PLAYER ATTENDANCE

1. Purpose

Squamish United FC recognizes that consistent training attendance is important for individual player development, team cohesion and the overall training environment. Players and families are expected to make a reasonable commitment to their scheduled training sessions.

2. Attendance expectations

All players are expected to:

- Attend scheduled training sessions regularly and arrive on time.
- Be prepared and ready to participate at the scheduled start time.
- Prioritize team training commitments where reasonably possible.
- Communicate planned absences to their coach in advance.
- Provide notice as soon as possible for unexpected absences due to illness, injury or other circumstances.
- Make every reasonable effort to attend training during the season.

3. Absences

SQUFC understands that players may occasionally miss training due to illness, injury, school commitments, family circumstances or other unavoidable situations.

- Illness or injury: Players should not attend if they are unwell or unable to safely participate.
- School commitments: School-related activities and important academic responsibilities are understood and respected.
- Family commitments: Families should communicate planned absences in advance wherever possible.

- Other commitments: Players and families should consider their football commitments when planning additional activities.

4. Communication

- Parents or guardians should notify the coach of any planned absence.
- Unexpected absences should be communicated as soon as reasonably possible.
- Players should take increasing responsibility for communicating their availability as they get older.
- Coaches should maintain an accurate record of player attendance.

5. Attendance and player development

Consistent attendance supports a player's ability to learn, progress and contribute to the team environment.

Repeated or prolonged absences may impact:

- Individual player development and progression.
- Understanding of team principles and playing style.
- Team preparation and cohesion.
- Opportunities for match participation, where appropriate.

Coaches may consider training attendance, commitment and preparation when making decisions around match participation and team selection. These decisions should always consider individual circumstances and the player's overall development.

6. Repeated absences

Where a player demonstrates a pattern of inconsistent attendance, the coach may:

1. Speak with the player and family to understand the circumstances.
2. Discuss expectations and identify any support required.
3. Establish an appropriate plan to improve attendance.

4. Involve the technical lead or club staff if concerns continue.

7. Club philosophy

SQUFC believes that commitment, consistency and accountability are important parts of player development.

We also recognize that football is one part of a player's life, and that family, school, health and personal wellbeing must be respected.

Our expectation is that players make a genuine commitment to their team, communicate openly and attend training consistently.

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