

COCHRANE WOLVES FC



Cochrane Wolves Football Club

Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion

Purpose

Cochrane Wolves FC is committed to providing opportunities for all to play soccer in Cochrane regardless of their socio-economic status, religion, gender and/or ethnicity.

What

Canada Soccer has provided guidelines for organizations to meet within the National Youth Licensing Program.

The Environment

Cochrane Wolves Football Club prides itself on creating a welcoming environment for all. We do not discriminate or exclude any individual from our soccer programs and strive to find the right environment. Currently we have individuals with cerebral-palsy, autism, down-syndrome, and one child who is legally blind participating in our grassroots and skill-centre programs. We also have children of all backgrounds and ethnicities participating in our programs, and a diverse coaching team.

Has Programs, Partners(hips) and Mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation

Programs

Cochrane Wolves allows registrants applying for kid-sport and jumpstart to register with the Club without paying any registration fees until their funding comes through. Once we receive notification of their funding, we then work with the family to understand what remaining (if any) can and will be paid.

Partners

We are partnered with Cochrane Sport for Life (CS4L) who we support, and support us in community endeavors to provide soccer at no, or minimal cost. Through CS4L we have provided quality coaches to deliver school programs, and a program with the girls and boys Club. We also provide one off event support to the community on events such as 'try-it-day' where all sports provide a day of activity for kids to try their sport. We also partnered with CS4L on a Women in Sport Grant to help support the development of more female coaches transitioning into positions with sports Clubs as a profession.

Reduce Barriers

Through our volunteer scheme we provide opportunities for families to bring down the cost of their programming through supporting the Clubs in various ways. We also conducted a 50/50 draw this past outdoor season that raised \$3,000 for the Club which went directly towards subsidizing fees for low-income families.

In 2023 Cochrane Wolves will be partnering with the Town on a connect-card. The connect-card scheme will allow any families who do not qualify for low-income funding but earn just over the threshold to receive a registration discount/subsidy decided by the Club, at our expense.

Club Foundation

Cochrane Wolves FC is currently working towards establishing a charitable foundation that's purpose is to provide more opportunities for people with disabilities, and low-income to participate in our programs. We aim to use funding to develop more qualified resources within the Club who have expertise to adapt or provide programming for those with disabilities. We aim to provide free soccer programming through schools and are currently connecting with a Newcomer program in Cochrane who will soon be establishing itself as an entity.