

Douglas Soccer Club Operational Plan

Guidelines for Safe & Fun Play

1. Preamble

Welcome to the Douglas Soccer Club. We are a “for fun” club designed for children to enjoy soccer with their friends and neighbours. The guidelines provided in this document are in an effort to follow the guidance of New Brunswick public health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The health and safety of all participants, volunteers and families is our aim while providing a fun environment for children to enjoy the game of soccer.

2. Operational Period

This document shall remain in effect for the duration of the soccer season of 2021, providing New Brunswick’s Zone 3 remains on track to establish stage 1 of the Green phase of COVID-19 recovery.

3. Sources

The Douglas Soccer Club’s operational plan has been established in consultation with the Government of New Brunswick’s Guidance under the mandatory order and state of emergency. Alongside that, the operational plan is formed by existing policies of Douglas Soccer Club and in conjunction with SportNB documentation.

While other sources of information are appreciated, exclusive consideration and decisions will be made in light of the above mentioned sources.

4. Risk Assessment and Mitigation

Taking into account the inherent risks with a casual children’s soccer club, the following precautions will be taken into account to mitigate potential COVID-19 related issues:

- No more than 15 children per team (masks required when off the field).
- Parents are required to complete self screening of themselves and child prior to coming to the field.
- Teams only play once a week.
- Parents are to wear masks at all times,
- When children and coaches are on the field masks may be removed.
- No use of hands and “headers” during play.
- Parents are to remain socially distanced from other parents outside their bubble.
- Only one (1) parent per child at the field
- A coach volunteer will be responsible for the soccer equipment for their own team.
- The playing area will be divided into four fields (Royal Road School) two fields (Estey’s Bridge) - teams in these fields are not to interact with one another except for the team they are playing.
- Once the playing time is over parents and players are to return to their own vehicles.