



CALGARY WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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NEW PLAYER TRIAL POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of the New Player Trial Policy is to assist new and returning players in finding a team and division that is an appropriate fit for their skill level, playing expectations, and overall experience.

Players entering or re-entering the league may not always know which team or division best matches their abilities, and teams may have limited information when welcoming new players. This policy provides a limited trial period that allows both players and teams the opportunity to evaluate whether the placement is the right fit.

Process

Eligible players may join a team and determine whether the placement is the right fit during their first two (2) league games with that team.

If a player or team determines that the placement is not the right fit, either party may request that the player be removed from the team by submitting a request to the CWSA office, provided the player has not participated in more than two (2) league games with that team.

Following the removal, the player may seek placement with another team.

Eligibility

A player is eligible to participate in the New Player Trial Policy if they:

- have never previously participated in the CWSA; or
- have not participated in the CWSA for at least twelve (12) months.

Exceptions to the twelve (12) month requirement may be considered where the CWSA determines that participation in the New Player Trial Policy would support appropriate player placement and continued participation in the league.

Policy Conditions

The following conditions apply when a player uses the New Player Trial Policy:

- The standard transfer fee is waived.
- No transfer or removal form is required.
- A player may use this policy a maximum of two (2) times in a season.
- The thirty (30) day waiting period between transfers is waived.
- Transfers completed under this policy do not count toward the maximum number of players permitted to transfer to or from a team in a season.
- This policy may not be used after the applicable season transfer deadline.

All other CWSA rules, deadlines, and team obligations continue to apply.

Team Equipment

A team may delay approval of a removal under this policy until any team equipment or property belonging to the team has been returned.

Any financial arrangements between a player and team, including team fees, are the responsibility of the player and team. CWSA will not determine or enforce refunds of team fees.

Administration

CWSA may review any request made under the New Player Trial Policy and may deny a request where it determines that the policy requirements have not been met or that the policy is being used outside of its intended purpose.