



GSSC Festival Rules and Regulations

Eligibility and Registration Requirements

When applying to take part in a festival, each squad must:

- 1.0 Complete the Festival Application Form found on the www.gssc.ca website, in which each team shall identify itself by providing its Club name, age and gender classification; and if the festival is played outside its District, must attach to the festival application form (FAF) written proof of permission from its Association to participate (ATF), in accordance with the following: - District Association approval if festival is played out-of-District.

Failure to comply will disqualify the team from participating in the festival.

- 1.1 All participating teams must be currently registered with Ontario Soccer. All teams from outside the Great North Ontario Soccer Association (GNSA) MUST provide, no later than one week before the festival date, an authorized travel permit from their governing association.
 - 1.1.1 All teams from Border Provinces or Border States shall supply proof of accident/injury/illness medical insurance to the Festival Host not later than seven days prior to the first day of the festival. Failure to comply will disqualify the squad from participating in the festival.
- 1.2 The Festival Committee and host club will not be liable for injuries to any participant on or off the fields during the tournament.
- 1.3 All teams must bring with them a copy of their official team roster validated by their governing organization. This should be presented at registration and kept available by the team at every game during the festival. Failure to meet this requirement could result in sanctions including dismissal from the event and forfeit of the team entry fee.
- 1.4 No team will be considered officially registered until their entry fee payment, in full, has been received. Any team that withdraws from the festival after the registration deadline will not be entitled to a refund of their entry fee.
- 1.5 Team registration will take place on the Sunday morning of the Festival at the Lancer Dome located at 1545 Kennedy Drive. A team official must register the team no later than one hour before their first game. Players are not required to be present at registration.

A copy of the team's official Team Roster validated by the team's governing body (for presentation and inspection only)

2.0 Team Roster

- 2.1 Game sheet rosters will be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players

Players may play on only ONE team during the festival.

2.2 A team may register 'call up' players as long as those players are registered to the same Club as the participating team and are at the same age level as the team. No guest players from other clubs are permitted. All players being called up must have properly validated digital ID as well as evidence of the club they are registered to.

2.3 The age groups and their corresponding birth dates for the tournament are as follows:

AGE DIVISION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON TEAMS ENTERED)

U12/U13 BIRTH YEAR 2013 & 2014

U10/U11 BIRTH YEAR 2015 & 2016

U8/U9 BIRTH YEAR 2017 & 2018

2.4 Ontario roster must be available at each game the team plays. A player or team official without proper documentation will not be eligible to participate.

3.0 UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER

3.1 The Festival Committee reserves the right to shorten the length of any game and/or revise the schedule of games in an effort to ensure that all games are played. Further, if necessary due to inclement weather, the Festival Committee may cancel any game.

3.2 Neither the Greater Sudbury Soccer Club, nor the Tournament Committee, will be responsible for any expenses incurred by teams, players or parents, in the event of cancellation of the festival in whole or in part.

4.0 Game Abandonment. A team which is unable to field at least four (4) players (1 GK + 3 field players) ten minutes of the official start time will force abandonment of the game unless the team can provide the Festival Committee with a satisfactory reason for the lateness. The offending team may be liable for a fine of \$100 payable within 30 days. There will be no refund of entry fees due to abandoned games.

5.0 Protests. All protests must be in writing and submitted with a \$100 cash bond to the Festival Control Centre, within 30 minutes of the finish of the game to which the protest relates. The Festival Discipline Committee will rule on all protests, and the cash deposit will be refunded only if the protest is upheld. All referees' decisions are final. No protests will be allowed based on referee decisions.

6.0 Home Team. The team listed first on the schedule shall be considered the home team. The home team shall provide a suitable game ball for each home game. If there is a colour clash with team jerseys it will be the home team's responsibility to change colours. Each team should have two sets of jerseys in anticipation of possible colour clashes.

7.0 Festival Format – INDOOR

All games shall be small-sided soccer played under Ontario Soccer's Grassroots Small Sided Soccer Rules.

7.1 All games will be two (2) x twenty-five (25) minute halves.

7.2 As per OS developmental guidelines, no scores or standings will be kept, and no trophies or medals will be awarded based on results.

7.3 Substitutions are allowed at any stoppage in play with the approval of, and at the discretion of, the referee.

7.4 All teams will play 6v6 with a size 4 ball.

7.5 There will be NO OFFSIDE since it is indoor soccer.

7.6 All free kicks and sideline inbounding will be indirect.

7.7 As per Canada Soccer's LTPD Matrix Rules, the Retreat line is half the field up to U9. U10 to u12 is 1/3 of the field.

8.0 Spectator/Team/Coach Positioning Coaches must stay within the technical area that extends one yard either side of the team bench and one yard from the sideline. Coaching outside of this area will not be permitted. Only team officials are allowed in this area. Team officials are reminded that they are not allowed on the field of play without the referee's permission. A MAXIMUM of four team officials are permitted on the bench (Coaches, trainers, etc).

Parents and other fans are not allowed in this area and must remain on the Grey perimeter, off the turf, in the Lancer Dome. This rule will be strictly enforced. No exceptions. Spectators must always remain at least two metres back from the touchline. No food or drinks are allowed in the Lancer Dome, other than water.

9.0 Discipline

9.1 If a player receives a red card, he/she will be ejected and automatically suspended for the next game. A red card for violent conduct will result in a three-game suspension. If a player receives two yellow cards during the same game, he/she will be ejected and suspended for the next game. If a team official is asked to leave the field of play, he/she will automatically receive a next game suspension. All suspensions will be reported to the team's home District Association and to Ontario Soccer (and/or appropriate provincial association).

9.2 Any team official, parent or spectator of a team who is ejected from the field for unruly or abusive behaviour will automatically be ejected from the remainder of the festival.

10.0 Equipment. Shin pads and proper uniform attire are mandatory. 'Hard' casts, even if wrapped, are not permitted. Referees have final determination over issues involving potentially 'unsafe' equipment (eyeglasses, 'soft' casts, etc.).

11.0 Game Sheets. Both teams must submit their completed game sheets to the referee prior to kick-off. Players' uniform numbers must correspond to numbers/names on the game sheet.

12.0 Festival Committee

12.1 The Festival Committee will be responsible for team acceptances, festival format, game scheduling, and assignment of referees.

12.2 The Festival Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the festival.

12.3 The Festival Committee reserves the right to rule on all matters pertaining to the festival, including interpretation of the forgoing rules and regulations.

12.4 The Festival Committee reserves the right to change the format of the festival due to unforeseeable circumstances.

12.5 The Greater Sudbury Soccer Club will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the Festival is cancelled or shortened.