



TORONTO SOCCER ASSOCIATION

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SOCCER LEAGUE (YDSL) U9-U12 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Laws of the Game

The Toronto Soccer Association shall support and maintain the principles of the Laws of the Game as established by the International Football Association Board and recognized by FIFA. All play in the TSA Youth Development Soccer League shall be according to the “Laws of the Small Sided Game” and including “Differences between 9x9 and 11x11 games as adapted by Ontario Soccer each year, with particular reference to Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures. All play in the Youth Development Soccer League (YDSL) and the Toronto District Youth Soccer League (TDYSL) shall be according to the Laws of the Game as adapted by Ontario Soccer each year, with particular reference to Ontario Soccer.

2.0 – Registration of Players and Team Officials

2.1 – The club is responsible for registering each player and a minimum of one (1) and maximum of four (4) team officials per team. Each registrant must complete and sign the Ontario Soccer player/team official registration form and pay the annual registration fee as set by the district each year.

2.2 – U9, U10, U11 and U12 will use the “Open Roster” concept for team/ player registration. Each club must enter the player data of a minimum number equivalent to:

- for U9 and U10, ten (10) players, per team registered (i.e. 3 teams registered = minimum of 30 players registered)
- for U11 and U12 eleven (10) players per team registered (i.e. 2 teams registered + minimum of 20 players registered)

in the Ontario Soccer Registration system and the TSA League Management software not later than **April 15th** in any given season. A fine of \$5.00 will be levied for each player fewer than the minimum number required not entered in the system by **April 15th**. Ontario Soccer Age Group Squad List and registration books must be handed into the district office for final verification of player eligibility prior to the start of the season.

There is no maximum number of players permitted in an YDSL Age Group Squad List, but the maximum number of players that can be rostered:

- for a U9 and U10 game is 12 players per team registered on game day
- for a U11 and U12 game is 16 players per team registered on game day.

In the event it is alleged that a team plays an ineligible or suspended player or players in any game, the culpable Head Coach and Club shall appear before the TSA Discipline Committee for further discipline action, as per Ontario Soccer discipline policies and procedures.

2.3 – An Ontario Soccer team roster sheet must be obtained from the Ontario Soccer registration system after the data entry process is finalized. Teams from outside the jurisdiction of the TSA must submit an original copy of its official team roster by May 1st each year to the league office. The League must be notified of any updates and/or changes to the original roster by no later than the effective date of the update/change. Failure to comply with the deadlines will result in a fine to the club of \$10.00 per day per team to a maximum of \$100.00 per team and could result in forfeiture of games played.

2.4 - All player registration documentation must be submitted to the District Registrar. As such, no player shall be deemed registered and therefore eligible to play in any competition unless his/her registration documentation is received and processed by the District Registrar prior to the date of:

- a. any YDSL / TDYSL game
- b. any Festival as sanctioned by Ontario Soccer and the data is entered in the Ontario Soccer registration system.

2.5 - It is the responsibility of each club's registrar to carefully check the accuracy of the players' and team officials' data prior to presenting them to the District. Players/team officials will not be considered eligible until their registration is processed, and their data is entered in the Ontario Soccer Registration system. At the TSA, a five (5) business day processing time is in effect for the processing of Ontario Soccer registration forms and registration books. The club, team and player may be liable for any errors or incorrect statements on the registration form. Team books submitted after April 15th that are required within 5 working days will be subject to a \$200 rush fee.

2.6 – Player books will not be required for YDSL league play. Books checks will not be required.

2.7 - If the League Management Committee (LMC) has any doubt as to the qualification of any player, the LMC shall call upon such player and/or the club for which he/she plays, or for which he/she has played, to prove to the satisfaction of the LMC that he/she is properly qualified to take part in any game under the YDSL / TDYSL jurisdiction. Failing to provide such satisfactory proof will be referred to the Discipline Committee.

2.8 – No player/team official registration, or transfer of registration, will be accepted after July 31st each year. **Only players who are not already playing in the league can be added to a roster after July 31st.**

2.9 – A female player may play on a female team, a male team or a mixed team. A male player may play on a male team or a mixed team. This rule is binding on all leagues, festivals and exhibition games under the jurisdiction of Ontario Soccer.

