

**T.O. SOCCER LEAGUE  
2023 RULES AND REGULATIONS  
U13-U18**

**1. Membership**

- A. Membership is open to all eligible SSA, TSA and NYSA clubs wishing to enter a team at the U13-U18 age group.
- B. Divisions will be formed based on team registrations and approved by the League Committee. Tiered divisions will be formed in some age groups where registration numbers warrant it. Clubs will declare Tier of their own teams.

**2. Applications**

- A. Application by a Club to have a team play in the TO Soccer League must be completed online by January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. This Application must be complete with full registration fee. (See Appendix B)
- B. Any team application submitted by a Club after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the League Committee and may be subject to a fine (See Appendix B) set by the League Committee.
- C. Teams withdrawing from the League after March 1<sup>st</sup> will forfeit the entire League fee.
- D. Teams withdrawing from the League after April 1<sup>st</sup> will forfeit the entire League fee and will be fined. (See Appendix A)
- E. Teams withdrawing from the League after May 1<sup>st</sup> will forfeit the entire League fee and will be fined. (See Appendix A)
- F. Notice of withdrawal must be in writing from Club email.
- G. Teams may submit by March 1<sup>st</sup>, (Blackout Period)\*\*\*\*\*REWORD AFTER SURVEY

### **3. League Season**

- A. The playing season shall commence as early as possible in May and shall conclude with the final scheduled (re-scheduled) games of the League which must be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise agreed to by the League Committee.**
- B. League Cup and Playoff competitions must be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup> or as determined by the League Committee.**
- C. Teams failing to meet their obligations to play a game will be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)**  
**Notification must be received in writing from the Club. Score will be recorded as 3-0 in favour of opponent.**  
**If notification is received 72 hours prior to game, there will be no fine and game will be forfeited.**
- D. Teams attempting to manipulate the schedule, will be charged under Ontario Soccer 5.67, and if found guilty will be fined. (See Appendix A)**

### **4. League Games**

- A. The age divisions formed by the League shall be as initiated and ratified by the Ontario Soccer Ages are to be computed as of January 1<sup>st</sup> in the current year .**
- B. The duration of all League and Cup Games will be as follows:**
  - a. Under 13-14                      2 X 40 Minutes**
  - b. Under 15-18                      2 X 45 Minutes**

**The half time intervals shall be 5 minutes.**

- C. A grace period of twenty minutes will be allowed for ALL games in the event that a team has less than seven players at the appointed kick-off time. The offending team shall default the game, be fined (See Appendix A) plus the applicable referee fees and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. In the event that both teams have less than seven players, no points will be awarded.**

- D. In the event a team has its compliment of players reduced to less than seven players during a game for whatever reason, the club will be subject to a fine (See Appendix A) and the game shall be forfeited.
- E. Substitutions will be allowed only at a kick-off, goal kick, injury or your own throw-in (Piggybacking Allowed). The referee must be advised of all substitutions.
- F. Home teams must ensure that corner flags and goal nets are in place for all games, at all age groups, prior to the scheduled kick-off time. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)
- G. The use of shin guards is mandatory at all ages for ALL GAMES.

## **5. Team Roster**

- A. The Ontario Soccer Roster with minimum 11 players and team officials must be submitted by May 15. Teams that have not submitted their roster will be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A) Any change to the roster must be reported to the league by submitting an updated Ontario Soccer Roster. All changes, AFTER MAY 15, in team official(s) or player(s) must be reported within 5 business days of the change. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)

## **6. Team Officials**

- A. Team officials must be registered on an Ontario Soccer Roster and must possess valid Ontario Soccer Registration Book or Card. One of the Team Officials MUST be a manager. Failure to register a team official listed on a game sheet or sitting on the team bench shall result in a fine. (See Appendix A).
- B. Maximum 4 team officials allowed on the bench/game sheet. Failure to adhere to the maximum 4 officials shall result in a fine. (See Appendix A)

- C. Changes in team official(s) must be advised to the league office within 5 business days of the change. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)

