

# Whitby Iroquois Soccer Club

## SENIOR RECREATIONAL SOCCER GUIDE & RULES



*For the Adult Recreational Player and Team Official !!*



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## 1. Code of Conduct

The Club Codes of Conduct provide the principles by which everyone associated with the Club must comply. Registered participants are required to conduct themselves in a manner which permits everyone to enjoy the game.

The **Fair Play Code** covers players, team officials, referees, parents and spectators and the **Code of Conduct** applies to the same individuals on and around the soccer field or anywhere a Club event or Club business is taking place. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including the possible termination of participation of a player and/or team official, or termination of use of the services of a referee.

Copies of the **Fair Play Code** are available to download on the Club website.

## 2. General

Every participant shall agree to act at all times according to the Fair Play Code for players, team officials, referees and spectators.

The following behaviours are **not permitted**:

- Abusive behaviour and/or communication styles which are deemed unacceptable
- Use of profanity
- Use of alcohol or other controlled substances which are prohibited from all Club premises, including permitted locations
- Smoking or consuming alcohol in or around the Club dome, fields and facility, including permitted locations where such activities are strictly prohibited

### Players

- will play co-operatively with team-mates
- will treat opponents, game officials, team officials, and spectators with respect
- must wear shin guards for all games
- must NOT wear metal cleats in the Whitby Soccer Centre facility

### Team Officials

- will set an example of fair play, respect of others and good sportsmanship
- will speak respectfully to players, officials and spectators

### Spectators

- will treat players, referees, opponents and other spectators with respect

- will ensure young spectators in their care do not interrupt the game and remain well away from the field of play

### 3. Non-participants

Spectators who are not a registered Club participant are still subject to the municipal by-laws applicable in our Town. Individuals who engage in any unacceptable behavior may, depending on the severity, be barred immediately from the Club premises or permitted field area and, if necessary, subject to legal ramifications.

### 4. Senior Recreational Program Information

#### Registration of Team/Players

Every player must be registered in the Club registration system before playing in any league game. This data will be uploaded to the OSA registration system, ensuring that every player is covered by the OSA insurance policy and participating in sanctioned soccer activities.

- All players must be 18 years of age or older by the end of the current year
- A player may play on more than one team but must have registered and paid for each team they play on prior to participating in any league game
- Players are required to register online and pay in full, 48 hours before the start of their first league game
- It is the responsibility of the official team representative to ensure that only eligible players are on the official game roster which shall be provided by the Club
- A team using an unregistered player, will be assessed a default loss for that game and the offence shall be reported to the Discipline Committee for action

#### Privacy Policy

Member information is stored electronically on a separate stand alone system which resides on a secured and dedicated server. No separate use is made of member information except as provided for in the waiver information when registering.

#### Fees

Fees must be paid in order to complete the registration process. Payment may be made online by credit card or in person at the Club office by cash, cheque, debit or credit card. A charge is levied for NSF cheques.

Refunds may be approved upon receipt of a completed Refund Request Form pursuant to the current refund policy as published on the Club website.

### 5. The Game

- The Club shall determine the days of the week and time when games will be played
- A minimum of 4 players are required to start an indoor game, 7 players for an outdoor game
- If teams cannot field a team at their scheduled time, they have 15 minutes before the result of the game is recorded as a forfeit (3-0)
- The game will consist of two 25 minutes halves (indoor), two 45 minute halves (outdoor)
- Games must start and finish on time and teams must be ready to play 5 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time
- If an *indoor* game does not start on time as a result of delays due to players not being ready, the playing time will be adjusted by the referee so that the game finishes no later than the scheduled start time for the next game
- If an *outdoor* games does not start on time as a result of delays due to players not being ready, the referee, in consultation with the two coaches, will adjust the start and finish times accordingly
- Players arriving before the start of the second half of the game are able to participate providing their name and jersey number are entered on the game sheet prior to entering the field of play

## Cancelled and Postponed Games

In the event a referee fails to show up for a game, only a qualified volunteer game official may be elected to referee the game in the absence of the assigned referee. It must be recognized by both teams that the individual assuming the role of game official shall be deemed to have the same status as any club or league appointed official, and must be extended the same courtesy, support and respect. In the event there is no substitute available, the game will be rescheduled by the Club.