3.0 – Transfer of Players

3.1 - All transfers shall be subject to a charge as specified by, due and payable to, the District Association.

3.2 - No player/team official transfer of registration, will be accepted after July 31st each year, unless approved by LMC **or if player is not already playing in the league.**

4.0 – Trial Permits (Guest Players)

4.1 - A "TRIAL PERMIT" is a temporary registration with Ontario Soccer and which shall only be used by players who are not registered with Ontario Soccer or a Provincial Association affiliated to the C.S.A.

4.2 - A "TRIAL PERMIT" entitles a non-registered player to play a maximum of two games for a Registered Team during a fifteen-day period.

4.3 - The "TRIAL PERMIT" shall be obtained from the District Association to which the team's Club is affiliated.

4.4 - The District Registrar shall issue two copies of the "TRIAL PERMIT" and when validating the "TRIAL PERMIT" shall ensure that the form has both the starting date and the expiry date of the trial period. The player may use the "TRIAL PERMIT" to play in any two games for the team stipulated on the form and which occur during the trial period (a maximum of fifteen days).

4.5 - A copy of the "TRIAL PERMIT" shall be affixed to the Team Sheet submitted to the referee at each trial game. Prior to submitting the copy of the "TRIAL PERMIT" to the referee, the team must write the date of the game on the "TRIAL PERMIT".

4.6 - A player playing while using a "TRIAL PERMIT" must also obtain an "Ontario Soccer Registrant book" which must be available for presentation at the trial game in which he/she is playing. Failure to present the "Ontario Soccer Registrant book" shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.

4.7 - A player may obtain two "TRIAL PERMITS" during one season. An outdoor season and an indoor season shall be considered different seasons. However, he/she may only be issued one "TRIAL PERMIT" to play for any one Club.

4.8 – A maximum of 3 players on a "TRIAL PERMIT" may play in any one game.

4.9 - If a player is issued two "TRIAL PERMITS", the trial period for each shall not overlap.

4.10 - A "TRIAL PERMIT" shall be permitted, subject to the competition rules, at league games, exhibition games, and festival games.

4.11 - A player playing in a registered league game or a sanctioned festival by using a "TRIAL PERMIT" shall be eligible for Ontario Soccer insurance coverage and shall be subject to Ontario Soccer discipline.

4.12 - When making application for a "TRIAL PERMIT", a player shall:

- a) - Complete a "TRIAL PERMIT" application form approved and obtained from the District Association to which the team's Club is affiliated
- b) - Pay the fee as established by the District office
- c) - If the player is playing on trial in the YDSL / TDYSL, he/she must supply a recent (head and shoulders) passport-sized photograph which shall be affixed to the "Ontario Soccer Registration Book"; and
- d) - Indicate the starting date and the expiry date of the 15-day trial period.

4.13 - The LMC may impose limitations on the use of "TRIAL PERMITS", provided that the limitations are applied consistently.

4.14 – No player can play under a trial permit after July 31st of each year.

5.0 - Temporary Registration Permits (Guest Players)

5.1 - Any player registered with the O.S or another Provincial Association affiliated to the C.S.A. is eligible to obtain a "TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT", which shall entitle the player to play for a Club Team of a Club other than the one with which he/she is registered, subject to Ontario Soccer Policy 14.0 and in accordance with the Published Rules.

5.2 - The District Association the player is registered with must validate a "TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT" being used to play for an amateur team. A District Association may not delegate to any other organization or individual the function of validating such document.

5.3 - A player using a "TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT" in order to be eligible to play in the YDSL / TDYSL must also possess an "Ontario Soccer REGISTRANT BOOK" available for presentation at the game. Failure to present the "Ontario Soccer REGISTRANT BOOK" shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.

5.4 - A player shall be entitled to three "TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS" to play for an amateur team during each season. An outdoor season and an indoor season shall be considered different seasons.

5.5 - The District Association with which the team, from which he/she is registered shall be responsible for maintaining a record of the number of "TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS" assigned to the player when playing for another amateur team.

5.6 - A maximum of 3 players on a "TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT" may play in any one league game.

5.7 – No player can play under a temporary registration permit after July 31st of each year.

