



MISSION STATEMENT.:

EMSA Spruce Grove strives to provide a soccer program allowing each participant to play at his/her appropriate level for every age, skill level, and competition level available.

Player Skill Assessments

Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Spruce Grove Soccer Association (SGSA) will be holding mandatory player skill assessments for all registered U9/U11/U13 playing the outdoor season. Teams with like-skilled abilities provide an atmosphere of confidence and enjoyment as the teams skill develops. Coaches will be able to create a more cohesive practice, providing drills that will challenge the entire team.

Skill Assessments will be a great step in the direction of building successful teams and greater player development within our club. Giving all players the support and opportunity to play to the best of their ability will lead to a more enjoyable experience and more confident players.

OVERVIEW OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- Registered players will receive an email with the evaluation schedule including the indicated dates/times for their age group.
 - All evaluations will be held at the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre on the North Field.
 - Players are asked to arrive 20 min prior to their evaluation so they can sign in, receive a numbered pinnie and be organized into groups.
 - Sessions are one hour per group, if it is a larger group, they may be divided into 2 separate sessions.
 - The Technical Director along with an external and internal evaluator team will assess the players.
 - Once evaluations have been completed, emails will be sent to all players with further information on tryouts and when they should hear from their team coach.
- All players who would like to tryout for the Saints Premier Program are welcome regardless of evaluation results.
- ALL CLUB APPAREL will not be permitted to be worn at Evaluations.

Players with skill, but not the confidence to tryout for the premier teams, are given a chance to be seen, without the pressure of a tryout. In the past, if you didn't go to tryouts, there was little opportunity to play or be invited to join a premier team. With these evaluations, players who didn't realize they would be successful playing in the premier program, will have the opportunity to be seen and invited to upcoming tryouts. There is no pressure to tryout, but this player recognition is great for confidence and gives this player an option they may not have been aware of.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Does my child need to have their skills assessed?

Yes, the club requires all players to attend skill assessments, however, assessments are only mandatory for players within U9/U11/U13 age groups. Players are required to go through the process even if your child played with SGSA before.

2. What are the evaluators looking for?

All players will be scored based on their drill results, (usually out of 10 attempts). Along with these scores, evaluators will focus on: coachability, behavior, technical skills, physical abilities and game sense (i.e. knowing when to pass, when to dribble and skill execution).

3. **What do I need to bring?**
Bring a positive attitude, shin guards, indoor running shoes/soccer shoes and water.
4. **Who is evaluating on the field?**
Our Technical Director and other staff will oversee the skill assessments. Evaluators will be comprised of both external and internal experienced team members.
5. **Is there a cost for these skill assessments?**
No, any associated costs are covered in your registration fees.
6. **My child will not be able to make their assessments day, what do we do? Can they still play?**
Yes, SGSA Directors will look through your registration and past seasons in an attempt to gather information and place your player accordingly.
7. **How will the assessment results be communicated?**
Once all assessments and tryouts (for Premier Program Teams) have been completed, teams will be organized and posted on our website. Players will be identified by their player registration number.
8. **My child has been invited to a tryout but their friend, who is trying for the same age and tier was not invited, what does this mean?**
Some players, after evaluations, may be directly invited to tryouts for a higher tier. These tryouts are open to all, and invitation is not required to attend. If their friend attended evaluations, but did not receive a tryout invitation they have been evaluated at a different skill level. All SGSA players are welcome to attend the Premier Program tryouts.
9. **What if my child scores Premier high scores, but does not want to attend Saints Premier tryouts?**
It is not mandatory for any SGSA players to play premier soccer, however, it is a great opportunity. Please ask questions before making the decision against attending tryouts. Our Community and Premier directors will work together to provide answers and guidance to you and your child. SGSA supports players playing to the best of their ability, and playing where they will love this game the most.

HERE IS A LIST OF DIRECTORS, SELECT THE APPROPRIATE ONE REGARDING YOUR PLAYER:

Community U9-U11 players - youthdirector@sprucegrovesoccer.ca

Community U13-U19 players - adolescentdirector@sprucegrovesoccer.ca

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