



PEEL HALTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION

OUTDOOR LEAGUE RULES



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Overview

Ontario Soccer (OS) is the governing body for soccer in Ontario and is responsible for the sanctioning and oversight for Leagues in Ontario.

District Leagues – DPHDL & YPHDL

The Leagues were established under the principles of the Ontario Soccer Long Term Development Plan with the goal of providing a structured debut to competitive play, facilitating the training development of young players by our Member Clubs and providing a competitive structure in support of player development affording players, coaches and match officials to rise to the height of their abilities and aspirations.

Within these Operational policies any time the masculine is used it is deemed and understood to be the feminine as well.

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

Administrators, Executive Committee Members, League Officials, Club Officials, Match Officials, Match Assignors, and registered team officials must always conduct themselves on or off the field (when dealing with soccer related activities) in such a manner as to set an example when followed, would enable every player to be a credit to the game. The YPHDL, DPHDL and all its participants shall adhere to the codes of conduct found within [Ontario Soccer's Policies – Section 13 and Appendix B1](#).

Executives and League Officials shall investigate all reports and any noncompliance that they directly observe and advise team officials and Club Administrators of any non-compliance with the League's Rules & Regulations as soon as possible.

2. DEFINITIONS

ADMINISTRATOR

means an individual who has been appointed by the Club and assigned to a specific team in an effort to assist in the management of the team. An Administrator may also mean an individual who has been appointed by the Club to assist with the day-to-day administrative operations of the Club.

ASSISTANT COACH

means an individual who has been appointed by the Club and assigned to a specific team in an effort to assist in the training and coaching of the team.

ASSISTANT MANAGER

means an individual who has been appointed by the Club and



	<i>assigned to a specific team in an effort to assist in the operation of the team.</i>
ASSISTANT MATCH OFFICIAL	<i>means an Assistant Match Official as certified by Ontario Soccer and governed under the OS Rules</i>
CANADA SOCCER (CS)	<i>means the National Governing Organization</i>
CLUB	<i>means a Soccer Club which is a member of the District Association sanctioned by Ontario Soccer</i>
DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE	<i>means a group of individuals, appointed by the District Association to act as the Committee to review the Festival game sheets and reports</i>
FIELD CONVENOR	<i>means an individual who has been selected by the District Association to act as the Manager of the Festival Operations on game day</i>
FIELD STAFF	<i>means an individual who has been selected by the Host Club to assist with the field set up and take-down on game day and to assist the Field Convenor with duties as assigned</i>
GAME	<i>means the scheduled match</i>
MATCH OFFICIAL	<i>means a Match Official as certified by Ontario Soccer and governed under the OS Rules</i>
GAME DURATION	<i>means the length of the game match which shall be in accordance with the OS Matrix and Long Term Player Development</i>
GOVERNING BODY	<i>means the organization to which the League shall report</i>
MANAGER	<i>means an individual who has been identified by the Club and assigned to a specific team in an effort to assist in the operation of the team</i>
ONTARIO SOCCER (OS)	<i>means the Provincial Governing Organization</i>
PLAYER	<i>means a registrant of the Member Club, District Association and Ontario Soccer. The player must be registered in the OS OSCAR registration database in order to be considered eligible.</i>
SCHEDULE	<i>means the official timetable of games organized by the League</i>
TEAM	<i>means the official list of registered players as provided by the Member Club to the District Association</i>
TEAM HEAD COACH	<i>means the team official appointed by their Club who is responsible for the team and its operation</i>
TEAM OFFICIAL	<i>means coach, assistant coach, manager, assistant manager as identified by the Club and registered with the OS and PHSA to a team</i>



3. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

- 3.1. The affairs of the District Leagues (DPHDL) will be overseen by the Peel Halton Soccer Association Executive Director and Board of Directors (“League Executive”)
- 3.2. The day-to-day management of the League(s) can be assigned or contracted by the PHSA to a related or third party based on an annual agreement approved and signed on behalf of the PHSA Executive Director and Board of Directors.
- 3.3. The League office staff, League contractors and/or PHSA office staff are not authorized to change or modify league policies or waive/adjust administrative and discipline fines.
- 3.4. The District Association(s) operating the League(s) may from time to time make such changes to the League Operational Policies as may be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the League(s). The League(s) has the sole rights to modify, change, add, modify or delete League Operational Policies. Changes must be approved by the respective League’s Executive prior to coming into effect. The League(s) shall inform Clubs of any changes to the League Operational Policies Changes at least fourteen (14) days before the adoption of the changes.
- 3.5. All fines resulting from a breach of the rules identified in these League Operational Policies, including but not limited to those published in **Appendix A**, shall be assessed against the specific Club.

4. CATEGORIES & DIVISIONS MATRIX

2025 Peel Halton Development League - U8-U13				
Age Group	<u>U8/U9</u>	<u>U10/U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>
Match Official	Referee	Referee	Referee	Referee
Playing Format	5 v 5	7 v 7	9 v 9	9v9
Game Duration	2 x 20 minutes	2 x 25 minutes	2 x 35 minutes	2x35 minutes
Ball Size	3	4	4	5
Touchline Restart	Pass In / Dribble In	Pass In / Dribble In	Throw In	Throw In
Goal Line Restart	Goal Kicks / Corner Kicks	Goal Kicks / Corner Kicks	Goal Kicks / Corner Kicks	Goal Kicks / Corner Kicks
Offside	No	No	Yes	Yes
Retreat Line	Yes - 1/2 field	Yes - 1/3rds field	No	No
Substitutions	Unlimited (any stoppage)	Unlimited (any stoppage)	Unlimited (any stoppage)	Unlimited (any stoppage)
Playing Laws	http://tinyurl.com/53by99k3	https://tinyurl.com/mrxysna	https://tinyurl.com/3wn9y75s	



5. PLAYING RULES

5.1 FIELDS & EQUIPMENT

5.1.1 The event host or home team shall be responsible for the readiness of the pitch and facilities including, but not limited to lines or markings, goals, nets, flags, etc.