## **7. Player/Team Official Identification**

- A. Team officials must carry Ontario Soccer player books/cards to all games.
- B. The inspection of Ontario Soccer team officials/player books/cards by the opposing team is mandatory to be checked 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off.(See Appendix D)
- C. Failure to produce the Ontario Soccer player books/cards will result in immediate forfeiture of the game and fine as per 4D. (See Appendix A)
- D. Only players for whom Ontario Soccer player books/cards are made available for inspection may have their names entered on the game sheet and be eligible to play.
- E. Once a game has been started, team officials forfeit the right to investigate Ontario Soccer player books/cards, excluding late player arrivals only, whose Ontario Soccer player books/cards must be checked prior to entering the field of play and must refer to Section 21 should they wish to initiate a protest.
- F. Failure to inspect Ontario Soccer player books/cards will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)
- G. Any player arriving after that the start of the second half, is not eligible to play in that particular game.
- H. Only original Ontario Soccer books/cards will be acceptable. No photocopies or digital copies allowed.
- I. Violations of Section 7 could result in forfeiture of game and fine. (See Appendix A)

## **8. Player Eligibility**

- A. All players shall be duly registered in accordance with Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures and must be covered by health, medical or similar insurance.

- B. A player must be registered and have valid Ontario Soccer book/card in order to be eligible to play in any League or League Cup Game.**
- C. A player who is registered with a team in the TOSL will not be eligible to play in a game for any other TOSL team if he has been added to the team roster after August 31.**
- D. A player registered to a club after August 31 will not be eligible to play in a CSL Game as a registered player or callup.**
- E. ANY Player added to an Ontario Soccer Roster or registered to a club after August 31 is not eligible for TOSL Competition.**
- F. A team may not have more than twenty (20) players registered at any one time. Eighteen (18) players may be named (dressed) and played in any one game.**
- G. All rules and regulations as set out in Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures regarding the signing and transfer of players shall apply.**
- H. Teams found to have used an ineligible player(s) or deemed to be an ineligible team, shall default the game(s) to its opponent(s), provided a protest is made according to Section 21 of these Rules or at the discretion of the League Committee. In the event that both teams are found guilty of using ineligible players, no points will be awarded. A team found guilty of using ineligible players will subject its Club to a fine. (See Appendix A)**
- I. Violations of Section 8 could result in forfeiture of game and fine. (See Appendix A)**

## **9. Call Ups**

- A. Teams may only use call ups from their own club or registered affiliate. No trial permits or temporary registration permit players are allowed. No limit on callups per game. No limit on the number of games you can be used as a callup. Call ups may be used provided:**

1. The player is a recreational player at the same age group or younger.
2. The player is a competitive player(NON-OPDL, NON IMODEL) in a younger age group or in the same age group at a lower tier.
3. Callups will be allowed for TOSL Cup Games. Players are Cup Tied to the Club
4. All call ups must carry a validated Ontario Soccer player book/card.
5. Players registered to an OPDL team will not be allowed to be used as callups regardless of age.
6. A player who has been suspended for one or more games in league play shall not be permitted to "play up":
  - a. For a higher level club team within his/her own Club, or

In a league game for any other team until after the scheduled date of the final game covered by his/her suspension (such date to be indicated on the notice of suspension). If the suspension is the result of the offender:

- a. Having played up for a higher level club team within his/her own Club, or

Then, in such instances, the misconduct report will be transferred to, and the suspension administered by, the league with which the offender's regular team is registered.

- B. A player registered to a club after August 31 will not be eligible to play in a TOSL Game as a registered player or call up.
- C. Violations of Section 9 could result in forfeiture of game and fine. (See Appendix A)

## **10. Referees**

- A. Games must be played provided at least one District Level 4-8 official has arrived. No game shall be played without the middle referee being a District Level official. In the event that no game

official has arrived after a twenty minute grace period, the game shall be rescheduled by the league.

- B. The referee fee, payable 50% cash by each team, shall be paid directly to referee with the completed game sheet, before the start of the game. If the game is not started the referees should not be paid.

## **11. Schedule**

- A. Under no circumstances will teams be allowed to postpone games.

- B. All games will be played as scheduled unless:

1. At the discretion of the referee, postponement is necessary due to bad weather or field conditions.
2. A game is postponed at the discretion of the League.
3. A game is postponed at the discretion of the Parks/School Official
4. Requests to reschedule games other than for the blocked times submitted to the League will not be entertained.

(Exception: U14 teams will be allowed to reschedule 1 game in either June or September for school function. U18 teams will be allowed to reschedule 1 game in June. Must submit in writing 10 days prior and submit backup documentation.)

- C. A game is deemed complete if 25% or less remains unplayed when called by a game official due to weather or playing conditions. All games not completed will be replayed in full from the start.

