

Because the soccer season will begin before we know it, we would like to take this opportunity to review the Club's Game Cancellation Policy. We will also address issues relating to field practice and field reservations.



The Fort Collins Soccer Club contracts with the City of Fort Collins, Poudre School District and First Christian Church for the use of their fields on Saturdays and Sundays for league games. The Club has the exclusive use of the fields during these times subject to the rental agreement with the owners of the fields.

GAME CANCELLATION

The owners of the fields may close their fields if they feel that the conditions are not suitable for use, forcing the Club to cancel games; that is a decision over which the Fort Collins Soccer Club has no control. If fields are closed we must honor the decision, or risk losing our access to and use of the fields.

The weather in Colorado is well known for changing very quickly and very dramatically, especially in the spring. Cancellations will be

announced on our Web site, Channel 9 News and local radio stations KUAD 99.1 FM and KTRR 102.5 FM, as soon as a decision can be made regarding the field conditions. We will also put a message on the answering machine at the soccer office. If you do not hear of the cancellation on the television, radio or the answering machine, then you should go to the field for your game at the scheduled time. If conditions deteriorate prior to or during the game, it is the referee's responsibility to suspend and/or terminate the game. The decision to suspend or terminate shall be based on an evaluation of the conditions and the danger to the participants and/or potential for damage to the field. ***DO NOT attempt to play games on days when cancellations have been announced.***

Due to the difficulties of rescheduling upwards of 150 games during the week, and in conformance with our policy of not guaranteeing a set number of games, the Club will not schedule makeup games in the Youth Developmental League due to cancellations of any nature. We do encourage coaches to make arrangements with their opponents to

play during the week in lieu of one of their scheduled practices.



With the growth of the Fort Collins community and the increasing demand for recreation, the City's resources have been severely impacted. It is not just the increase in the existing sports, but the addition of several new sports, i.e. lacrosse and field hockey, as well as the expansion of the parochial school demands for fields for practice and games.

Beginning with the Fall 1998 season, the City of Fort Collins instituted a new policy regarding the reservation of fields. The policy allows anyone to reserve a field or facility for a fee. In order to reserve a field, you must contact the City of Fort Collins Recreation Division – Sports, which is located at 413 South Bryan Avenue (221-6383).

The most significant impact of this policy has been on weekday practice space. With nearly 400 youth developmental and advanced and adult recreational teams participating each season, the Fort Collins Soccer Club has not reserved practice space for any team. It is the policy of the Club to use

the priority of "first come, first served" for the use of practice space and to encourage coaches to work together to share the practice space.

The City of Fort Collins has assured us that they will provide a certain number of fields for "drop in use". That is, the fields will be available according to "first come, first served"; the City will make a list of these fields available. The FCSC strongly encourages its teams to refrain from reserving and monopolizing the limited number of fields that are available.

Because a single team does not need an entire field to train on, the Fort Collins Soccer Club strongly advises coaches to work together to share the available field space for practice. The reservation of fields should only be done in limited situations such as informal scrimmages or games and then with more than one team.



We can accomplish much more working together; our ultimate goal is the good of the game for all participants. With this in mind it is even more critical than ever that we aggressively pursue our soccer complex.

