



## **DOWNTOWN SOCCER TORONTO TEAM GOVERNANCE POLICY**

Downtown Soccer Toronto (DST) encourages athletes of all different skill levels to learn, practice and play the sport of soccer through our LGBT supportive organization. All persons considered Members, as defined by By-Law 4.1, are expected to uphold the standards set by various league policies, while fostering camaraderie and sportsmanship.

In order to provide the best possible experience for all persons, the important position of Team Leader has been established. Team Leaders are a crucial aspect of the DST and an integral part of the soccer experience. Team Leaders, often referred to as Team Captains, are the liaison between their Team and the Executive, facilitators of league directives and providers of a positive soccer experience. As a result of their ambassadorship, Team Leaders are held to a higher standard than the general membership, especially in terms of, but not limited to, the objective of the Disciplinary Policy.

Each Team will elect two Co-Leaders by the end of their game on Sunday June 4, 2006. These nominees will present themselves to the Executive before the fourth game, to take place on June 11, 2006, for final approval by the Executive. At that point, Team Leaders become the official point of contact for the team and should be approached with any and all concerns regarding games or the functioning of the league. If, for some reason, a player cannot speak to his or her co-captain, the League Ombudsman becomes their link to the Executive.

Throughout the season, meetings between Team Leaders and Members of the Executive shall take place no less than once a month.

Team Leaders are expected to execute the following duties:

### **1. Attendance**

- 1.1 Explain the Attendance Policy to one's team.
- 1.2 Record absences by means of the Attendance Sheets.
- 1.3 Provide record for the league of those absences by depositing the Attendance Sheet into the DST box, located at the field during game time, immediately after the end of the game.

## **2. Rules**

- 2.1 Communicate the DST Modified Set of FIFA Rules.
- 2.2 Encourage the following of these rules.

## **3. Discipline**

- 3.1 Explain DST's Disciplinary Policy.
- 3.2 Record any infractions by your team members.
- 3.2 Enforce any sanctions placed on individual members.

The above list of duties and responsibilities undertaken by Team Leaders is not inclusive. As DST's objective is to provide the best possible experience to Members, amendments may be made to these responsibilities over the course of the season.