- D. Games on fields with no lights in August will start at 6:30pm. Games on fields with no lights after labour day will be scheduled on weekends.

## **12. Rescheduling**

- A. All games will be rescheduled by the league as time permits. The home team shall provide 2 possible reschedule dates to the



league. There must be a minimum 72 hours notice of the first date. Failure to do so may result in opposing team providing the field.

- B. At the discretion of the League Committee, any game re-scheduled after May 15, for other than weather or field condition reasons, will be played at the Visiting Team's venue on a date of the Visitor Team's choice. Field costs to be borne by the team requesting the re-schedule. Reasonable costs to be determined by the League Committee

### **13.TOSL Cup**

- A. The TOSL Cup is an optional League Competition (1 division per age group) with the Cup Draw being held in April of each year.
- B. All rounds of the Cup will be scheduled as not to coincide with Ontario Cup.
- C. The home team is responsible for providing 2 possible dates within the time frame for all games. There must be a minimum 72 hours notice for the first date. Visiting team will select which date works best for them. Failure to respond to above requests may result in opposing team to provide the field. The league will assign the date and fields for the Final games.
- D. Failure to play Cup Games will result in default of game and a fine to the Club. (See Appendix A) If both teams are responsible for defaulting a game, they will each be subject to fine. (See Appendix A)
- E. Players must be registered with their Club and District prior to any Cup Game in order to be eligible to play.
- F. A player is deemed to be "Cup Tied" to a Club once he/she has played in a Cup game as a registered player or callup and may not play for any other club in any subsequent games of the Cup competition in any division of the League.
- G. Teams may only use players registered to their team or Club for ANY Cup Game. Callups will be cup tied to their own clubs teams.



- H. In all rounds of the Cup, if the game is tied at the end of regulation time, the game will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA law.

#### **14. Uniforms**

- A. Teams must provide each player with identical sweaters with unique identification.
- B. The goalkeeper must wear a contrasting sweater which also must be different from the opposing team.
- C. The home team will be designated on the league schedule. When uniform colours are similar, the home team must change to distinct colours at the discretion of the referee. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)

#### **15. Game Ball**

- A. The home team will be responsible to provide the game ball which will be Size 5.

#### **16. Game Sheets**

- A. All teams shall furnish a complete list of players and team officials on the game sheet provided/generated participating in the game and their Ontario Soccer number. The top portion of the game sheet must be fully completed by the team. Incomplete game sheets will be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)
- B. The game sheet, bearing the name of the players and the team officials must be handed to the referee before the start of the game. Coaches are required to print their names on the game sheet in addition to signing the game sheet. Each team will submit game sheets and 50% of Officials Fees to the referee prior to the game starting.
- C. Only players/team officials listed on the game sheet are allowed on the bench.

- D. Inaccurate Game Sheets are subject to a hearing and fines. See Appendix A and will include but are not limited to the following:  
Suspended Players/Team Officials listed on a game sheet

## **17. Reporting Scores**

- A. Both coaches shall be responsible to report the score of the game online within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of game. Failure to report the result (score) as described will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)

## **18. Discipline**

- A. The League will follow the Discipline By Review process for all cases as outlined in Ontario Soccer Published Rules. In some cases a Hearing will be required and as such the appropriate parties will be notified. A detailed explanation of the DBR, DBH and SIR systems can be found on the website. Fees for Hearings- See Appendix B.
- B. The player has a right to request a hearing (DBH). There will be an administrative fee (See Appendix B) to those that want to request a hearing for a DBR case. The request for hearing (in writing) and the fee must be received no later than 72 hours from the date of the game.
- C. The league will follow Ontario Soccer Standard Penalties for Misconduct. This can be found on the League Website.
- D. The Ontario Soccer Player Book/Card must be presented at all hearings otherwise there shall be no hearing held and the player shall be considered as having missed the hearing. Failure to appear for a hearing will result in an immediate suspension from All Soccer Activity. The accused must then request a discipline hearing and pay the appropriate fee. (See Appendix B)
- E. All suspensions will begin after notification from the league.

