

## **East St. Paul Community Club SOCCER FAQs:**

### **1. Can I make a request for my child to play on a team with a friend?**

Player requests will now only be granted to parents who are currently volunteering in the soccer program. We do ask that friend requests include no more than two other friends that a player would like to be placed with on a team. Please email the soccer director at [SoccerDirector@espcc.ca](mailto:SoccerDirector@espcc.ca) to make this request.

For all U9-18 players, please visit the FC Northwest (FCNW) website to review the district policy. It can be found under the recreational tab – FAQ's. Website address is below.

### **2. Can I make a request for my child to play on a team that is older or can I “age-advance” my child?**

Please email the soccer director at [SoccerDirector@espcc.ca](mailto:SoccerDirector@espcc.ca) to make this request. We will do our best to accommodate the request, but based on player numbers, total number of teams and/or transfers (if applicable) we may not be able to fulfill any or all requests. Do NOT register according to the year or age group the player wants to play. All registrations are first processed according to birth year. As well, for all U9+ players, please visit the FCNW website to review the district policy. It can be found under the recreational tab – FAQ's. Website address is below.

### **3. My child has medical considerations. Who should I tell?**

Please email this information to the appropriate soccer convener in advance if possible (especially if it affects or will help with team placement); otherwise, please advise your child's coach ASAP. For all East St. Paul CC teams, players complete an information document within the first few days of the season, so please add that information to the form as well. All soccer convener emails can be found on the main soccer information page.

### **4. In what age group will my child play or in what age group do I register my child?**

The age group your child will play is determined by the BIRTH YEAR. Please note that this may be different than the age they are currently or are at the time of registration. For example, if your child is currently ten years old, but has a birthday sometime within the current calendar year, then the age group would be U11 (not U10).

### **5. What days/times are practices and games played and where are the**

## **practices and games held?**

### OUTDOOR SOCCER:

U4 – U12 – please see review the information off the soccer home page under “East St. Paul Outdoor Soccer” for these details. Game locations are subject to the number of teams and field availability.

U13 – U18 - The Winnipeg Youth Soccer (WYSA) (U13+) website list general information for days of play, but field availability and number of teams in each age group heavily affect these details. Typically ODD numbered age groups play Tuesday, Thursday and/or Sunday and EVEN numbered age groups play Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday. Game locations and game times cannot be determined in advance of the season starting. Practice details are set by the coaching staff once teams are formed so cannot be determined in advance of registration.

For all U9-U18 players, please visit the FCNW website to review the district policy. It can be found under the recreational tab – FAQ’s. Website address is below.

### INDOOR SOCCER:

U4 – U6 – there is currently no league for these age groups

U7 – U8 – there are currently two leagues for these age groups running at Gateway CC and Garden City CC. Please visit their website for more information. Website addresses are below.

U9 – U18 – There are NO set days and times of play for the indoor season as the schedule is entirely formed around the number of teams and facility availability and determined by WYSA. Please visit the website for more information. Website address is below. Practice session details are set by the coaching staff and ESPCC in conjunction with River East Transcona School Division (RETSD) and cannot be determined in advance of registration.

## **6. What is the process if I register my child late or past the regular registration period?**

**For all players** - your child is important and we do want them to play as soon as possible, but we do have an obligation to the parents, players and coaches who have registered on time to complete the necessary administration work to get them organized and/or playing. **It can take up to two weeks** to process a late registration.

### **Important notes for all U4 – U18 late registrations:**

\*Players cannot participate with a team (practices, games, etc.) until the coach has confirmed them on a team roster.

\*Player requests cannot be made at this time – this includes requests for placement with other teams or transfers to other teams/districts.

\*Players may not be placed with an ESPCC team or be transferred to the same team as any of the other ESPCC players (if applicable).

### **7. Is there a refund policy, and if so, what is it?**

The ESPCC refund policy is outlined on the ESPCC website and is as follows: registration fees will be refunded to any player who has registered and then subsequently decided not to play or was unable to play. These fees will be refunded on the following basis:

1. A \$25.00 administration fee will be deducted from the refund amount. \*
2. Any costs incurred by the player will be deducted. These costs include fees for tryouts or clinics.
3. A pro-rated amount will be deducted for any games the player has played. This pro-rated amount is based on the registration fee minus the above items.
4. The refund amount must also take into consideration any discounted rates paid.
5. Once **the team** has played 3 games no refund will be issued. \*\*

\*\*There will be NO EXCEPTIONS and note that the policy says games played by the team, not games played by the player.

### **8. I want to volunteer with a team. What should I do?**

THANK YOU!!! If you want to volunteer with a team then please indicate that on your child's registration when you register. The online system will prompt you for this information so please watch for it. If you aren't sure that it was received, want to add information or have a request to volunteer with another person, then please email the appropriate soccer convener or soccer director. These contacts can be found on the main soccer information page. If you are volunteering to coach a U4 – U8 team you may also want to review the "U4 – U8 Co-coach Approach" document found on the soccer home page.

**I want to volunteer with a team. Are there requirements, and if so, what are**

**they?**

Yes, there are items we need completed in order to volunteer with a team. These are put in place for the safety of everyone. The requirements are outlined by WYSA and FCNW and are as follows:

1). Obtain and produce a clear criminal record check – ALL volunteers□

\*ESPCC volunteers must obtain a letter from their soccer convener in advance of the application and any cost is covered as long as the check is clear.

2). Obtain and produce a clear child abuse registry check – ALL volunteers

\*ESPCC volunteers must obtain an application from their soccer convener or the FCNW district administrator and any costs are covered as long as the checks are clear.

3). Complete and obtain the Respect in Sport certification – ALL volunteers□

\*Note that this is a quick online course that must be completed by the start of the season. Please email the soccer convener for more information.

4). Complete and obtain the appropriate coaching certification – coaching volunteers ONLY□

\*This cost is reimbursed once the course is completed and the coach is confirmed as being placed with an ESPCC team. The receipt is given to the ESPCC manager.

**9. Why am I asked to attend a coaching clinic for certification?**

Coaching clinics are a required to improve the overall aspect of the coaching experience.

-Designed for each stage of soccer

-Teach age appropriate development, technique and skill building activities

-Provide fun, age appropriate and safe practice session outlines

**10. I still have questions about soccer. Who should I contact?**

It's best to try and contact the soccer convener for your child's age group, but if you are not sure who that may be then please email the soccer director. These email contacts are listed on the main soccer information page.

**11. Website contacts:**

Gateway CC – [www.gatewayrec.com](http://www.gatewayrec.com)  
Garden City CC – [www.gardencitycc.com](http://www.gardencitycc.com)  
District – FCNW – [www.fcnorthwest.com](http://www.fcnorthwest.com)  
City – WYSA – [www.winnipegyouthsoccer.com](http://www.winnipegyouthsoccer.com)  
Provincial – MSA – [www.manitobasoccer.ca](http://www.manitobasoccer.ca)

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