

RULES AND REGULATIONS

APPLICATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a) The following rules and regulations are declared to constitute part of and be incorporated in the attached Ladies Recreational Soccer League Constitution and By-Laws and shall be subject to all the terms and conditions contained therein, except that amendments, additions or deletions to these rules and regulations shall be permitted to be made at any General Committee Meeting with the unanimous consent of all eligible voters present at a General Committee Meeting.
- b) Existing and new members must submit no later than the Spring General Meeting, an official team application to the League.
- c) Member teams must submit no later than the March General Meeting a minimum of eleven (11) player registrations. Forms are available on our website, ***lrsl.ca***
- d) Existing teams shall be given preference.

CLUB REFUND POLICY

\$300.00 (THREE HUNDRED) NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT ON THE FIRST PAYMENT

PLAYER REGISTRATION

- (a) A maximum of twenty-five (25) players may be registered per team. Forms are available on our website, ***lrsl.ca***
- (b) The age limit for players shall be eighteen (18) as of January first (1st) each calendar year.
- (c) ***A player who plays any matches on a competitive team, as defined as a competitive team, as per OSA Policy 5.0 League Categories, shall be ineligible to play in this league.***
- (d) A player can be registered with another recreational league or team. No registered player shall play for more than one team within our own League unless officially transferred.

- (e) No player shall be registered or transferred after the General Committee Meeting in the month of July of any season.
- (f) As per O.S.A. Policy, Section 6.0 – Registration, Policy 2.0 – Player Registration – 2.15 ***"an amateur player may register on a maximum of three outdoor teams"***.

FINAL ROSTER/SIGNATURE SHEET

*The Final Roster shall be handed in no later than **the Second Thursday of July of each season** on the Official Club sheet. Teams failing to provide the registrar with the final roster shall be fined One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$150.00).*

ELIGIBILITY FOR GAMES

- (a) Players must be registered with the League not less than four (4) days prior to kick-off, no player, being deemed registered unless so done. All required registration information must be completed in full and received by the Registrar by the Thursday before the Monday game.
- (b) Only registered players shall be dressed for a game.
- (c) A maximum of twenty-five (25) players may be dressed for a game.
- (d) Only players in attendance and dressed for a game shall be entered on the official game sheet.
- (e) All players entered onto the official game sheet shall be deemed as played.
- (f) All legally registered players entered onto the game sheet, ***prior to the start of the second half***, are eligible to play and may enter the game at any time.
- (g) No team shall be allowed to approach a player already registered with another team in the League regarding a transfer, without first obtaining approval to do so from the team with whom the player is already registered.
- (h) ***Players are permitted to play if pregnant. This is between a player and her medical professional. The Club will not be held responsible for any health issues that may occur.***

DISCIPLINE

- (a) A Team found guilty of having played an illegal player, which includes but is not limited to – playing under suspension, playing under a false name, using a registered competitive player or unregistered player will be subject to a minimum fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per player, per game and the disputed game(s) will be forfeited.
- (b) Players, upon reaching three (3) cautions (yellow cards), will receive a one (1) game suspension. In addition, a Twenty (20) Dollar fine will be levied.
- (c) Players receiving a Red Card (dismissal) the following will occur:
 - 1) The referee will keep the game sheet and fill out appropriate paperwork.
 - 2) The team representative will contact the match secretary and inform him/her of the red card.
 - 3) One of the disciplinary committee members will be notified.
 - 4) The disciplinary committee will review all paperwork prior to the next league game and assess the disciplinary action based on the following:

AS PER O.S.A. Section 9.0 – Discipline Policies and Procedures
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 - 5) The team member will be notified about the ruling prior to the next league game and will receive written notification within seven (7) days.
 - 6) The player can choose to appeal for \$25.00.
 - 7) On appeal, the disciplinary committee will hold a hearing. The player is eligible to play league games prior to the appeal hearing.
 - 8) Any player that receives a red card, **THE TEAM** will be fined \$30.00. The money will go towards the tournament to become part of the regular credentials; to help off-set fees and fines.
 - 9) Team officials, upon being dismissed from the game, shall be fined \$30.00.
 - 10) Teams accumulating six (6) cautions (yellow cards) during the regular season shall be fined \$50.00.