5.1.2 Pitch size guidelines for DPHDL matches are as follows:

- a) U8 & U9– the field size must be 25-30 meters (27x33 yds) wide by 30-36 meters (33x39 yds) in length maintaining the rectangular shape.
- b) U10 & U11 – the field size must be 30-36 meters (33x39 yds) wide by 40-55 meters (44x71 yds) in length maintaining the rectangular shape.
- c) U12 & U13 – the field size must be 42-55 meters (46x60 yds) wide by 60-75 meters (65x82 yds) in length maintaining the rectangular shape.

5.1.3 Goal sizes for the DPHDL are as follows:

- a) U8 & U9 – 2.44 meters wide (8ft) by 1.52 meters high (5ft)
- b) U10 & U11 – 4.88 meters wide (16 ft) wide by 1.83 meters high (6ft)
- c) U12 & U13 – 5.49 meters wide (18ft) wide by 1.83 meters high (6ft)

5.1.4 The ball size for the matches shall be:

- a) U8 & U9 – size 3 ball
- b) U10 & U11– size 4 ball
- c) U12 – size 4 ball
- d) U13 – size 5 ball

5.2 RETREAT LINE

5.2.1 The retreat line will come into play when the ball has gone out for a goal kick or when the goalkeeper has the ball in his/her arms. The retreat line shall be marked at the ½ way mark for the U8 & U9 division and at the 1/3 mark of field for the U10-12 divisions. The use of field markers outside the field of play to indicate the retreat line is recommended. The ball is in play once it is kicked and clearly moves. All opponents must be behind the retreat line and cannot cross the retreat line until the ball:

- Is touched by a player of the team releasing the ball OR,
- Leaves the field of play OR,
- Crosses the retreat line. If the goalkeeper chooses not to wait for the opposing players to "retreat" and releases the ball quickly, the opponents are permitted



to challenge for the ball without going back to the retreat line.

5.2.2 For any offences, including those listed below, the goal kick is retaken:

- a) Opponents cross the retreat line before they are permitted
- b) Kicker touches the ball a second time with their feet
- c) The goalkeeper takes the goal kick and touches the ball a second time with their hands inside of their penalty area.
- d) An indirect free kick is awarded if the kicker touches the ball a second time with their hands, except for a goalkeeper inside their penalty area. The indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the position where the second touch occurred.

5.3 THROW-INS

U8 – U9 Divisions: There are no throw-ins. It's pass or dribble in.

U10 – U11 Divisions: Pass or dribble-in

U12 – U13 Divisions: Throw-ins

5.4 OFFSIDE

U8 – U11 Divisions: No offside

U12 – U13 Divisions: Offside rule

6. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are unlimited and can be made at any stoppage of play with the match official's permission. Substitutes entering the field of play should do so from the mid-field marker only once the player they are replacing leaves the pitch.



7. NIGHTS OF PLAY

2025 Peel Halton Development League - U8-U13				
	<u>U8 & U10</u>	<u>U9 & U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>
Playing Format	Festival Format	Festival Format	Home & Away	Home & Away
Playing Week	Saturdays	Sundays	Saturdays	Sundays
Number of Games	16	16	16	16
Number of Games per Day	2	2	1 -2 (depending on division size)	1 -2 (depending on division size)
Game Days	May 30 June 6, 13 & 27 July 11 & 25 August 8 & 23	May 31 June 7, 14 & 28 July 12 & 26 August 9 & 24	May 23 & 30 June 6, 13, 20 & 27 July 4, 11 & 25 August 8, 15 & 29 August 22 & 23 PHSA Tournament	May 24 & 31 June 7, 14, 21 & 28 July 5, 12 & 26 August 9, 16 & 30 August 22 & 23 PHSA Tournament

8. LEAGUE FEE

- 8.1. The annual League fee will be proposed by the League Executive and ratified by the members as part of the budget presented at the PHSA Annual General Meeting.
- 8.2. For the League Fee structure, please reference Appendix A.

9. LEAGUE REGISTRATION

- 9.1. Entries
 - a) Clubs are not limited to the number of teams they enter in any division of the DPHDL.
- 9.2. Categories and Divisions
 - b) Subject to the OS Published Rules and Regulations and the approved Terms of League Operations, the DPHDL may operate a Level 6, Male and Female Divisions in the District for the U8-U9 age groups.
 - c) Subject to the OS Published Rules and Regulations and the approved Terms of League Operations, the Peel Halton Development League may operate a Level 5, Male and Female Divisions in the District for the U10-U12 age groups.



9.3. Membership

- d) Applications by Clubs to play in the DPHDL shall be made annually on the DPHDL official application form or online per the DPHDL website and received by the League no later than the set date send by the League.
- e) Applications to enter teams into the DPHDL will only be accepted from Clubs who are sanctioned and recognized by the PHSA, OS and CS.
- f) Club applications which are submitted late or are incomplete shall be subject to a late fee set out in the DPHDL Fines & Penalties and may not be admitted.

9.4. Applications shall only be accepted if all the required documentation is properly completed, signed by a Club Officer and accompanied by entry fees and bonds (if applicable) and match official fees for the season.

9.5. Clubs who are making an application must ensure that their current membership status with the PHSA supports the application to the competitive league.

9.6. In the event that a Club application is not accepted the application fee, bond (if applicable) and match official fees will be returned less a \$50.00 administration fee.

9.7. Each member Club shall submit its Team entries, including all team fees, bond (if applicable) and match official fees, no later than the set date send by the League of each year for the forthcoming outdoor season, accompanied by the applicable registration fee for each team that is entered into any of the Divisions specified in **Appendix A**.