5.8- The LMC may impose limitations on the use of "TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS", provided that the limitations are applied consistently.

6.0 – Movement or “Playing Up” of Current Annually Registered Players

6.1 - Players may play up a maximum of one year at U9, U10, U11 and U12 on the recommendation of the Club Technical Director and accompanied with a completed Player Assessment Form. The form can be found here:

http://www.torontosoccerassociation.ca/Content/directors/upimg/dir25854/fast_tracking_player_development_-_u9-u11_v2.pdf

http://www.torontosoccerassociation.ca/Content/directors/upimg/dir25854/fast_tracking_player_development_-_u12_v2.pdf

6.2 – All YDSL League Divisions teams must use the “Open Roster” concept.

7.0 – Divisions

7.1 – The LMC will decide whether an age group will be divided into two or more divisions if the number of teams registered allows it.

7.2 - The divisions at YDSL will be tiered (horizontal format); and all divisions will utilize the “Open Roster Concept” therefore, the movement of players between teams of the same club in the same age group is permitted.

7.3 - For YDSL, all clubs shall inform the league office on the placement of their teams on registration forms. This permits clubs to place more than one team in a specific division.

8.0 – Club Officials Responsibility

8.1 - The first team named on the official league schedule will be considered the home team for any game under the Toronto Soccer Association’s jurisdiction.

8.2 - All clubs on whose grounds any game is being played under the Leagues’ jurisdiction shall ensure that:

- a) - Both goals are equipped with proper nets of the correct height and width, failure to do so will result in \$200 fine to home club.
- b) - The field must be marked off in accordance with the Laws of the Game- 7v7 for U9/ U10 and 9x9 for U11/U12.
- c) All U9/U10 /U11/U12 games will incorporate the use of the Retreat Line. The Retreat Line will be signified by cones (supplied by the home team) 1/3 distance of the length of the field at each end.
- d) - A corner flag of at least five feet in height is posted in each corner of the field, or the game shall not be played as per FIFA Law #1, failure to do so will result in a \$200 fine to home club.

8.3 - Prior to every game the home team will be responsible for providing the referee with two match balls of regulation size in satisfactory condition. U9, U10, U11 and U12 – size #4 or size #5 light balls.

8.4 – Prior to the beginning of the season and no later than **April 22nd**, every team must register it’s playing colors and home field with the League office via the TSA League Management system. Any team failing to do so will be fine \$5/day for every team that does not have registered colors. Any club who’s team does not have their home fields accurately input in the league management software and the schedule will face a fine of \$50/team for every day that the information is missing after **April 22nd**.

8.5 - In the case of both teams wearing similar colors, the home team must change. Failure to comply will result in a \$250 fine charged against the home team and the game being defaulted. The game will only proceed if one team wears numbered pinnies to resolve the color clash.

8.6 - During all games played under the League's jurisdiction all players shall wear numbered shirts and each player's number shall be recorded on the Team Sheet. No two players on any one team shall wear the same number in the same game. No player may change his/her number during a game, without consent of the referee who will note this change on the player's team's Team Sheet.

8.7 - Numbers shall be a minimum of eight inches in height and of contrasting colour from the body of the shirt. The number must be indicated against the player's name on the team sheet. A sponsor's name may be indicated in the form of a crest on the shirt with a maximum of 4 inches in diameter and/or two inch lettering in one line in any direction on the shirt.

8.8 - Goalkeepers must wear a contrasting colour to both of the teams and the referee.

8.9 - All clubs must attend the scheduled YDSL and TDYSL meetings. Each club shall send one delegate who has the right to cast the vote that the club is entitled to. A club is also entitled to name a proxy to represent and vote for them in the event that the club's delegate is unable to attend or have to leave before the business is completed. A fine of \$100.00 will be charged to the clubs that are not represented at the YDSL and TDYSL meetings.

8.10 - All team Head Coaches must attend the annual coaches meeting. One coach can only represent his/her own team. An Assistant Coach is permitted to attend on behalf of the Head Coach should they be unavailable to attend. An Age Group Head Coach may only represent one age group. A fine of \$100 will be charged to clubs for each team not represented at this meeting.

