the ball into play. The GK does not have to wait until the opposing team is behind the build-out line, they can start a quick counterattack if the situation presents itself.
  - After the ball is put into play by the GK AND received, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.
- The spirit of the game is to start working together as a team, playing possession, and dribbling the ball towards the opponent's goal.

### **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 coach(es) 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
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### 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