9.8. Late entries be accepted at the League's discretion and only upon receipt of the late fee per **Appendix A**.

9.9. Team fees shall be set annually and may vary by Division. Team fees will be set and published in the DPHDL application.

9.10. Withdrawal requests from the League must be made before March 31.

9.11. A club who withdraws squads after March 31st shall be subject to fines specified in **Appendix A**.

10. TEAM REGULATIONS

10.1. All players shall be registered with the PHSA in accordance with the OS Published Rules and must appear in the OS's Information Management System

10.2. Players U8-U13 are registered to the Club as mini outdoor players in their appropriate age group.



- 10.3.** The minimum number of players must be registered before the squads first scheduled game of each year:
- Grassroots 5 v 5 (U8-U9) – 7 players minimum
 - Grassroots 7 v 7 (U10-U11) – 9 players minimum
 - Grassroots 9 v 9 (U12-U13) – 11 players minimum
- 10.4.** There will be no maximum limits to each team as there is no “Player Assignment to Team” for Grassroots players. Players registered with the Club are eligible to play in the appropriate age and gender classifications for each team. The “Game Day Maximums” on the bench are
- Grassroots 5 v 5 (U8-U9) – 12 players maximum
 - Grassroots 7 v 7 (U10-U11) – 14 players maximum
 - Grassroots 9 v 9 (U12-U13) – 18 players maximum
- 10.5.** All players and team officials must have a Roster validated by the District. The Roster must be present at all games and discipline hearings. Any squad not in possession of the District Approved Roster may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 10.6.** Where it comes to the attention of the League, through any means, that a player has participated in a game and is not properly registered, the League will investigate and take appropriate disciplinary action against the coaches, squad and Club to which the squad is registered.
- 10.7.** Any squad playing an unregistered or ineligible player will be subject to a disciplinary review. The squad and its Team Officials will be assessed penalties that the Discipline Committee imposes in accordance with Ontario Soccer Published Rules as well as any applicable fines as published in the Schedule of DPHDL Fines & Penalties.

11. COACHES & TEAM OFFICIALS

Clubs must adhere to the Canada Soccer “Rule of Two” Policy. For all youth teams, it is recommended that there are two (2) adults present on the team bench at all times.

- 11.1.** Each squad must have their Club appoint a Head Coach. All Coaches and Assistant Coaches and other team officials for teams registered in the DPHDL must be registered with the League. A Head Coach may only coach two teams in the development league.
- 11.2.** All Coaches and other Team Officials shall be registered with the PHSA in accordance with the OS Published rules.



11.3. A qualified Head Coach shall be registered and certified with OS.

- a) U8 – U9 Coaches requirements:
 - Fundamentals
 - Making Headway
 - MED (with evaluation)
 - Respect in Sport
 - Emergency Action Plan
 - Understanding the Rule of Two
 - Team Officials must complete the age appropriate PHSA Laws of the Game Session as a minimum in order to qualify to be on the bench.

- b) U10 – U13 Coaches requirements:
 - Learn to Train
 - Making Headway
 - MED (with evaluation)
 - Respect in Sport
 - Emergency Action Plan
 - Understanding the Rule of Two
 - Team Officials must complete the age appropriate PHSA Laws of the Game Session as a minimum in order to qualify to be on the bench.

- c) Managers (All Ages)
 - Making Headway
 - Respect in Sport
 - Emergency Action Plan
 - Understanding the Rule of Two
 - Team Officials must complete the age appropriate PHSA Laws of the Game Session as a minimum in order to qualify to be on the bench.

11.4. The Head Coach/Team Coach is responsible for their team and the conduct of the parents/spectators and team staff at all times.

12. TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

12.1. Team official is required to report to the match official by providing the Game Day Sheets for the event at least 15 minutes before their scheduled match.

12.2. Ensure that all participants who are listed on the roster are Ontario Soccer Registrants. Only duly registered officials and players are allowed on the players bench.



- 12.3.** The league requires a certified team official and substitute players to be in the technical area at all times.
- 12.4.** Team Official may not enter the field of play at any time without the prior approval of the Match Official.
- 12.5.** Team Official has the right to withdraw their Team or any of their players from the Field of Play without the prior approval of the Match Official
- 12.6.** Each squad shall ensure that its spectators sit on the side of the field opposite from the side where the players and Team Officials are located.
- 12.7.** Clubs and Team Officials are fully responsible at all times for the conduct of their players, other Team Officials and spectators at and/or in the vicinity of the game in which their Team participates and for any breaches of the OS Code of Conduct.
- 12.8.** A player, Coach, other Team Official or spectator who tries or does impede, harass or otherwise intimidate a Match Official or opposing Team Official shall be subject to disciplinary action. The Team and its officials will be assessed penalties that the League Discipline Committee imposes in accordance with OS Published Rules as well as any applicable League fines and bonds as published in the Schedule of League Fees, Fines & Penalties.
- 12.9.** In the event of an altercation on the field of play, anyone from the bench entering the field of play during the altercation, for whatever reason, shall be subject to disciplinary action. The players and Team Officials will be assessed penalties that the League Discipline Committee imposes in accordance with OS Published Rules and any applicable fines as published in the Schedule of League Fees, Fines & Penalties.
- 12.10.** All Clubs will register colours for their home and away uniforms (Shirt/Shorts/Socks) with the league and will wear the appropriately registered uniform for all league games. Home and away uniforms must be different colours. Teams must wear the Uniform of the Club to which they are registered. The Uniform must display the Club crest/logo.

