



**TO:** All Youth Teams  
**FROM:** Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.  
**DATE:** November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**RE:** H1N1 Flu and Post Game Handshakes

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**Due to the threat of the H1N1 Flu, Saskatoon Youth Soccer is putting in place the following changes for Indoor Season 2009-10 only:**

- 1 ~ TEAMS ENCOURAGED NOT TO SHAKE HANDS AFTER GAMES**  
For Indoor Season 2009-10 only, all teams are encouraged to alter the routine of shaking hands with the other team after the game has ended, and instead as the players walk by each other in the line simply say "good game". If teams both agree to shake hands they are to use hand sanitizer afterwards ~ coaches are encouraged to keep a bottle of hand sanitizer in their coaching bags. Hand sanitizers are also located at the admission booth and concession. "FIFA and the Canadian Soccer Association remain consistent that players can safely participate in the FIFA Fair Play shake hands at the start/end of a game. All normal practices are safe, as long as proper hygiene procedures are followed."
- 2 ~ COACHING STAFF OR PLAYERS WITH FLU/COLD SYMPTOMS SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE!**  
If a player or member of the coaching staff is showing flu/cold symptoms they should not come to their game to participate. A referee may ask a player or coach not to participate if they are showing H1N1 or common flu-like symptoms. "FIFA and the Canadian Soccer Association state, as a policy, which is consistent with existing practices, if a referee suspects that a player or coach is demonstrating symptoms of H1N1 or the common flu, they will recommend that the player not participate in the game due to the contagious nature of H1N1."
- 3 ~ NUMBER OF PERMIT PLAYERS INCREASED TO 4 PER GAME**  
For Indoor Season 2009-10 only, the number of permit players allowed for a game will be increased from 3 players to 4 players to help alleviate the pressure for teams to fill their required number of players at a game due to so many players sick with the flu/cold. Teams still have to indicate their permit players with a "P" on the game sheet.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**