

# **2018 SOCCERFEST TOURNAMENT RULES**

## **1. REGISTRATION**

- a) Each team must submit player cards and a team list of those players participating in the tournament one hour before the first game at the Clubhouse located in Athletic Park. Players without player cards will be deemed ineligible.
- b) Players must be registered by their governing body and affiliated with Ontario Soccer.
- c) Team rosters can consist of a maximum of 18 players.
- d) A maximum of 18 players may dress for each game.
- e) No player may be registered for more than one team.
- f) Each team is allowed three guest players. Guest players from outside of the club must have an approved temporary registration permit, and Ontario Soccer card available.
- g) All teams from outside the Elgin Middlesex Soccer Association must provide proof of permission to travel, duly authorized by their governing Association, to the tournament host at the time of application.
- h) Non-residents of Ontario must have player's proof of Liability and Health Insurance coverage.
- i) Please check with Convener for any possible changes.

## **2. PLAYING TIME AND FORMAT**

- a) All round robin games are 2 x 25 minutes. Semi and Final are 2 x 30 minutes.
- b) 1 Group in Division: Winner and 2nd place team advance to final.
- c) 2 Groups in Division: 1st place and 2nd place team of each group will advance to semi-final.
- d) 3 Groups in Division: 1st place team in each group and one wild card team will advance to the semi-finals. The 2nd placed team with the best record will become a wild card team.
- e) 4 Groups in Division: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd place team in each group will advance to the quarterfinals.

## **3. POINT DISTRIBUTION**

- a) Win: 3 points    Tie: 1 point    Loss: no points

#### **4. TIE BREAKER IN STANDINGS**

1. Winner of the game between the tied teams.
2. Largest goal difference (goals scored less goals scored against). A maximum of five goals per game.
3. Largest goal average (goals scored divided by goals scored against). A maximum of five goals per game.
4. Most wins during preliminary round.
5. Most goals scored (a maximum of five goals per game).
6. Least goals scored against.
7. Coin-toss between the tied teams.

#### **5. TIE BREAKER IN QUARTER-, SEMI- AND FINALS**

Any semi finals games that have resulted in a tied game will proceed to penalty shots under FIFA rules (five shooters).

Any final games that have resulted in a tied game will require an overtime period of 1 x 10 minute half. Penalty shots FIFA rules will decide the winner if the games are still tied after overtime.

#### **6. BALL SIZE (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

Size 5. Under 13 to Senior.

#### **7. PLAYING EQUIPMENT**

- a) Each team shall have two sets of different coloured jerseys. In the event of a conflict of jersey colours, the first team (Home team) listed on the schedule shall be required to change.
- b) The goaltender's jersey must be distinct from those of their team, the opposing team and the referee.
- c) Each player must wear a numbered shirt with the number assigned to the player on the team list.
- d) No metal cleats, casts, or jewelry will be permitted.
- e) Shin guards are mandatory.

## **8. SUBSTITUTIONS**

a) Substitutions are permitted when a goal is scored, at a goal kick, half time, own throw ins and at the referee<sup>1</sup>'s discretion for injury.

## **9. DISCIPLINE**

a) All discipline will follow Ontario Soccer's Procedure 7.0 – Discipline at Tournament and abide by Standard Penalties for Misconduct under Procedure 9.0.

b) All Discipline by Hearing requests must be made in writing and accompanied by \$50.00 (cash only) for within 30 minutes directly after the game in which the penalty/ misconduct occurred. Any hearings will immediately take place at the clubhouse once the committee has assembled.

c) Any team player that accumulates 3 cautions will automatically be suspended for one game.

d) Any team player ejected from a game by way of misconduct will automatically serve a one game suspension and receive discipline by way of Discipline by Review unless a Hearing is requested.

d) A team official ordered from the field for using, “offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures” directed at anyone other than the match official(s) will automatically receive a 2 game suspension.

f) A team official ordered from the field for using, “offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures” directed at the match official(s) will automatically receive a 4 game suspension.

c) All discipline reports will be forwarded to the District Association from which the accused is registered.

d) In the case of Match Official Assault, the accused is immediately suspended for the remainder of the tournament and all soccer related activities, pending a hearing from an Ontario Soccer Discipline Hearing Panel.

e) Absolutely no abuse (physical, verbal, mental or otherwise) towards the referees will be tolerated.

f) The decisions of the referee at the game regarding the application of the Laws of the Game, including time keeping are final and cannot be protested or disputed.

g) All decisions of the protest or discipline committee will be final and binding. There will be no further appeal.

## **10. DEFAULTS**

Any team defaulting a game shall automatically be deemed to have lost the game by a score of 3 to 0. Such defaulting team may also be liable for further action as decreed by the tournament directors.

## **11. PROTESTS**

Any protests must be made by a team coach or manager, in writing and delivered to the tournament chairperson accompanied by \$50.00 (cash only) within one hour of the end of the game in question. The decision of the tournament organizer shall be final.

## **12. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director or official representative(s) will have the authority to:

- a) Relocate or reschedule any game(s);
- b) Change the duration of any game(s);
- c) Cancel any preliminary game(s);
- d) A game is deemed to be complete if 50% or less remains un-played when called off by a game official due to weather or playing conditions or for any other reason as the referee sees fit.
- e) Determine the format for advancement.

## **12. GENERAL**

- a) The Tournament Committee shall decide all matters pertaining to the Tournament which are not specifically governed by these tournament rules
- b) Team Officials are reminded of the OSA's Coaches Code of Conduct. This tournament is provided to foster team spirit and fair play for all participants (including opponents, referees and volunteer committee members). Please conduct yourself accordingly.
- c) The tournament rules are intended to support sportsmanship and fair play but all rules have their limitations.

d) St. Thomas Soccer Club Tournament Committee would respectfully remind Coaches, parents and spectators that there is a zero alcohol and tobacco tolerance policy in effect that will be enforced.