- 11) Teams accumulating three (3) red cards (dismissal) during the regular season shall be fined \$50.00.

12) Discipline by Review (DBR) may not be appealed.

If a player receives a red card during a tournament game, the player will be given a one game suspension, and no appeals will be heard. ***If the red card is for "Violent Conduct" then the appropriate discipline will be implemented as per Item B4 in the above.***

NOTE:

PLAYERS RECEIVING A RED CARD ARE TO CONTINUE PLAYING UNTIL CONTACTED BY THE CLUB DISCIPLINE CHAIRPERSON.

GAME SHEET

- (a) Only the official game sheet shall be accepted as the correct record of a game as completed and signed by the referee, who shall record the score, all cautions, ejections and other information required by the League.
- (b) The referee shall give the original copy of the game sheet to the home team only.
- (c) Results must be emailed or phoned in within twenty-four (24) hours. The original copy of the game sheet shall be emailed and/or delivered by text to the Match Secretary. A picture can be taken of the game sheet and sent to the Match Secretary. Original copies must be maintained by the home team and submitted at the end of the season.
- (d) A \$20.00 fine will be levied to any team not providing game results within the 24-hour period.

GAMES

- (a) Games shall be played as per the official schedule. Cancellations shall only be permitted where:
 - 1. The field is declared unplayable by the official referee or field conveyor due to adverse weather conditions.
 - 2. The field is declared dangerous by the official referee.

3. The appointed referee fails to appear, and neither team can agree to a replacement official.
4. Both teams mutually agree, and then only on the strict provision that the Match-Secretary is informed at least forty-eight hours (48) prior to the scheduled date of the rescheduled arrangements by the home team, and that the game is played within days of its originally scheduled date.

Any team failing to report for a scheduled game shall forfeit the game in question, which shall be awarded to their opponent, and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

- (b) The “home” team is responsible for ensuring that proper field markings, corner flags and goal nets are present at each game.
- (c) ***The Chief Referee will be responsible for providing a qualified and where possible registered referee.***
- (d) Should a scheduled game not be played for any reason, other than that set out in paragraph (a)(4) or this article (games), the “home” team is responsible for notification to the Match Secretary on the reverse side of the game sheet.
- (e) All cancelled games must be re-scheduled within fourteen (14) days of their original scheduled date. If a regular season game, no later than the third week of August. The two teams will agree to two days at the time of the cancellation. The home team rep must contact their respective City/Town for a make-up date, using the two agreed upon days. If the home fields are based in Georgetown or Acton, the respective Club reps must contact the towns. These dates will be submitted to the opposing team, and they must give the home team their choice, within forty-eight hours. The home team will then contact the match secretary with the date, time and venue. If due diligence is not shown by the home team, they shall forfeit the game. The opposing team will be awarded a 1 – 0 win. If the opposing team does not accept either of the dates forwarded to them, they will forfeit the game and the home team will be awarded a 1 – 0 win. If a game cannot be re-scheduled, the game will be entered as a 0 – 0 draw. Both teams shall receive one (1) point.
- (f) Game forfeitures are required to be sent to the league in writing by email to the attention of the Match Secretary, the Registrar and the Head Referee more than 48 hours prior to the scheduled game. There will be no fine incurred. If the forfeiture is within 48 hours the team forfeiting will incur a fine of \$50.00. For game forfeitures less than 48 hours a fine of \$100.00 will be incurred. Fines should be paid to the League Treasurer. Fines may be waived in extenuating circumstances and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The reason for

the forfeiture should accompany the notice in writing along with any supporting documentation.

