



DOWNTOWN SOCCER TORONTO ATTENDANCE POLICY 2011

Downtown Soccer Toronto (DST) expects that Playing Members will attend all scheduled games for his or her respective team. Reference should be made to DST By-Laws of the League, specifically categories of membership (Section 4.5), conditions of membership (Sections 4.6 and 4.7), and members in good standing (Section 4.8), which state that members should commit to playing the entire season, be in 'good standing' (e.g. not possess League property or be in debt to the League), and not be under league sanctions. The League may, at their discretion, deny membership in the in order to serve the best interests of the League and its members.

1. Lateness

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

2. Absences

Players are expected to communicate their schedule (to the best of their knowledge) to their Team Leader (captain, co-captain) at the beginning of the season. Players are expected to declare any absences at least one week in advance of their game. Absences may be declared by means of e-mail or telephone to the Team Leader (captain, co-captain). An absence is considered undeclared if it has not been communicated with the Team Leader (captain-co-captain) before the start of the game. Undeclared absences are strongly discouraged.

- Two undeclared absences will result in the player receiving a warning letter from the Membership Coordinator re-stating the attendance policy.
- Three undeclared absences at any point throughout the season will result in immediate forfeiture of membership. Members can appeal this decision by sending an email or letter to the League Ombudsman within two weeks of notification that their membership has been terminated.
- Team Leaders (captains, co-captains) are solely responsible for monitoring declared absences to determine the need for additional players on a team and, discuss if there are any on-going attendance issues with specific players.

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.

3. Role of Executive and Team Leaders

Team Leaders are responsible for reporting absences by submitting the attendance sheet to the Secretary by 5pm on the day following the game. Team Leaders are asked to work with the Membership Coordinator to deal with attendance issues and get additional / replacement players for their team from the Waiting List if necessary. The Executive will enforce this Attendance Policy and review the membership of any league member as deemed necessary. The Membership Coordinator will communicate with any member and their Team Leader (captain, co-captain) informing them of the review and will provide a copy of this policy for their reference.