**F. Players or team officials participating in a game while under suspension will be subject to severe disciplinary action which could result in forfeiture of game and/or fine. (See Appendix A)**

**G. A team using a player in a game that is not listed on the game sheet will be subject to disciplinary action which will include forfeiture of the game and/or fine. (See Appendix A)**

**H. Accumulation of cautions by a team will be dealt with as follows:**

- 1. 21 Cautions- Discipline Hearing plus \$200 fine.**
- 2. 31 Cautions- Discipline Hearing plus \$500 fine**
- 3. 36 Cautions- Discipline Hearing plus \$1000 Fine and review of membership**

**I. Accumulation of dismissals by a team will be dealt with as follows:**

- 1. 8 Dismissals- Discipline Hearing plus \$500 fine**
- 2. 10 Dismissals Cautions- Discipline Hearing plus \$1000 fine and review of membership.**

**J. Should a team reach 36 Cautions or 10 Dismissals in a year, a \$1000 performance bond will be required for that team to enter the league the following year. Should that team reach 36 Cautions or 10 Dismissals in the following year, the performance bond will be forfeited.**

**K. The TOSL considers the following incidents as “detrimental to the game of soccer” and will be charged with Ontario Soccer 5.67:**

**Spectator(s) interfering in a game, especially when entering the field of play (without permission of the referee) or threatening a game official**

**Instigating or participating in a brawl between 2 teams or teams spectators before, during or after the game.**

**Swarming of a Match Official**

**Permitted unregistered player(s) to participate in a sanctioned game**

**Spectators using racist, sexist or homophobic comments before, during or after a game.**

### **19. Club Conduct**

- A. The team officials and players shall confine themselves to the players' bench which shall be deemed to be an area ten yards long commencing five yards, and finishing fifteen yards from the centre line on either side of the field.**
- B. Any game abandoned by a game official will be dealt with by the League discipline committee. A team found guilty of causing abandonment will forfeit the game and be subject to a fine.**

**(See Appendix A)**

**In the event that both teams are found guilty, no points will be awarded, and both teams will be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)**

**The score to be recorded is the higher of 3-0 or the score at the time of the abandonment.**

- C. The club is responsible for all its team officials, players and spectators at all times, and shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the laws of the game.**

**A team official, player or spectator impeding, harassing, or otherwise intimidating a game official, opposing team official, members of the League or opposing players, will be subject to severe disciplinary action, including a fine. (See Appendix A)**

- D. If a misconduct(s) occurs after the final whistle, and any players have removed their game jersey, that team will be disciplined and fined. (See Appendix A)**

## **20. Fees and Fines**

- A. Any League invoice for fees or fines not paid within twenty-one days of issue may result in a suspension of League privileges to all teams of the offending Club, until the invoice is paid. Any games scheduled during the suspension period will be forfeit, and the points awarded to the opposing team. No applications will be accepted for the following season while a Club is in bad standing.**

## **21. Protests and Appeals**

- A. Protests must be received in writing by the League Manager by email, postmarked to the League office by courier service or delivered in person. All such conveyances to be made within forty-eight hours (not including weekends or statutory holidays) of the completion of the game. A copy of the protest must be sent by registered mail to the opposing involved in the protest and a copy of the receipt of such registered mail, must be included in the protest copy sent to the League office.**
- B. Protests must be accompanied by a protest fee (See Appendix B) in the form of a cheque or money order payable to the League.**
- C. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.**
- D. Correctly submitted protests will be dealt with at the next League Committee meeting. In the event that a decision is required prior to the next League Committee Meeting, the protest will be heard by a committee of three, appointed by the League Committee.**
- E. No protest pertaining to the decision of a game official will be heard.**
- F. Appeals will be dealt with by the district association that does not have a team involved in the particular game in question.**

## **22. League Standings**

**A. A team shall be awarded three points for a win, and one point for a tie. A maximum of 5 goal differential will be used in any one game. In the event of tie in the League standings at the end of the season between 2 teams, the following shall apply in sequence:**

- 1. The team with the most points from head to head competition will be declared the winner**
- 2. The team with the least goals against for the season will be declared the winner.**
- 3. The team with the higher goal differential (Goals for minus goals against) for the season will be declared the winner.**
- 4. If still tied, a game(s) will be played as scheduled by the League. If the game is tied at the end of regulation play, the game will go straight to penalty kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA law. This will be used only to determine a League Champion.**

**B. In the event of a tie in the League standings at the end of the season between 3 or more teams, the tie breaking sequence will be 2 followed by 3.**

**C. If a team is unable to fulfill their league schedule at any time during the season, all games will be deleted in addition to fines.**

## **23. Other Matters**

**A. All matters not included in these rules and regulations shall be judged in accordance with the constitutions and by-laws of Scarborough Soccer Association, Toronto Soccer Association and North York Soccer association.**