



## Uniform Ordering Process 2012 summer season

The purpose of this document is to provide a general outline of what MapleBrook Soccer Association (MBSA) does to place orders for & deliver uniforms.

### **New 2 year Uniform cycle**

MBSA has chosen to go with a 2 year uniform cycle because of the constraints and limited availability of uniform sizes in the third year of the cycle.

Most of the big uniform vendors create new uniform designs every 2-3 years. They will produce the uniforms for 2-3 years and will discontinue production after that time. In the last year of the cycle they will generally cut their production to the bare bones – making what is initially ordered and minimal extra for last minute orders or changes.

### **Timeline**

#### **July/August**

- Provide “Mock Order” to vendor (currently Planet Soccer).
  - This is an estimate of what we think we will order for the next season.
- Planet Soccer provides “Mock Order” quantities to supplier (currently adidas).
- Supplier uses these quantities to purchase from and negotiate with their fabric supplier & others.

#### **October 30**

- At AGM, uniforms are revealed.
- Fitting dates and locations are announced.

#### **November 30**

- MBSA provides final order to Planet Soccer.
  - Quantities are based on sizes ordered by parents plus a small amount extra for late joining players.
- Planet Soccer submits orders to adidas.
- adidas starts making the uniforms.

#### **Nov – April**

- adidas makes the uniforms and ships to Planet Soccer
- Planet Soccer waits until they have the full order (or a vast majority of it) before delivering to MBSA
- MBSA takes orders for late registering players and periodically submits to Planet Soccer for Planet Soccer to order additional quantities, if needed.

### **April**

- Uniforms are distributed to team managers. Team managers will distribute uniforms to players.
- Timing is based on first tournament of the season – teams playing in mid-April tournaments will be the first to receive uniforms and so on.

### **FAQ**

#### ***My team is playing in a winter league – can I get my uniform early?***

Unfortunately, due to the timing of adidas deliveries, we are not able to accommodate these requests.

#### ***If I can't get a uniform for winter league, what should I do?***

There are a couple of options:

- Most indoor leagues have less stringent requirements for uniforms than MYSA does – teams can buy same color t-shirts from a local store and add numbers to the back. (Check with the league for their requirements before making any investment.)
- All teams had an extra jersey set. The coach or manager may be willing to lend theirs out for the winter season.
- Many MBSA players are involved in other sports during the winter and are willing to lend out their jerseys to teammates, friends or just other members of the club. Ask your coach or manager to help you network.

#### ***I paid for my uniform in October, why do I need to wait until April to get it?***

The time between order placement/payment and uniform receipt is so adidas can make the inventory and ship it to the US from Asia.

#### ***It's April and I don't have my uniforms yet. My friends have theirs already – who do I contact?***

Check the uniform page on the MBSA website. The uniform coordinators will post updates on delivery dates as soon as they have information.

Ask your team manager. The start of your season may be a bit later than the start of other teams, your manager may have them and is waiting to deliver them to you, or MBSA may not have received them yet. If your manager doesn't already know, s/he will be able to easily get the information and pass it on to the whole team.

#### ***My shorts/jersey/warm-ups don't fit. Can I exchange them for another size?***

If MBSA delivered as you ordered, we will make every attempt to accommodate these requests – **after** everyone has received their orders, which may be after your first game.

If MBSA delivered the wrong size, we will exchange the order as soon as possible.

Note: Exchanges can only occur with new, unworn, tags still on merchandise.

***Can I order the warm-ups in one size for the pants and one size for the jacket?***

Yes. For the new 2012 uniform cycle, warm up pants and jackets can be ordered in different sizes.