

## **FIELDS INFORMATION FOR U11 & U12- 2007-2008.**

*There are some VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES to the way that games are organized for our U11 & U12 players this september. If you are a coach or a manager of a U11 or U12 team you must read three documents: **FIRST: Read the new BCSoccer Laws for Minisoccer (at [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net); look under the grassroots banner)***

***THEN: Look at the NSYSA Rules for Minisoccer (2006 revision) for U11 / U12 in-district play OR if your team plays inter-district, read the 4 District Guide (boys) OR 5 District Guide (girls).***

***THIRD: Read these FIELD USE RULES (below).***

### **FIELD USE RULES for North Vancouver U11 & U12 Teams**

#### **Field use for 8v8 soccer:**

- *Grass and AT minifields will be lined with cones (no field whiting).*
- *Check that your grass field is open for play. Check online under playing fields at [www.northvanrec.com](http://www.northvanrec.com). Updated regularly -by 8am Saturdays.*
- *You may not play on a field that is waterlogged or has standing water.*
- *The first team of the day must cone the field, move the goals into place and put up the nets and flags. Super8 equipment (cones and nets) will be either distributed to teams or placed in lock boxes at the home fields. Goals and boxes are locked with the same key.*
- *If there is no U11/U12 team at the field when your game ends, then you must lock the goals against a fence, off the playing surface and put away the cones, nets and flags.*

#### **Laying out the U11/U12 super8 field:**

- *Use the diagram from the BCSCA website as a guide, and follow the instructions given by your club for your particular home field.*
- *Place the super8 field to avoid areas of high field wear (eg fixed goalmouths)*
- *Pace out the field, using one pace per metre, mark it with Woss cones.*
- *We mark the field perimeter, the penalty area, the 20-yard "offside" lines and the centre line.*
- *It is the coaches' responsibility to inspect the playing surface for hazards - remove hazards or place the field to avoid fixed hazards.*
- *Goal size is 18 feet x 6.5 feet for U11 and U12.*

**FAQ: There will be two new lines on the super8 field. What are these?**

**A: The lines 1/3 of the way up each half of the field are for the modified offside rule used in super 8 (see the BCSA Laws).**

**Where do the parents/spectators stand?**

- **Parents must not stand behind the goal (to avoid interfering with the goalkeeper)**
- **Parents must not stand on the field's (11v11) playing surface (to minimize field wear)**

**Alternate (all-weather AKA gravel dirt or sand) fields**

- **Use the same dimensions and marks as for the grass super8 field.**

**Artificial turf field use for super 8 Soccer:**

- **Two minifields will be coned, ACROSS the normal playing surface (ie one field per half) - using the 18foot x 6.5foot movable goals provided.**
- **Use Cones ONLY. ABSOLUTELY no field whitening!!!**
- **Games MUST end on time. If a game starts late, it must end at the scheduled time.**
- **Respect the posted rules for use of the AT fields - especially:**
  - **NO FOOD on the playing surface**
  - **CLEAN MUD FROM FOOTWEAR before moving onto the playing surface.**
  - **NO parents except coaches are allowed on the playing surface**

**List of North Vancouver fields for U-11/U12 in 2007-8**

**Confederation Artificial Turf**

**William Griffin Artificial Turf**

**Delbrook Grass /Delbrook AW (alternative)**

**Lynn Valley Grass / LV School AW (alternative)**

**Myrtle Grass/ Myrtle AW (alternative)**

**Inter-River1/ Lynnmour school (alternative)**

**Blueridge grass/ Plymouth school (alternative)**

## ***Memo from North Vancouver Recreation Commission re. AT fields:***

### **Conditions of Use for Confederation and Griffin**

#### **Artificial Turf Fields**

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To ensure that all participants are following the same guidelines with respect to conditions of use for the two artificial turf fields, please ensure that every team official, player and parents of players (for Youth) and spectators are aware of the following terms. Coaches will be responsible for the conduct and behaviour of players and spectators on the field.

Groups must leave the Artificial Turf field FIVE MINUTES before their END TIME to allow transition time between groups. Groups must not enter the fenced field area until their START TIME. Teams must warm up outside fenced area. This will help avoid conflict between groups. Please ensure all participants are made aware of this procedure.

To protect the field surface and maximize the life of the fields, all participants are required to follow the following conditions of use:

- Spectators must remain outside fenced area of field
- Footwear on artificial turf fields must be moulded rubber cleats, turf or running shoes. No metal cleats at all and no screw-in plastic cleats. This rule will be strictly enforced. Home teams must inform away teams of this rule and make sure referees enforce rule. Players found with screw-in stud footwear on the AT Field will be assessed damages and home teams and referees will be liable for suspension of field privileges.
- No gum
- No tobacco products
- No sunflower seeds (they sprout in the rubber and take hours to remove!)
- No beverages (other than water in plastic bottles)
- No pets
- No food
- No tents with spikes. Tents should be set up off to the side so spectator views are not blocked.

For bookings on the Artificial Turf fields, the North Vancouver Recreation Commission requires 14 days written cancellation notice. Notice can be sent via fax to 604.983.6335 or via e-mail to [parks@northvanrec.com](mailto:parks@northvanrec.com) If you have any questions, please call the Field Booking Office direct at 604.983.6318 or via e-mail at [parks@northvanrec.com](mailto:parks@northvanrec.com)

***We thank DNV Parks in particular for their co-operation in setting up this alternate use of the grass and AT fields.***

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