- (g) Where a team fails to field a minimum of seven (7) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time the game shall be awarded to the team that is present and the defaulting team shall be considered as having failed to report for a scheduled game.
- (h) All games shall consist of two (2) forty-five (45) minutes halves with non-floodlit games kicking off no later than 7:00 p.m.
- (i) Teams are to provide a full set of uniforms including an alternate jersey. Each player shall wear a numbered shirt with no two (2) players wearing the same number. The visiting team will change to their alternates if there is a conflict with the home team's jersey's.
Pinney's may be used as an alternate as long as they are numbered or are made of material that permits the showing of the player's number. TEAMS FAILING TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE JERSEY/PINNEY SHALL BE FINED \$100.00 (ONE HUNDRED).
- (j) Abandoned games are to be reported to the Match-Secretary via the game sheet, with the reason for the abandonment stated thereon by the referee. The result of any abandoned game shall be determined by the Executive Committee with the exception that the result of any game abandoned after sixty (60) minutes shall be determined by the score at the time of the abandonment, provided that such abandonment was caused by the prevailing weather, light or ground conditions. The Executive Committee shall investigate all abandoned games. Any team whose officials, players and/or supporters are deemed to have been the cause of the abandonment shall forfeit the game to their opponent and shall be subject to a one hundred (100) dollar fine.
- (k) Each team is responsible for obtaining a "home" field and for notifying the Match Secretary prior to the Spring General Meeting of each year, the location of their "home" field and the time and dates that they hold or will hold.
- (k) Point system to be three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie.
- (l) Piggybacking on throw-ins shall be permitted.

REFEREE FEES

Team reps must give twenty-four (24) hours notice to the Match Secretary if they are forfeiting any games.

As per O.S.A. Procedure 5.0 – Referee Game Fees – Cancelled Games

5.4.1 A league must define and publish how and when a referee shall be notified about a canceled game in its policies.

5.4.2 When a referee has arrived at the field to officiate a game and must declare the game canceled or abandoned prior to the start of the game; the referee shall be paid fifty (50) percent of the league's published game fee.

The referee may be required by the league to collect the game sheets at the field and submit the game report to be compensated for the canceled or abandoned game.

5.4.3 If the league must cancel a game,

a) and notifies the referee within the specified time as outlined in the league's policies prior to the start of the game, the referee shall not receive remuneration for the game.

b) notifies the referee within less than the specified time as outlined in the league's policies prior to the start of the game, the referee shall be paid the game fee as published.

5.4.4 If any team forfeits a game within a 48-hour period before the game time, the team that forfeits the game is responsible for paying the referee the full game fee, regardless if they are playing home or away.

5.4.5 When a referee must declare a game to be abandoned after it has been started, the referee shall be paid the game fee as published.

FINAL STANDINGS

If, at the end of the regular season, two teams are tied in points, the following order of precedence shall be used as a tiebreaker:

- (a) Head-to-head
- (b) Better plus/minus
- (c) Least goals against
- (d) Most goals for
- (e) Coin Toss

In the event three or more teams are tied, then the tiebreaker will start at item b of the above.

The above order of precedence shall also be used for the League Cup.

TOURNAMENT GAMES

All applications to travel for tournaments must be authorized and signed by our League Vice - President or Registrar (not a club official). Teams failing to do so will be subject to discipline.

PAYMENT OF FINES AND BONDS

- (a) All fines levied by the League are to be paid no later than seven (7) days after the date of notification.
- (b) Automatic fines for non-attendance at General Committee Meetings are to be paid prior to the next General Committee Meeting.
- (c)
- (d) ***A \$150.00 League Bond is required at the April meeting.*** All bond monies will be deposited in the league bank account. No postdated cheques will be accepted.
- (e) If a team is not able to attend the tournament or forfeits any games, the bond monies will not be returned.

APPEALS AND PROTESTS

- (a) All appeals and protests may be made to the next appropriate authority against any decision of the League, Executive Committee, or any League Sub-Committee.
- (b) Appeals and protests to the League must be submitted in writing to the League within forty-eight (48) hours of a decision being made known and must be received by the League not later than seven (7) days thereafter.
- (c) A fee of twenty-five (25) dollars must accompany appeals and protests to the League, which is refundable if the appeal or protest is upheld.

Further appeals may be made through the PHSA in accordance with the PHSA Constitution and By-Laws.