Any referee failing to show up for a game must be reported to the club office who will then take appropriate action. This should be noted on the game sheet and reported to the Club office.

Once a game has started, only the referee may abandon the game due to field conditions. If the game is abandoned by the referee after the start of the second half, the game is considered complete, the result will stand, and it will not be rescheduled.

## Forfeited Games

A team must give the Club at least 72 hours notice if forfeiting a game. Failure to do so will result in a 3 point loss in the standings. A second offence will result in a \$140 team fine. Teams will be given a 1 game pass. A team that forfeits any subsequent game will be fined \$140 regardless of whether or not advance notice is given.

## Illegal Players

A team found to have used an illegal player will be reported to the Discipline Committee for action pursuant to OSA policies and schedule of penalties.

## Game Sheets, Standings, etc.

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- a) The team listed first on the schedule is considered to be the home team
- b) The home team official is responsible for providing the game ball and for presenting the visiting team official with a game sheet to complete
- c) Both team officials must complete a single game sheet for each game played. The information to be included is the date, time, location, team identification and team official names, and team colours. Game sheets must properly identify the first and last names and numbers of players. No other comments are to be placed on the game sheet, except by the referee for official purposes
- d) The referee may note reasonable protests on the game sheet. If other objections or points of view arise which, in the opinion of the referee, are not worthy of noting on the game sheet, the team officials may voice their concerns in writing to the Club
- e) The referee shall submit the game sheet to the Club Office within 48 hours of the completion of the game. In the event of any discipline, the referee will complete his reports and submit them along with the game sheet to the club office within 48 hours of the game
- f) Three points are awarded for a win. One point is awarded for a tie.
- g) League standings are determined as follows:
  - Total points
  - Most games won
  - Better record in head to head games
  - Goal difference (goals for, minus goals against, for ALL games played - maximum 5 goal difference)
  - Least goals scored against
  - Deciding game

Game scores shall be recorded by the Club and posted on the Club website. The standings will reflect the results of game sheets actually received by the Club office. Points will NOT be awarded for game sheets not received. In the event of a dispute, the referee's signed report of the game score shall be considered the official record.

## 6. Senior Team Officials

### Role

Each team must have a declared team official who is registered and identified as such in the Club registration system. Members who are interested in coaching or representing a team must complete the OSA Coach or Administrator Registration Form which is available on the website. This form must be returned to the Club office in order to be entered in the Club registration system.

A Club team official must sign a **Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Agreement** along with the Club **Code of Conduct**. Club team officials have access to sensitive and personal information and must be committed to protecting the privacy of our participants. These forms are available on the Club website.

### Responsibilities

The team official representative shall:

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- ensure that only registered eligible player names, as provided in writing by the Club Registrar, are added to the Game Sheet and identified thereon by their First Name, Last Name and proper jersey number
- be prepared to accurately identify any team member if requested by a Club director, Club administrator, convenor or game official
- ensure players wear the approved Club jerseys with numbers which correspond to those recorded on the Game Sheet before entering the field of play
- oversee the conduct and control of the team, the players and spectators
- ensure all team members are aware of and abide by the Club and governing body published rules
- provide a game ball and completed Game Sheet when identified as the home team on the schedule

## **Guest Team Officials**

As there are liability and insurance implications for the Club, only those individuals who have registered with the Club may participate in recreational games. To use a guest team official, the registered team representative must advise the Club in writing prior to the game.

## **7. Director of Senior Teams**

The Director is responsible for the senior teams and will ensure team officials are assigned to each team. The Director is the liaison between the team officials, players and the Club, and will oversee the Senior Recreational Program. The Director will oversee distribution of program information to the team officials and players prior to the season and from time to time as required.

