

Festival Rules



1. Festival Dates for Age Divisions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Divisions</u>
Saturday July 27 th , 2019	U8 Boys & Girls – U12 Boys & Girls

NOTE: Dates of play may change depending on registration numbers in each division

2. Team Eligibility

- All squads must be registered with their Provincial Association or, in the case of squads from the USA, with the State Association.
- When applying to take part in a festival, each squad must attach to the festival application form (FAF) written proof of "Permission To Travel" duly authorized by its governing Association to the Festival Host no less than **14 days** prior to the first day of the festival.
- In Inter-District Class Festivals, all squads from outside Ontario must supply proof of accident/injury/illness medical insurance to the Festival Host no less than seven (7) days prior to the festival.
- A squad may only use players who are registered with its Club.
- Teams will be accepted to play in the festival at the sole discretion of the Festival Committee. Festival entry fee must be paid prior to acceptance into the tournament. Teams that withdraw are subject to a \$100 withdrawal fee. **Teams that withdraw their application after July 22, 2018 shall forfeit their entry fee.**

3. Player Eligibility

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>
Under 8	Born before December 31, 2011
Under 9	Born before December 31, 2010
Under 10	Born before December 31, 2009
Under 11	Born before December 31, 2008
Under 12	Born before December 31, 2007

4. Number of Players

- U8 teams are able to register up to ten (10) players.
- U9 and U10 teams are able to register up to twelve (12) players.
- U11 and U12 teams are able to register up to sixteen (16) players.
- A maximum of three (3) guest players are allowed per team. These players must be from the same Club and from the same age group or a younger age group.

5. Team and Player Registration

Festival Headquarters: Ricco Foods Soccer Clubhouse, 185 York Street, Strathroy, ON

- All teams must register at least thirty (60) minutes prior to their first scheduled game.**

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- b) The following documents must be emailed to (strathroyunitedfc@gmail.com by July 21st, 2019:
- Completed team roster form
 - Proof of permission to travel (Travel Permit) from district association for teams outside of Elgin-Middlesex Soccer Association (EMSA) district.
 - 3 copies of Completed Game Sheets for each game. (Hand Written Sheets will not be accepted)

Failure to submit these documents will result in your team not being included in the final festival schedules. Roster changes can be made up until check-in is completed prior to a team's first game. Once a team is checked in, no further changes can be made to a team's roster.

- c) A minimum of four (3) registered teams is required to constitute a division.
d) Multiple divisions per age group may be offered depending on registration.

6. Player Uniforms and Equipment

- a) Each player on a team shall have a different number, and this number must match the player name and number provided on the game sheet.
- b) The "Home" team will be the team listed first on the schedule. If both teams have similar uniforms, the "Home" team will be responsible for providing an alternate colour of shirt.
- c) The "Home" team is responsible for providing the referee with a properly inflated game ball at the beginning of the game. Game balls must be approved by the referee and may only be changed at the referee's discretion. Approved ball sizes are listed below:
- **U8 - U10:** Size 4
 - **U11 and U12:** Size 4
- d) All players must wear proper shin guards.
- e) Players will not be allowed to wear anything that may be considered dangerous (i.e. earrings, nose rings, watches, etc.)
- f) Players wearing casts or splints can play only with the permission of the referee.

7. Game Play

<u>Under 8</u>	<u>Under 9 and Under 10</u>	<u>Under 11 and Under 12</u>
5v5 (including goalkeeper)	7v7 (including goalkeeper)	9v9 (including goalkeeper)
Maximum 2 games played	Maximum 2 games played	Maximum 2 games played
2 x 25-minute halves (5-minute halftime)	2 x 25-minute halves (5-minute halftime)	2 x 30-minute halves (5-minute halftime)
Kick-ins or Dribble in will be observed	Kick-ins or Dribble in will be observed	Throw-ins will be observed
Substitutions can occur at any stoppage, and will be unlimited	Substitutions can occur at any stoppage, and will be unlimited	Substitutions can occur at any stoppage, and will be unlimited
No offsides	No offsides	Offsides
Retreat Line rule in effect (Lines to be placed at 1/2 point of field)	Retreat Line rule in effect (Lines to be placed at 1/3 point of field)	Retreat Line rule in effect (Lines to be placed at 1/3 point of field)

Teams will be expected to arrive at their field 25 minutes prior to scheduled kick-off times.

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U8 Divisions: Guarantee of two (2) games to be played.

U9 Divisions: Guarantee of two (2) games to be played.

U10 Divisions: Guarantee of two (2) games to be played.

U11 Divisions: Guarantee of two (2) games to be played.

U12 Divisions: Guarantee of two (2) games to be played.

- a) Games will be held at the Henk Van Dyk Park (189 York Street, Strathroy, ON) or the Creekside Community Soccer Fields
- b) No points will be awarded, and no scores will be kept.
- c) Game sheets will need to be completed for each game that every team plays.
 - i. Game sheets will only be used to verify coaching staff and record the game participants.
 - ii. Both teams shall complete their game sheet in full and provide it to the referee prior to kick-off.
 - iii. Only team officials who are listed on the game sheet are allowed to assist the coach.
 - iv. The referee will sign the game sheet and submit it to the festival organizers upon the conclusion of the game.
- d) The tournament organizers reserve the right to change the durations of games on the event of severe weather (i.e. persistent heavy rain, lightning, extreme heat, etc.).

8. Failure to Show

- a) A team will be allowed a ten (10) minute grace period from the scheduled kick-off time to field the minimum number of players needed to start a game.
- b) U9 and U10 teams can start a game with a minimum of five (5) players.
- c) U11 and U12 teams can start a game with a minimum of six (6) players.

9. Coaches and Team Officials

- a) Coaches will choose their side of the field prior to the game and must remain on their side of the centre line.
- b) Only team officials will be allowed in this area. Parents and spectators must be seated on the opposite side of the field.
- c) Team officials are not allowed on the field without the permission of the referee.

10. Disciplinary Action

- a) All discipline shall be subject to Ontario Soccer mandatory penalties for player misconduct.
- b) A player receiving two (2) yellow cards during a game will be suspended from the festival.
- c) A player receiving a red card will be suspended from the festival.
- d) The referee's judgements regarding cautions and ejections shall be extended to cover all team officials, who will be subject to the same disciplinary actions as players.
- e) **Any form of referee abuse** may result in the offending team or team member being removed from the festival.

The Festival Organizers reserve to decide on all manners pertaining to the festival.