

Dakota REV Expectations

Introduction

It is the mission of Dakota REV Soccer Club to provide the finest soccer program in Minnesota, from the earliest ages through U18. Dakota REV continually works to provide the best coaching and player development in a fun yet disciplined environment. Blending foot skill instruction, ball handling, conditioning and team development provides an atmosphere where young athletes are able to maximize their potential in an outstanding environment.

The coaching staff at Dakota REV is second to none. Dakota REV is fortunate to retain some of the top coaches in Minnesota. Player development is coordinated to provide the highest level of instruction for each age level and the individual ability of young athletes.

Volunteers are an essential part of Dakota REV. Our tournaments and many other activities would not be possible without volunteers. Volunteering is required for some events, like the REV tournaments that are the major fund raisers for the club and volunteering helps keep individual costs per player down.

Commitment to a team:

It is the goal of Dakota REV to develop each player to their highest potential and desire. Potential consists of player interest, ability, commitment, dedication, perseverance and work ethic. Dakota REV works very hard to place each player at a level that is appropriate for them in each of these areas. Placement is determined to provide to provide a healthier, less stressful environment for players, parents and coaches. It also gives players the opportunity to learn the game and develop at their ability level and creates an atmosphere where the player will have more fun. All players will have periodic evaluations and “conferences” with their coaches to set goals and discuss development. At the end of this section there is a table that outlines levels of play and the required level of commitment at each level. Play at all levels should be a very fun, challenging and rewarding experience for players, parents and coaches.

Play Level and Expectations

C1: Classic 1 is the top level of play and the most competitive. Considerations for C1 include:

- C1 teams will typically practice all year long
- Play time is earned and is at the coaches discretion and equal play time for all may not occur.
- Generally, teams at this level will utilize paid coaches at this level. This coach will be paid by the parents.
- C1 teams typically play more tournaments, some at higher levels and therefore at a greater distance.
- You can expect 2-3 practices/games per week at this level, or as determined by your coach
- Teams may play fall league, winter “friendly” scrimmages, winter practices, and spring/summer league.
- Fundafut is highly recommended at the C1 level.
- Tournaments are selected by coaches and parents. Some of these tournaments may include travel and hotel expenses.

Parents and player should carefully consider this choice and make sure to discuss their concerns with the coach

C2: Considerations for C2 include:

- C2 teams may practice all year long, at the coach's discretion.
- Teams at this level may utilize parent or paid coaches at this level. If a paid coach, it will be paid by the parents.
- C2 teams typically play tournaments in the local area. However, some teams may elect an out of town tournament that will include travel and hotel expenses.
- You can expect 2-3 practices/games per week at this level during the season, or as determined by your coach. It may be less during the winter.
- Teams may play fall league and spring/summer league. The coach may also schedule winter "friendly" scrimmages or a winter league.
- Playtime at this level will be closer to equal across all players.
- Fundafut is recommended at the C2 level.

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C3: Considerations for C3 include:

- C3 teams primarily practice during the spring/summer/fall season.
- Generally, teams at this level utilize parent coaches.
- C3 teams typically play tournaments in the local area.
- You can expect 1-3 practices/games per week at this level during the season, or as determined by your coach.
- Teams may play fall league and spring/summer league.
- Playtime at this level will be generally equal across all players.
- Fundafut is recommended at the C3 level.

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U9/U10: For younger players through age 10 there are 2 levels of play,

- Maroon and Gold. Maroon is the higher level.
- Determination of level of play is made at tryouts by the coaching staff and Director of Player Development.
- Play time at these ages is equal.
- Developmental potential for players will be discussed during the Maroon and Gold years.
- Emphasis during these years is on development of soccer fundamentals including foot skills, ball handling, team concepts, and athletic development.