8.11 - The team coaches must be OS Registrants who have attained the appropriate coaching certification. For certification coaches are required to have **Making Headway in Sport, Learn to Train course, Making Ethical Decisions certification, and the Respect In Soccer online module.** Participating clubs must provide the name/email of Head Coach of all YDSL and TDYSL teams no later than February 16th of each year in order that Standards Based League coaching requirements can be communicated and assessed. For clubs with multiple teams per age group, we require either a) confirmation of the name/email of the Age Group Head Coach, or b) a separate Head Coach be assigned for each participating team. ALL coaches must obtain their required certification before May 15th of each year. Additionally, Coach registration books can only be stamped once certification has been completed. Clubs are responsible for ensuring Coaches comply with this requirement before submitting books for processing.

8.12 - All participating clubs/ teams must adhere to the mandatory Concussion Protocol pertaining to reporting and management of head injuries. This includes all new head coaches to attend the mandatory pre-season training session and all returning coaches to review the Concussion Protocol document. All coaches must properly complete and submit all head injury related paperwork.

8.13 – Only certified (as in 8.10 AND 8.11) registered officials (minimum of 1 and maximum of 4 –i.e. Coach, Assistant Coach) shall be permitted to be in the team's designated bench area. A female team manager is permitted to be in the team's designated bench area (registered but not certified) ONLY on a female team that does not have a female coach (vice versa also applies).

8.14 - A waiver form provided by the League is to be signed by **all the staff members of each team (head coach, assistant coach, team manager).** The waiver will state that **the team staff have** read and understood the rules of the League and that their club and team members agree to abide by the rules. Coaches cannot be listed as Head Coach of more than one team within the same age/ gender division.

8.15 - The completed original waiver form is to be submitted to the League office no later than April 30th of current year. Failure to comply with this deadline will carry a fine to the Club of \$100.00 per team.

8.16 – The team officials of the home team are responsible to report the completion of the game to the League Office via our League Management software within forty-eight (48) hours of completion of the game. For the YDSL all teams shall record the scores as 0-0. The home team is responsible for reporting any rain out, incomplete game and or referee no show to the League Office on the same night of the scheduled game. If the score or event is not reported with the period of time stipulated, or not reported correctly, the League will fine the club \$25.00 each time.

8.17 - The League will have a one week shutdown from August 1st – 7th inclusive. * Please note games will be scheduled on August 8th. No other blackout periods (other than the league wide blackout) will be provided.

9.0 – Game Administration

9.1 - Each team must prepare and present to the referee, two completed Team Sheets and any Trial Permits and Temporary Registration Permits 15 minutes prior to kick off of each game. Non-compliance with this rule will be grounds for game forfeiture and the culpable team shall be subject to discipline under Ontario Soccer Discipline Policies and Procedures.

9.2 - Each player and team officials' name and O.S. number must be legibly printed on the Team Sheet, to a maximum twelve (12) for U9 and U10 and a maximum of sixteen (16) for U11 and U12 and minimum of one (1) and maximum of (4) team officials, including a coach, for any given game. Players' signatures are not required; the only signatures required are from ALL team officials present at the game. By signing the Team Sheet, the team officials confirm that all players and team officials listed on the Team Sheet are registered to the team and are eligible to participate. Non-compliance with this rule will be grounds for a \$25 fine and a possible discipline charge. Any player's names that are handwritten on the game sheet will be subject to a \$25 disciplinary fine, all players should be appropriately registered and added on the game sheet through the League Management software.

9.3 – Each team must have a fully Ontario Soccer certified coach on the bench for each game. The coach must be certified by Ontario Soccer and TSA as stated in 8.11 including the Respect in Soccer module. If none of the officially registered coaches are available, a fully certified coach from within your club, can be manually added to the game sheet prior to the game. The coach must have the required certification for the age group or a higher certification. The replacement coach must bring their coaches registration book to the game. Non-compliance with this rule will be grounds for a default and all applicable fines.

9.4 – **Player book checks in YDSL are not mandatory and players do not need player books.** Coach book checks are mandatory and should be completed 15 minutes prior to kick off in both YDSL and TDYSL. Trial Permit and/or Temporary Registration Permit available for presentation to the referee. Anyone who is unable to produce his/her registration book or Trial Permit or Temporary Registration Permit shall not be allowed to play/coach.