### **Role / Responsibilities**

The Director is responsible for:

- scheduling and attending the team official kick-off meeting
- distribution of uniforms to the team officials at Distribution Day or other designated time
- ensuring Team Officials and Players are aware of and comply with the Club Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Team Officials and Players
- overseeing use and record of game sheets

## **8. Team Names & Equipment**

- Teams are required to register using a unique team name which should not include language which could be offensive or objectionable when taken in any context
- Players registering for our recreational program may be provided with a shirt, shorts and socks which must be worn at all games.
- In the event of a conflict of team colours, the home team will wear alternate jerseys or pinnies
- Players must wear matching team jerseys (or pinnies) with numbers corresponding to those indicated on the Game Sheet

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- Shin guards are required

Players and team officials must comply with The OSA Guidelines regarding **FIFA Law 4** "Players Equipment". *"All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are strictly forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is NOT acceptable."*

**NOTE:** Activity Tracking Devices (i.e. Fitbit, etc.) are NOT permitted on the field of play.

The referee will ensure that players do not wear any article which may present a danger to other players or themselves.

### 9. Whitby Soccer Centre Facility

- Any damage to Whitby Soccer Centre property will be paid for by the individual(s) responsible, prior to participation in further league games
- Non-compliance constitutes automatic indefinite suspension from the league and possible legal and/or disciplinary action
- If the individual(s) who is responsible for the damage cannot be identified, the Team will be removed from the schedule until the damages are paid in full
- Individuals using any Club facility do so at their own risk

#### Restrictions in the Club facility

- WATER IS THE ONLY DRINK permitted in the Club dome
- Food is not permitted in the dome
- Gum is not permitted in the dome
- Alcohol is not permitted in the facility or on any of the Club premises
- Smoking is not permitted in the facility or within 15 metres of the Club building, or any adjacent outdoor field

#### Players – Indoor Soccer

- Players are not permitted to enter the indoor field area until 5 minutes prior to the start of their game
- Spitting is not permitted on the field (1<sup>st</sup> offense-yellow card, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-red card)

#### Spectators

- Must stay behind the white lines at all times and within the designated spectator seating area
- Must not permit children to play in the sideline area – this is distracting and dangerous

#### Personal Property

- WISC accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen personal property. We strongly suggest that valuables not be taken into the Club facility

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## 10. Risk Oversight

### Accidents

Registered participants (players, team officials and game officials) are covered by the OSA Insurance Provider when participating in an OSA sanctioned event. In order to file a claim, any accident sustained must be reported by the participant on an OSA Accident Report Form and submitted to the Club immediately. The **Claim Form** is available on the Club website.

Players must be medically fit to play soccer before returning to play from an injury. The player's health and fitness must be paramount in establishing when a player can return from injury. Any decision to return to play or practice may be vetoed by the Club if it is deemed appropriate.

It is the responsibility of the team official and the game referee to inspect the field and report any hazardous conditions or other facility issues to the Club as soon as possible.

## 11. Harassment

The Club also subscribes to the Harassment Policy as published and approved by The OSA. This policy applies to all employees, directors, officers, volunteers, coaches, team officials, game officials, administrators, players, members and registrants of the Club. Those wishing to file a complaint are asked to do so directly with The Ontario Soccer Association ([gjennings@soccer.on.ca](mailto:gjennings@soccer.on.ca)).

## 12. Discipline

The Club follows the Published Rules of the OSA. Refer to the Club's Discipline at a Glance document or the Club's website for further details.

## 13. Protests

Where protests are permitted, these are made in accordance with the Club's Rules.

### NOTE:

It is important to deal with situations as soon as possible. Always be prepared to submit any matter of major concern **in writing to the Club office**. This will be reviewed and responded to at the earliest opportunity. Official complaints are to be submitted to the Discipline Chair as set out above (see: Discipline).

**Downloads / Forms** (*the following are available on the Club website*)

- [Fair Play Code for Senior Players](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)

- [How to Submit a Claim for Insurance](#) *(includes Claim Form)*
- [Discipline Information](#)
- [Senior Recreational Program At a Glance](#)
- [Indoor Rules for Senior Recreational Soccer](#)
- [Outdoor Rules for 11 v 11 Recreational Soccer](#)