13. HOME CLUB / HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

13.1. Festival Hosting (U8-U11)

13.1.1. DPHDL- U8-U11 Festivals for 2026 Outdoor Season:

- a) U8 & U10 – Saturdays – May 30; June 6, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22
- b) U9 & U11 – Sundays – May 31, June 7, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23



13.1.2. Clubs who have agreed to be a DPHDL Festival Host will be expected to Host Festival Events over the course of the season. Clubs shall advise of their available dates for hosting no later than February 13 of the upcoming outdoor season. Hosting Clubs will have to commit to hosting a minimum of 24 games per match day. Games may be scheduled from 9am with the last game kicking off not later than 6 pm.

13.1.3. The host is responsible to:

- a) Provide the fields and ensure markings, goals and nets are prepared for the event- fields and goals must be regulation sizes per Canada Soccer grassroots standards.
- b) Host Club is responsible for setting up game day fields - reimbursed through hosting stipend as outlined below.
- c) Provide an information area for the DPHDL Convenor and teams complete with tables, chairs and canopy.
- d) Provide field maps and facility information to teams and visitors.
- e) Facilities must have parking as well as washroom facilities or sufficient portable washrooms.
- f) Field Convenors will be hired and paid for by the PHSA directly. Host club staff are welcome to apply for DPHDL convening positions.
- g) Host is responsible for assigning Match Officials to all games- PHSA will assign if Hosting Club requests this in advance.
- h) It is recommended that the Host Club have the Club Head Match Official on-site for the matches to support, review and assist the assigned match officials and the mentors, who will be assigned and compensation by PHSA.

13.1.4. A host may set up, operate or lease out vending and/or retail space and may deploy advertising on site for the festival. This information must be provided in advance to PHSA to review and approve.

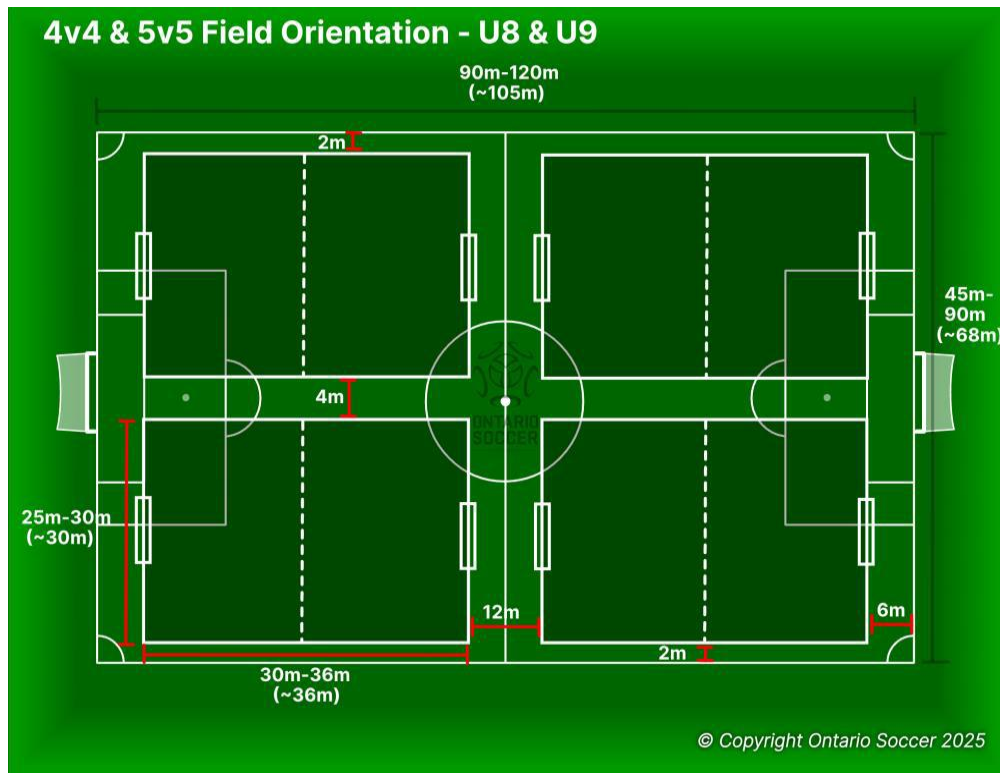
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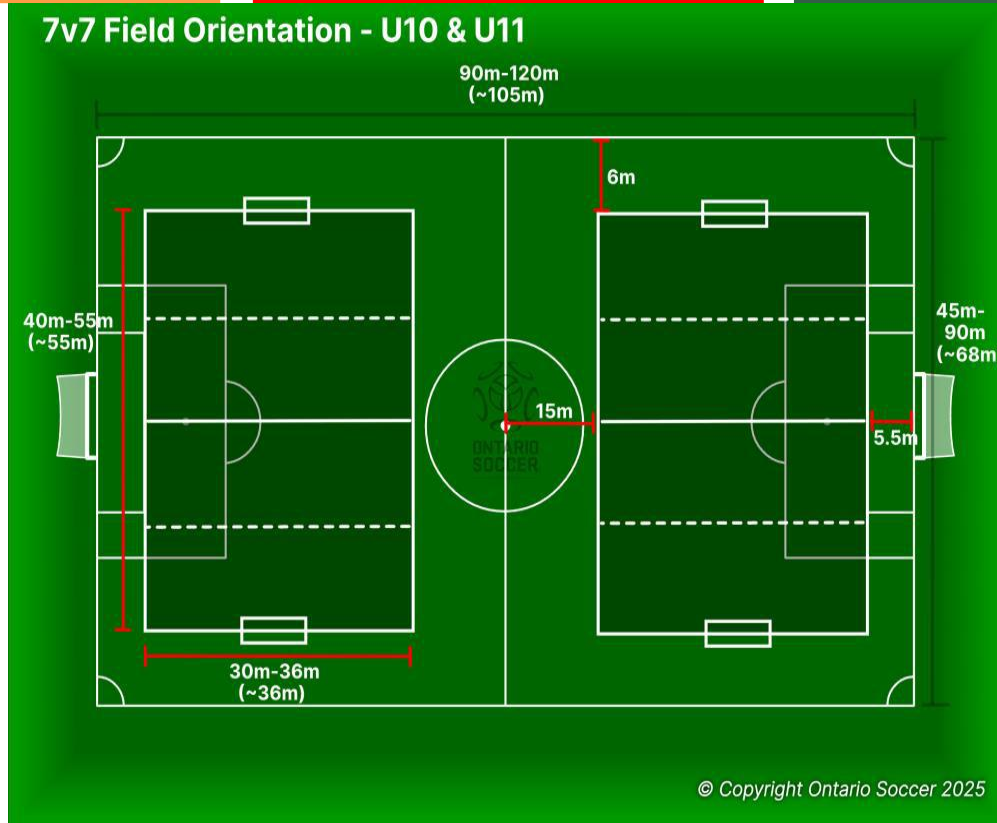
Field Cost Reimbursement 5v5	\$6.00/Game
Field Cost Reimbursement 7v7	\$10.00/Game
Hosting Stipend	\$6.00/Game
Field Lining Stipend (see below)	\$6.00/Game*
Match Official Assigning (by Host Club) Reimbursement	\$2.50/Game