9.5 – Refusing to do the mandatory player or coach registration book check will mean the game will not take place or will not continue if game has already started, and the offending team will be disciplined. However, the Referee must report this issue on the Team Sheet. Once the report is received, the LMC will refer this issue to the league's discipline committee.

a) - It shall be the responsibility of the team representative to notify the referee of any discrepancies/protests not later than the commencement of the third period. The referee must record such discrepancies/protests in his/her report to the League when submitting his/her completed Team Sheets.

b) - Any teams failing to verify their opponents Registration Books will lose all rights of protest on grounds of player/coach eligibility. League rule 14.0.

9.6 The formal handshake between players, coaches and match officials is to happen before the start of the game. If teams choose to partake in a team handshake after the game and a discipline matters arises during this time the guilty club/s will be fined \$100.

9.7 - Only persons listed on the Team Sheet (except team manager- refer to 8.10 and 8.11) are permitted to be in the team's designated bench area. Those not on the Team Sheet must watch from the opposite (spectator) side of the field, or a minimum of 20 ft. away from the players side of the field regardless of any other relevant boundaries - including but not limited to, perimeter fencing. The game will be forfeited if any person refuses to comply.

9.8 - All games must start promptly. Referees must see that this rule is enforced, ensure that games start promptly and report any breach of the rule on the Team Sheet. Games cannot start later than fifteen minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, unless a previous game is late finishing, or unless agreed to by the referee. Such a game is in default by the club responsible for the delay and the defaulting club shall be subject to the provisions of League Rule 11.0.

9.9 - No game shall start unless both teams can field a minimum of five (5) players for U9 and U10, a minimum of six (6) players for U11 and U12 and both teams submit the two completed Team Sheets and the game fee to the game official. A game shall be abandoned should a team be unable to continue with at least five (5) players for U9/U10 and six (6) players for U11/U12, on the field of play. After the third period at has started, no new player can be added to the Team Sheet and/or enter the field of play.

9.10 - Unlimited substitutions shall be permitted. Substitutions may be made on:

a)- Goal Kick

b)- Scoring of a Goal

c)- Own Kick-in/ Dribble In for U9, U10, U11 and throw in for u12 and older, the other team may also substitute at this time (piggy back)

d) Injury of a player

e) Between Periods

All substitutions must enter and exit the field of play at halfway line. All substituted players must leave the field without delay. Substitutions of goalkeepers must be reported directly to the game official. Substitute goalie must be properly dressed ready to sub in- equipment switches for substitute goalkeepers will only be permitted at period breaks or in the event of an injury.

9.11 – There will be no throw ins for U9, U10 and U11 the balls re-entry into play will be done by either kick in or dribble in. At U12 and up it will be only by throw-in.

9.12 - All games shall be of full regulation time, conditions and time permitting. If prior to the start of the game there is any doubt on the part of the respective team officials and/or game official as to the weather conditions or available playing time, it will be the referees responsibility to ensure three equal periods (YDSL) can be played. If the first game of a doubleheader is so late in starting that the playing of full regulation time would cause it to encroach on the allotted time for the second game, then the playing time

of the first game must be reduced to enable the second game to play normal time. The reduced playing time must be of equal periods.

9.13 - Games that are abandoned after the start of the 3rd period due to weather and/or extenuating circumstances will be considered as having been played.

9.14 - Clubs will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials, parents or spectators and will be subject to a disciplinary hearing, and will be fined as per Ontario Soccer discipline policies.

9.15 - If the full playing time in any game is not completed for any other reason, the referee must report this on the Team Sheet.

| AGE DIVISION | GAME DURATION | REFEREE FEE/ ASST REF(S) FEE | FEE PER TEAM |
|---------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| U9-U10 | 17 minutes x 3 thirds 3 minute breaks | \$30.00/ \$0.00 | \$15.00 |
| U11-U12 | 23 minutes x 3 thirds 4 minute breaks | \$40.00/\$0.00 | \$20.00 |
| U13 | 40 minutes x 2 5 minute half-time | \$45.00/ \$35.00 | \$57.50 |
| U14 | 40 minutes x 2 5 minute half-time | \$45.00 /\$35.00 | \$57.50 |
| U15 | 45 minutes x 2 5 minutes half-time | \$55.00/ \$40.00 | \$67.50 |
| U16 | 45 minutes x 2 5 minutes half-time | \$55.00/ \$40.00 | \$67.50 |
| U17 | 45 minutes x 2 5 minutes half-time | \$55.00/ \$40.00 | \$67.50 |
| U18 | 45 minutes x 2 5 minute half-time | \$55.00 / \$40.00 | \$67.50 |

