



# Facility Policies

## What Is At The Top Of Our Priorities?

Welcome to Danvers Indoor Sports (DIS). Safety and Sportsmanship are at the top of our priorities. We ask you to keep this in mind during your stay with us. Any aggressive play, fighting, or verbal abuse by any coach, player, or guest will result in an immediate dismissal and subject to further review by Danvers Indoor Sports. Contact persons must set a good example by abiding by all the rules and regulations set by Danvers Indoor Sports. Danvers Indoor Sports has a Zero Tolerance Policy for those who do not abide by the rules.

## Can Equipment Be Brought Inside Danvers Indoor Sports?

**No balls are to be brought into the building** for the safety of our players and spectators. DIS will provide three practice balls for each team and will also provide the game ball. Balls are restricted to playing fields only. Special arrangements for private rentals or clinics can be made so that personal equipment, approved by DIS Staff, such as additional practice balls may be used provided they are kept in equipment bags until you are on the playing fields. Please communicate your needs to us in advance so that we can accommodate you.

## Supervision

For the safety of all our guests, we must insist that all juveniles be supervised while they are on the property - there are no exceptions. Please be sure to pass along our serious feelings towards this matter to all parents and friends that visit with us.

## Who Is Allowed in the Bench Areas and on the Playing Fields?

Only coaches (a maximum of two per team), players on the coach's current roster, designated instructors, assigned referees, or DIS Staff are allowed in the bench areas or on the playing fields. This applies before, during, or after any game. Please instruct parents and friends who visit with us to abide by this and all of our rules and regulations. In the absence of coaches, parents may be asked to act as coaches and are required to abide by DIS rules and regulations. A yellow card may be given against a team that has more than two coaches in the bench.

## What is NOT Allowed in the Bench Areas or on the Playing Fields?

To keep the playing surfaces in top condition, it is necessary to restrict all **Candy, Food, Gum, Coffee, Soda Cans**, etc. from entering designated warm up areas, benches, or the playing fields. All fruits are not allowed inside DIS. Although foods such as apples and bananas are healthy foods, they can still be unsanitary and infect the playing surfaces and as such are not allowed to enter the bench, warm up, or playing areas. Water bottles with covers or lids may be brought into the bench, warm up, or playing areas. **No casts**, watches, bracelets, **earrings**, or other pieces of jewelry that may be hazardous to self or others may be worn by a player while the player is on the playing surfaces. Coaches, please advise your players that new piercings that have non-removable studs are not allowed. Players must remove all jewelry before entering the playing surfaces, benches, or warm up areas.

## "No Show" Situations or Postponements

If coaches cannot field a properly rostered team on game day, they are responsible to notify the opposing coach immediately, followed by notifying DIS. The opposing team has the option to : 1). Come in to practice and waive makeup game. 2). Find another opponent approved by DIS 3). Take the day off, waiving makeup game. In the event of a team's forfeiture, the opposing team is awarded a one goal win in regular season and tournament games.

### **No Smoking**

Smoking is not allowed in the building, including the entry way and the restrooms. There is absolutely no alcohol permitted at DIS or on the premises. We ask that you cooperate with us in this matter.

### **Referees**

DIS will provide the best available referees. USSF certified referees will be assigned whenever possible. If you have a dispute with a referee's call or performance, discuss it with DIS staff and not on the field with the referee. Remember that it serves no purpose to argue with the person who felt justified in making the call in the first place. Any attempt to intimidate the referee or any public criticism of the referee will be considered unacceptable behavior on your part. We will deal with these problems in a mature, civilized manner.

### **Protests**

In the event that you wish to file a protest, please do so ONLY to DIS staff, and only on the day of the game. A \$100.00 fee shall be paid to DIS prior to the protest meeting, which will be arranged at a mutually acceptable time. If your protest is upheld, your protest fee will be returned.

### **Game Clock Procedures**

We are frequently asked why we do not stop the clock when there is a player injured. The reason of course is that teams coming in to play want to start their game on time. If we did stop the clock each time a player remained on the floor for any period of time, we would virtually have no games starting on time and this would disrupt the lives and schedules of all our customers and guests - with games starting at midnight. The first consideration in the facility is for the safety of the players, and when a player is injured we will suspend play until such time that we feel that the player is not seriously injured and has received proper treatment. If the injury occurs within the last two minutes of the game, and the score is within one goal and NOT tied, the referee will put up the necessary time back on the clock up to two minutes. The game will then be completed by diminishing half-time and warm up time and/or the half-time from subsequent games to make up lost time.

### **Deposit Procedures**

We often receive requests and deposits for the following season. In order to maintain our policy of renewal, these deposits are taken for wait list teams only. We ask all coaches who wish to renew for the coming Fall to do so by April and therefore you will automatically be guaranteed renewal in the league you are presently in. Teams in good status that desire a league change are subject to availability. If you are vacating your position in a league for any reason, we would like you to inform us if there is a team from your town or club that wishes to replace that team. It is our hope that we can provide continuity for the towns and clubs coming up through the leagues. We will be able to organize those leagues and fill empty slots properly with your cooperation in these matters. Deposits remain at \$100.00.

### **Club Team Policy**

Our policy for club teams is identified as : "teams with three or more players from different towns" and these "Club" teams are required to play in a league higher than their age classification. Teams from regional schools are not considered "Club" teams. With careful consideration, a club team can be considered for appropriate "age eligible" play.

### **Please Drive Safely**

DIS insists that all vehicular traffic adhere to cautious awareness and follow all traffic rules and patterns. There is a 25 MPH speed limit on all DIS access roads. Please be reminded that we share these roads with other local businesses.