Note that the Field Lining Stipend to be reimbursed must be supported by the submission of a third-party invoice to the club. The compensation for reimbursement of field lining to any host is capped at a maximum of \$6 per match.

<u>U8/U9</u>	<u>U10/U11</u>
Saturday (U8). Sunday (U9)	Saturday (U10). Sunday (U11)
5 v 5 Game Format	7 v 7 Game Format
2 x 20 minutes	2 x 25 minutes
Field Width 25-30m/ Field Length 30-36m	Field Width 30-36m/ Field Length 40-55m





13.2. 9v9 Hosting (U12-U13)

13.2.1. DPHDL- U12 & U13 for 2026 Outdoor Season (12 home/away matches)

- a) U12 – Saturdays – May 23, May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4, July 11, July 25, August 8, August 15 August 29
- b) U13 – Sundays – May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 16, August 30
- c) PHSA Tournament – August 22 & August 23 (4 games with scores, standings & medals) – final locations TBD. TOTAL OF 16 matches for the summer season.
- d) ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT EVENTS
 - TOP RATED SUPER CUP (U12/13) – May 16-18 (pending OS approval)
 - HAMILTON TOURNAMENT – September 19/20



- 13.2.2. Games may be scheduled between 9am and 6pm. U12/U13 will be Home & Away format except for tournament games.
- 13.2.3. All matches to be played as scheduled. Forfeitures/no-shows will result in fines per PHSA Rules and Regulations.
- 13.2.4. Club officials may request a weekday reschedule, without penalty, for a maximum of two matches per season for a team that has entered a weekend festival or tournament that conflicts with a scheduled DPHDL match. Note that the club official only (coaches or team manager requests will not be entertained) can submit a request for reschedule, not less than 21 days prior to the scheduled match day.
- 13.2.5. The Home club is responsible for:
- a) Provide the fields and ensure markings, goals and nets are prepared for the event- fields and goals must be regulation sizes per Canada Soccer grassroots standards.
 - b) Home club is responsible for setting up game day fields.
 - c) Home club is responsible for assigning Match Officials to all games- PHSA will assign if Home club **requests this in advance**.

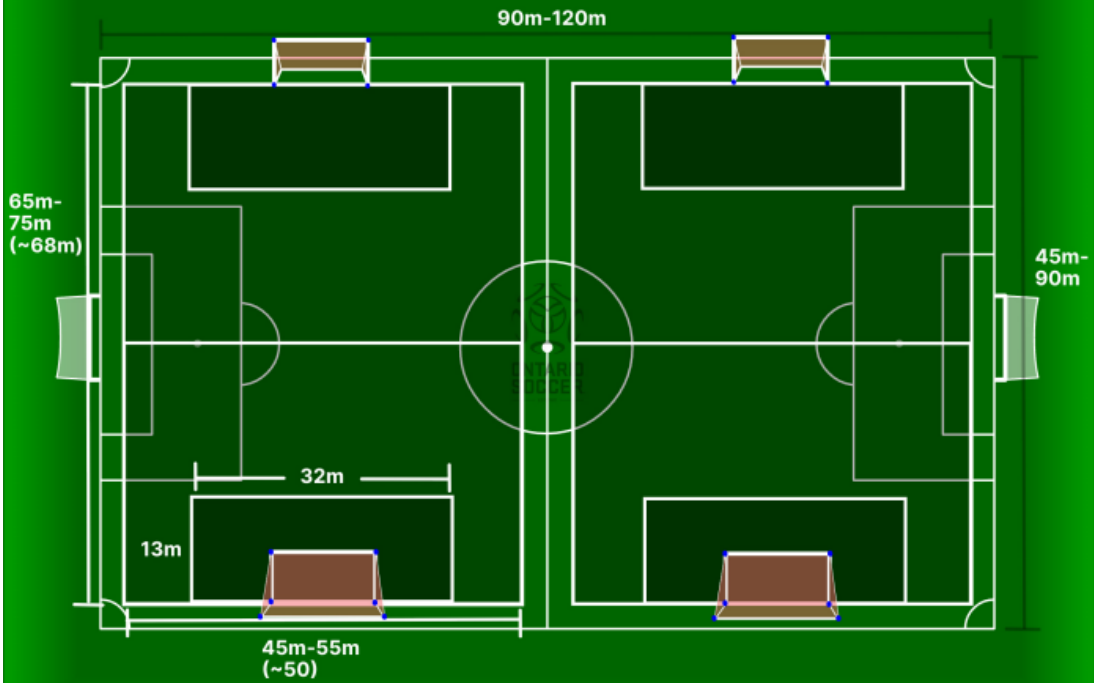
<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>
Saturday	Sunday
9 v 9 Game Format	9 v 9 Game Format
2 x 35 minutes	2 x 35 minutes
Field Width 45-55m/ Field Length 65-75m	Field Width 45-55m/ Field Length 65-75m

SEE FIELD FORMAT REGULATIONS ON NEXT PAGE

Approved portable goals (16' x 6' bownet, etc.) and flat cones are acceptable for use on turf fields. For grass fields, lining to specifications is preferred. Clubs to advise PHSA for specific exemptions by requesting a ruling based on suitability.

