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## **What to Expect - Fields, Uniforms, Referees, Weather, Tournaments**

Salvo Coaches, Managers and Families

As we enter week two of the Fall Season, here are some updates on things to expect.

### Practices

- Teams are scheduled based on their program. A contact is a practice, game, or Training Haus session. Travel (Red, Crimson, Scarlet) and Select/Elite (Steel, Grey, Carbon) teams have three weekly contacts. HP (Navy, Orange, White) teams have four weekly contacts. Girls Academy teams have 4-6 contacts per week. Salvo staff built the field schedule to match this tempo.
- Teams should anticipate getting half a field for all outdoor practices.
- Coaches can see who will be on the other side of the field by selecting Schedules in the side menu of PlayMetrics.

## Fields, Lights & Equipment

Fields will be set up as of Wednesday, 8/24, except for Jaycee Park in Rosemount, which will be set up by Friday, 9/2. If you are at a field that does not have goals, nets, or lines painted, please contact Steve Peterson ([speterson@salvosoccer.org](mailto:speterson@salvosoccer.org)). The field schedule has been shared with the cities. If lights are needed, they will be programmed to come on before dusk. If you have any problems with lights, please contact Steve Peterson.

Corner flags are available at M Health Blue and Red fields in the storage boxes by the pavilions. For teams playing in the Central or South geos, we will have corner flags available for pick-up at the Eagan office the week of 8/29.

## Games

The league will release TCSL and NPL game schedules on Tuesday, 8/23.

Reschedules should follow the league process - contacting the opponent, the hosting team confirms a new date and time with the host club to get a new field assignment, and new information is entered into GotSport.

Salvo home game reschedule requests are made from the [Game Reschedule Form](#)

The reschedule window is Aug 23-Sept 2.

Salvo staff will upload the final game schedule to PlayMetrics. Teams should not be entering their league games into their PlayMetrics schedule.

## Rescheduling practices and Games

If you need to adjust your schedule by adding or dropping a session, coaches/managers should fill out the [Field Form-Practices](#). Please allow 48 hours for a response to requests. Any practice changes should consider the tempo of contacts prescribed for your team's level.

If there is a coaching conflict, first consider moving the practice. If moving the game or practice is not possible, it should be arranged in advance to have another Salvo coach cover the session and communication with the team.

## Weather

We will communicate if the club is canceling sessions at 3:30 pm. We will not share sooner due to the number of cities and facilities we need to get updates on field status. Communication will come via PlayMetrics.

If weather develops after 3:30, it is up to coaches and referees to determine if the practice/game will be canceled. Lightening requires a 30-minute pause before restarting.

If fields are wet (your footprint doesn't disappear immediately, water comes up around your foot, or puddles are present), stay off the fields. Damage to the fields will result in Salvo not getting access in the future.

## Uniforms

Soccer.com is working to process all of the Salvo orders. Salvo does not have inventory to cover players that haven't received their orders in time for games. Families should work together to identify other jerseys from players not playing Fall Soccer with Salvo.

If you have a game jersey from the Fall 2021-Summer 2022 season that you would like to donate, please contact Jacob LaDue at [jladue@salvosoccer.org](mailto:jladue@salvosoccer.org).

## Referees

We are continuously recruiting new referees. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Hase ([chase@salvosoccer.org](mailto:chase@salvosoccer.org)).

Parents should be supportive of our young referees - they are an essential part of our game and are learning their position, not unlike our players.

- Due to the statewide referee shortage, teams should be prepared to run a game with a center ref and parent/volunteer lines.

## Tournaments

- All teams should plan to play in the Salvo Fall Classic Oct 7-9.
- Coaches should discuss all tournament/winter league plans with their lead and make decisions connected to the team plan and budget.
- Salvo completes all tournament and winter league registrations. Coaches/Managers should enter their planned events in the [Tournament Request Form](#).

Thank you for being a part of Salvo!

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