



## **Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC. Policy on Facility and Equipment Safety and Maintenance**

### **1. Purpose**

This policy ensures that all facilities and equipment used by the Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC. meet the highest standards of safety, functionality, and quality to support the well-being and performance of our players, coaches, and community members.

### **2. Scope**

This policy applies to:

- All facilities owned, rented, or utilized by the Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC., including indoor and outdoor venues.
- All equipment used in training, matches, camps, or other club-approved activities.

### **3. Facility Standards**

#### **1. Condition and Cleanliness:**

- All facilities will be kept in excellent condition, including playing surfaces, locker rooms, and spectator areas.
- Facilities must be cleaned and sanitized regularly, with additional cleaning after events or high-use periods.

#### **2. Safety Measures:**

- All facilities must comply with local safety regulations and standards, including fire safety, accessibility, and emergency preparedness.
- Adequate lighting, signage, and emergency exits must be maintained at all times.



### 3. **Inspection Schedule:**

- Regular inspections will be conducted to identify and address hazards such as uneven surfaces, damaged fencing, or unsafe equipment storage.

## 4. **Equipment Standards**

### 1. **Quality and Functionality:**

- All equipment, including soccer balls, nets, cones, and training aids, must meet the safety and quality standards set by Canada Soccer and Ontario Soccer.

### 2. **Maintenance and Repairs:**

- Damaged or worn equipment will be repaired or replaced promptly to ensure safety and functionality.
- Any equipment deemed unsafe will be removed from use immediately.

### 3. **Storage:**

- Equipment will be stored securely in designated areas to prevent damage or misuse.

## 5. **Inspection and Maintenance Protocols**

### 1. **Facility Inspections:**

- A **Facilities Manager** will conduct monthly inspections to ensure compliance with safety standards.
- Inspection reports will be documented, and any issues will be addressed within 14 days or as urgently required.



## 2. **Equipment Inspections:**

- Coaches and staff are responsible for visually inspecting equipment before each use.
- A **Quarterly Maintenance Check** will be performed by the Equipment Manager to ensure all items are in safe and operable condition.

## 3. **Incident Reporting:**

- Any injuries or incidents related to facilities or equipment must be reported immediately to the **Club Safety Officer**, who will review the circumstances and take corrective actions.

## 6. **Budget and Investment**

### 1. **Facility Upgrades:**

- The club will allocate an annual budget for facility improvements to enhance player safety and overall experience.

### 2. **Equipment Replacement:**

- A lifecycle plan will be implemented to replace equipment proactively before it reaches the end of its safe usage period.

## 7. **Alignment with Organizational Standards**

This policy is aligned with:

- Canada Soccer and Ontario Soccer guidelines for facility and equipment safety.
- The Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC.'s commitment to excellence, safety, and continuous improvement.



## **8. Stakeholder Awareness**

### **3. Communication:**

- This policy will be communicated to all staff, players, and families to ensure transparency and shared responsibility for maintaining safe environments.

### **4. Feedback Mechanisms:**

- Club members can report concerns or suggestions regarding facilities or equipment through a dedicated feedback form available on the club's website or in person.

## **9. Commitment Statement**

The Barrie Cardinals Soccer Club De Futbol INC. is committed to providing state-of-the-art facilities and high-quality equipment that meet the needs of our players and community while adhering to the highest safety standards. Through regular inspections, maintenance, and investment, we aim to create an environment that inspires confidence and supports player development.