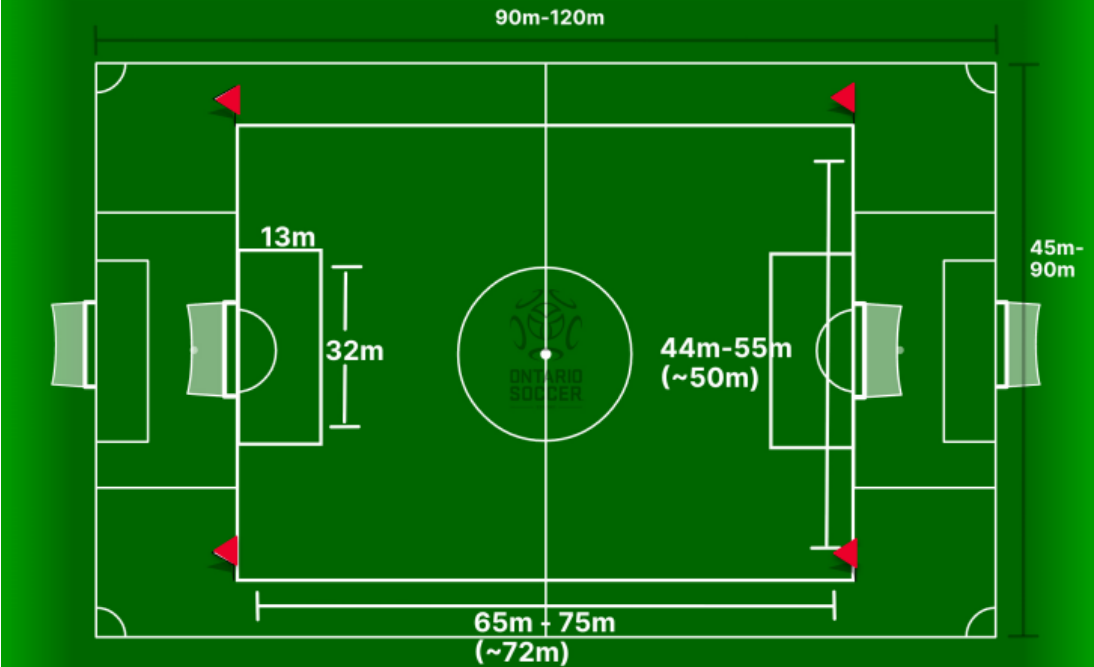


U12 9v9 Field Orientation



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U13 9v9 Field Orientation

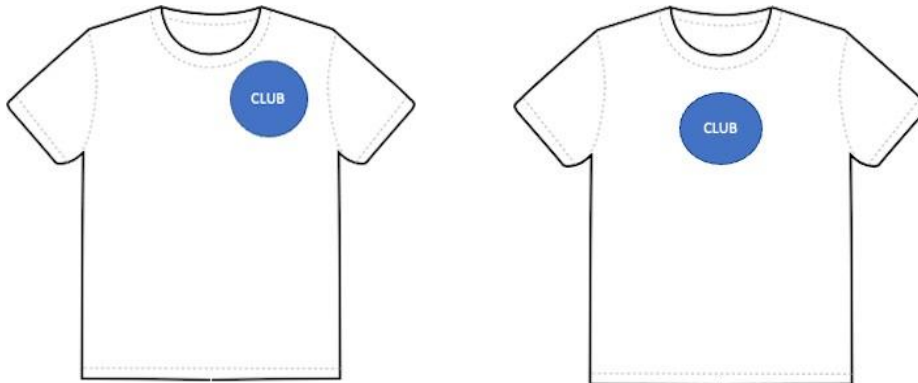


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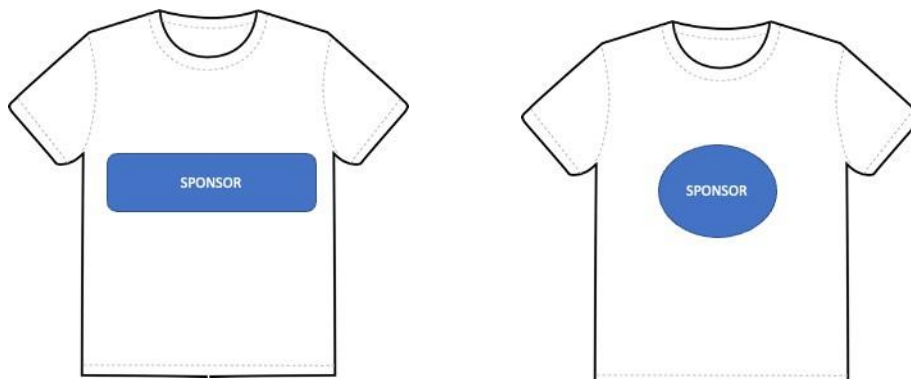


14. UNIFORMS

- 14.1. All players shall wear regulation soccer uniform/equipment as outlined by FIFA and OS Rules.
- 14.2. All Players, including goalies, must be identified by a number, a minimum 8 inches / 204 millimeters tall on the back of their shirt and such number will be recorded against the players' name on the game sheet. All numbers must be legible. No two players on the same team may wear the same number. Every player must have a different number. No taped numbers are permitted on any player on the field.
- 14.3. Teams will wear the uniform of the club to which they are registered.
- 14.4. The official club name/logo/crest/emblem must appear on the front of the player jerseys. The name/logo/crest/emblem should be no smaller than 5 square inches. The name/logo/crest/emblem/symbol or initials of no other club or academy may appear on the jersey.



