

**CALGARY WOMENS SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**PREGNANCY POLICY**

THE CWSA WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE MEMBERS THAT PLAYERS WHO ARE PREGNANT AND CHOOSE TO CONTINUE PLAYING SOCCER, PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN RISK AND NEITHER THE CWSA NOR ANY OF ITS' MEMBERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COMPLICATIONS (SHORT OR LONG TERM) RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE GAME OF SOCCER DURING ANY STAGE OF PREGNANCY.

IF THE PREGNANT PLAYERS' COACH IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HAVING AN OBVIOUSLY PREGNANT PLAYER ON THE FIELD BECAUSE OF SAFETY CONCERNS, THEY ARE ENTITLED TO REFUSE TO LET THAT PERSON PLAY.

IF THE REFEREE IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH HAVING AN OBVIOUSLY PREGNANT PLAYER ON THE FIELD BECAUSE OF SAFETY CONCERNS, THEY ARE ENTITLED TO REFUSE TO LET THAT PERSON PLAY.

IF THE OPPOSING TEAM IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH PLAYING AGAINST AN OBVIOUSLY PREGNANT PLAYER, THEY CAN MAKE THEIR OBJECTION KNOWN TO THE REFEREE AND ASK TO HAVE IT NOTED ON THE GAME SHEET.

THE CWSA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES ALL MEMBERS WHO MAY BE PREGNANT TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR DOCTOR THE POSSIBLE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN A COLLISION SPORT.

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