



## **Field & Equipment Policy**

### SSUFC Guidelines regarding club fields are as follows:

- Soccer Field grass will be mowed by the Town of Saugeen Shores on a weekly basis to maintain a proper grass length.
- Field lines will be painted to adhere to the field size standards for each match format
- Fields will be rolled prior to the season to minimize uneven surfaces
- Coaches, Convenors or Club Representatives are to report field safety or quality issues to the Board.
- Players are to refrain from intentionally damaging or digging into soccer fields, or any act that may damage the even playing surface.

### Guidelines regarding soccer goals are as follows:

- Any SSUFC owned portable goals will adhere to the goal Canada Soccer size standards for each match format
- Goals must be anchored or weighted properly when in use
- Netting must be secured by plastic hooks/pegs to the post and ground
- Under no circumstances should children or adults be allowed to climb on the goal structures or netting.

### Guidelines regarding soccer balls are as follows:

- Coaches will receive a set of balls at the beginning of the season that adheres to the ball size standards for each match format
- Coaches will receive a ball pump, or access to shed ball pump to ensure that all balls are kept in working order
- Soccer balls will be replaced if they are damaged or have lost their water resistant qualities.

### Request for Equipment:

- Requests for new or replacement soccer equipment for gameplay or training are to be submitted in writing to Equipment-Uniform Manager , [equipment@ssunitedfc.com](mailto:equipment@ssunitedfc.com)

### References:

[Canada Soccer Grassroot Standards](#)

[Canada Soccer Guide to Safety](#)



**Field and Area Safety Inspection Guide:**

- Inspect for foreign objects such as stones, glass, etc.
- Check field for holes, depressions, torn sections (if artificial turf), etc. Notify the club of unsafe field conditions in writing. Keep a copy for your records.
- Make sure sprinkler heads are seated.
- Make sure water drains beyond the touch line are marked for player awareness.
- Observe 3' restraining line from the touch line. Area must be obstruction free, except for coaches.
- Review fencing. No climbing to retrieve balls.
- Check bleachers/players benches for safety. Make spectators aware of bleachers that may not be safe.
- Inspect the condition of and access to locker rooms, restrooms and portable toilets.
- Survey parking lots, concessions and vendors areas for any obvious hazards. Make spectators and players aware of any hazardous conditions; and notify the club of unsafe conditions in writing as soon as practical.
- Ensure that all parents are present and know of procedures in case of a safety concern that is weather related