- 14.5. A sponsor logo may appear on a player jersey provided it does not exceed a maximum size of 40 square inches.





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- 14.6.** The away team will change to a non-conflicting uniform colour.
- 14.7.** Goalkeepers' uniforms must not conflict with that of the game officials or opposing team and must be identified by a number on the back of the jersey.
- 14.8.** If the goalkeeper is substituted, the new goalie must have a different number than the original goalie.
- 14.9.** All substitute players recorded on the game sheet must wear a pinny that is a different colour from the players on the field. The pinny must be worn until the player enters the field of play.
- 14.10.** All Teams must register their regular team colours with the League prior to the start of the League schedule. Where the Match Official decides that the team colours conflict, the away team is required to change to an alternate jersey. The goalkeeper's jersey colour must be different from that of either team. It is the responsibility of the Team Official that is required to change to have alternate shirts available at each game.
- 14.11.** Player's numbers must be recorded on the game sheet and cannot be changed after the start of the game without the Match Officials permission.
- 14.12.** Safety or protective equipment may be worn after inspection by the Match Official, and only if the Match Official deems that the wearing of such equipment will not constitute a danger to the other players.
- 14.13.** All teams will have a First Aid Kit at every game.
- 14.14.** Shin guards and socks are mandatory at all times. Socks **MUST** cover the entire shin guard.
- 14.15.** The following items are not permitted:
- 14.15.1. Jewelry of any kind
 - 14.15.2. Metal/plastic hair clips
 - 14.15.3. Beaded hair
 - 14.15.4. Plaster/fiberglass casts

No taping of jewelry nor wrapping of plaster casts is allowed.

- 14.16.** The following items are permitted:

- 14.16.1. Life sustaining devices such as cochlear implants and processors
- 14.16.2. Glucose monitors/insulin pumps
- 14.16.3. Medic Alert
- 14.16.4. Soft cloth religious headwear (hijabs, turbans, kippot)



15. MATCH OFFICIALS

15.1. In the event the appointed Match Official(s) fail to appear by the appointed kick-off time, the Convenor will make every attempt to secure an alternate Match Official as required for the level of match may assume the duties providing if he/she meets the minimum requirement of being an OS Registered Match Official as required for the level of the match. Match Officials failing to attend an assigned game may be subject to discipline under OS Policies.

15.2. The Match Official shall be required to submit all signed game sheets, Caution summaries, Player Dismissals, Special Incident Reports and/or Match Official Assault Reports to the league. The Match Official will not be paid for their services until said reports are provided. Match Officials failing to file the required reports may be subject to discipline under OS Policies.

15.3. Conflict of Interest

15.3.1. All Match Officials and Match Assignors shall comply with the OS's Code of Conduct or the OS's Match Assignors Code of Conduct, or they shall be reported to their District Association for disciplinary action.

15.3.2. Each Match Official or Match Assignor is under an obligation to avoid a conflict of interest:

- a) To absent himself or herself from any game at any time there is the matter giving rise to the conflict.
- b) To refrain from accepting the game or officiating the game, where involved himself or herself with that age division.
- c) To refrain from officiating when you have a relative who is participating in the match as a player or team official.
- d) To refrain from officiating in a game when you are a team official, executive member, and/or a player within that club.
- e) A Match Official may opt to engage a spectator to serve on a line when one or more assistant are absent. Such person must be identified and agreed to by all team officials. If not approved by all team officials such person cannot be used. However, if such person is approved that person will signal balls in and out only.

15.3.3. All non-compliance will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action.

16. GAME START TIME

16.1. Teams are required to present themselves at the game field at least 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.

16.2. Any Squad that causes a game to be delayed beyond the scheduled kick-off time will be subject to a fine as published in the Schedule of Fees, Fines and Penalties.



17. GAME DURATION

- a) U8 & U9 Festivals – 2 x 20 minutes
- b) U10 & U11 Festivals – 2 x 25 minutes
- c) U12 & U13 Home & Away – 2 x 35 minute

18. GAME ABANDONED

18.1. Any Squad that fails to present itself at the game field within 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time or fails to field the minimum:

- a) U8-U9 Division – Four (4) players
- b) U10-U11 Division – Five (5) players
- c) U12-U13 Division – Six (6) players

Shall be considered to have failed to appear for a scheduled game and shall be fined in accordance with Appendix A. The team must start the game immediately upon arrival of the minimum number of players if the said players arrive within the prescribed 15-minute grace period. Once determined that a team is a no-show, additional players may be added from the opposing team or other teams to afford the game to be played.

18.2. At the end of the grace period, the Squad shall be subject to a fine as published in the Schedule of Fees, Fines and Penalties.

18.3. If both Squads Teams fail to appear for a scheduled game, both teams will be fined as per the Schedule of Fees, Fines and Penalties.

18.4. When, in the opinion of the Match Official and/or the Field Convenor, it is necessary to stop a game due to adverse conditions or unplayable field, the game may be declared to be abandoned. Cancelled games will not be rescheduled.

18.5. If, in the opinion of the Match Official, abandons a game at any time due to the actions of players, officials or spectators/supporters of a Team, the players and the Team Officials will be subject to Discipline.

19. RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

Unless for conditions stated in Section 19 – Cancellation of Games, no game will be rescheduled unless otherwise approved by the League.



20. SCHEDULING EXEMPTION DATES

There are no exemption dates in the grassroots division (U8 – U13).

21. GAME SHEETS

- 21.1. Only Online Game Sheets (League Software Platform) as supplied by the League via the online game sheet module is considered the official game sheet. If the League online game sheets are not used, the Club will be fined per Appendix A.
- 21.2. Each squad **MUST** provide **ONE (1)** game sheet to the match official prior to the start of the game.
- 21.3. The names of all players and Team officials participating in a game must be printed on the official Game Sheet and submitted to the Match Official prior to the commencement of the game. The players, team official's data must be complete at the time of submission. Squads failing to submit their Game Sheet will be fined according to the League Fines & Penalties.

22. LEAGUE STANDINGS

There are no standings maintained in this League.

23. DISCIPLINE

Discipline for the League shall be administered in accordance with the Published **OS** Procedures.

24. PROTESTS

There are no protests as this is a development league.

25. APPEALS

Appeals of any decision by the League shall be addressed to the **PHSA**, in accordance with the applicable Published Rules.



26. OTHER MATTERS

All matters not included in these Rules & Regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with the Ontario Soccer Published Rules.



APPENDIX A – SCHEDULE OF FINES, FEES & PENALTIES

LEAGUE FEES	AMOUNT
Team Registration Fee	DPHDL (U8 – U11) – \$675 DPHDL (U12 – U13) – \$600 YPHDL - \$600
Late Registration (acceptance not guaranteed)	Additional \$150
Team withdrawal (before April 1 st)	\$250 fine
Team withdrawal (starting April 1 st)	Loss of entry fee
Team withdrawal (starting May 1st)	Loss of entry fee & a \$500 fine
HEARING FEES	AMOUNT
Discipline by Hearing Request from DBR (refunded if found not guilty)	\$250
Discipline by Hearing (Admin charges) – Club/T.O./Player	\$150
Discipline by Review (Admin charges) – Club/T.O./Player	\$100
Request to reschedule a Hearing - payable as per Rules	\$250
File a Protest	\$300
Protest denied	Entire fee retained
Protest granted	Fee refunded less \$150 admin fee
FINES	AMOUNT
Club/Team failing to comply with League Rules (OS 5.66)	1 st \$500 / 2 nd \$1,000 / 3 rd + \$2,000 *Repeated offense may be grounds for removing the team from the league altogether.
Game Sheet Violations – Section 23	\$50
Game forfeit – More than 72 hours notice – Section 20.1.7 (Note that forfeit accumulation will apply to either version – i.e., Forfeit #1 is with more than 72 hours (\$250), Forfeit #2 is with less than 72 hours (\$1000))	1 st \$250 / 2 nd \$500 / 3 rd + \$1,000 *Repeated offense may be grounds for removing the team from the league altogether.
Game forfeit – Less than 72 hours notice – Section 20.1.6 (Note that forfeit accumulation will apply to either version – i.e., Forfeit #1 is with more than 72 hours (\$250), Forfeit #2 is with less than 72 hours (\$1000))	1 st \$500 / 2 nd \$1,000 / 3 rd + \$2,000 *Repeated offense may be grounds for removing the team from the league altogether.
Club/Team playing an ineligible player (OS 5.63)	The Club's team will forfeit all of the games in which an ineligible Player played and the Club is fined \$500
Game abandonment (OS 5.70)	1 st \$500 / 2 nd \$750 / 3 rd + \$1,000
Failure to appear by Club at a hearing where required to attend (OS 5.61)	1 st \$500 / 2 nd \$1,000 / 3 rd + \$1,500



Fines, Fees and Payments

- All payments must be credit card, cash, Club cheque or money order, payable to the PHSA within 28 days
- All hearing fees and fines for DBR & DBH for players will automatically be billed to the Club
- Club are responsible for all fees and fines of team officials and players
- Club who fail to submit payment for discipline hearing fees or fines within the stipulated time will be declared not in good standing and their District Association and **OS** will be notified



APPENDIX B – MATCH OFFICIALS FEES

Match Officials Fees:

Fees are handled & paid by the PHSA.

- a) U8 – U9 - \$30 Per Game
- b) U10 – U11 - \$35 Per Game
- c) U12 - \$55 Per Game
- d) U13 - \$55/\$30/\$30 Per Game

Match Official fees paid by YPHDL for scheduled games where kick-off does not take place:

The Match Officials shall be paid a half-game fee for games that are not started due to the following situations:

- The field, in the Match Official's opinion, is unplayable.
- The municipality's parks department closes the field less than two hours prior to kick-off.

The Match Officials shall be paid a full game fee for games that are not started due to the following situations:

- One or both teams do not show up after the grace period has lapsed.
- One or both teams have less than the minimum number of players required to kick off the game.
- The Match Official was not contacted at least two hours prior to the scheduled kick-off of the game.

The half and full game fee noted above shall be paid only if:

- The Match Official collects and completes the game sheet(s) and provides a Special Incident Report (SIR) explaining why the game did not start.
- The appointed Match Official and Assistant Match Official, who were present at the field, shall



include their names, **OS** Registrant Number and signature(s) in the space provided on the game sheet(s).

- The Match Official forwards the fully completed and signed game sheet to the League office within twenty-four (24) hours.

The League shall ensure that all the requirements herein were met prior to issuing the said half-fee payment to the Match Official/Assistant Match Official in question. Furthermore, the Match Official or Assistant Match Official shall NOT collect any amount from the participating team(s) if the game is not started. Should such fees be collected, and the game does not kick-off, then those fees must be returned to the team(s) from which they were collected.

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