



## **DOWNTOWN SOCCER TORONTO ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Downtown Soccer Toronto (DST) expects that each Playing Member will attend each scheduled game for his or her respective team. Reference should be made to 'DST By-Laws of the League', Categories of Membership and Members in Good Standing, which states that members should commit to playing the entire season and that to be considered in 'good standing' a member must not be under league sanctions (Sections 4.5 and 4.8.3).

Players are expected to declare any absences at least one week in advance. Absences may be declared by means of e-mail or telephone to the Team Leader (captain, co-captain). Undeclared absences are discouraged. An absence is considered undeclared if it has not been communicated with the Team Leader (captain-co-captain) before the start of game play. An unplanned absence is an absence with very short notice given (less than one week).

- Two consecutive unplanned absences may be cause for review of a player's membership status by the Executive.
- Three undeclared absences over the course of the season are grounds for forfeit of a player's membership.

Occasional Players who deviate from their predetermined schedule may be subject to review at the discretion of his or her team leader (captain, co-captain).

Non-playing members do not face censure based on attendance.

Players abiding by disciplinary action set forth in the DST Disciplinary Policy will not also be penalized under the DST Attendance Policy.

### **Lateness**

Players are expected to arrive in time to fully dress (uniform and protective gear), warm up and start with the team. Team Leaders (captains, co-captains) may deny entry to the field of play to players who arrive late.

### **Role of Executive**

The Executive will enforce this Attendance Policy. Team Leaders (captains, co-captains) will be responsible for reporting all infractions. The Membership Coordinator will send out an email to the player and their Team Leader (captain, co-captain) informing them of the review and will attach a copy of this policy for their reference.