9.16 – The TSA has, over the years, noticed that some games have been subject to unsporting and/or disruptive behaviour by players, team officials or spectators, at a level that is unacceptable but not sufficient to warrant disciplinary measures. Accordingly, the TSA has now published on our website, separate “Codes of Conduct” for players, team and club officials, spectators and referees, and sanctions may be imposed for non-compliance. Each team Head Coach is responsible of ensuring that their constituencies will be made aware that the Codes must be read, understood, and adhered to by all participants.

9.17 - All games are required to be played with a ball that meets the criteria, as stated in rule 8.3, set out by the Ontario Soccer Development Matrix.

9.18 The earliest that a game can be scheduled to start during May – Aug 15th is 6:30PM. Later on games may be scheduled to start earlier.

10.0 – Referee

10.1 - All referees shall be appointed to games, by assignors, under direction from the Chief Assignor of the TSA.

10.2 – Before the start of the game the referees are to be paid the full game fees, each team paying half. If for any reason a game does not start due to weather conditions, failure of the lightning system, or gets abandoned before the start of the 2nd period of the game the referee(s) shall reimburse the teams 50% of the game fees received. If teams do not retrieve these fees from the referee at the field the fees are considered forfeited. If referees fail to collect their game fees prior to game start they are considered forfeit; the league will not collect referee payments from clubs on referee's behalf.

10.3 – No game cancellation is permitted unless, in the opinion of the referee, the safety of the players is in jeopardy and /or the playing field is hazardous (including no field markings). If lightning or thunder is present, the referee shall follow the Ontario Soccer Guidelines on adverse weather conditions.

10.4 - Immediately after the game has been played, the referee's name and O.S. number must be legibly printed and signed on all Team Sheets. The referee must record on all Team Sheets, any discipline cards issued and any other details that the referee deems pertinent. The referee shall then distribute a completed copy of each team's Team Sheet to a representative of each team. The referee must notify the TSA office of the game result and submit all discipline reports on-line within 48 hours. The referee must then forward the Team Sheets to the TSA League office to arrive within 72 hours. Non-compliance will result in discipline action against the referee as per OS Policies and Procedures.

10.5 – Complaints against referees will only be heard/accepted if they are issued through the TSA Referee Complaint Form below and the form is fully and accurately completed:

<http://www.torontosoccerassociation.ca/Content/directors/upimg/dir25854/2017%20ref%20issue%20report.pdf>

Reports are to be sent to the TSA League Manager and the TSA will communicate a reply to the complainant within 2 weeks (except in cases with extenuating circumstances). Verbal complaints or incomplete submissions will not be considered. The referee's calls on the field are final.

10.6 - The league will supply a referee report form and same is to be sent to the TSA League office following each game where there is a referee complaint. Forms that are not completed or inaccurate will not be considered.

10.7 - Before the start of the game, the referee shall be responsible to verify that all Team Sheets are fully completed and record the time he/she has received them.

10.8 – If there is a referee no show, the assigned official will be fined as per Ontario Soccer rules.

10.9 – Referees are required to submit all scores, reports, cards and gamesheets, within 48 hours of game completion. Scores are to be submitted on RefCentre; discipline cards are to be submitted on OS Caution/Dismissal/Special Incident forms to the league directly through email or mail; gamesheets are to be submitted to the league through email to specialprojects@torontosoccer.net, through mail, or dropped in at the office. Repeated failure of referees to abide by these stated timelines will directly result in the individual being removed from the league along with additional disciplinary fines/sanctions.

11.0 – Defaulted Games

11.1 - In the event of a team defaulting a game (i.e. not showing up or showing up without required number of players to meet minimum requirement to field a team), the defaulting team's club will be liable to discipline from the league in the form of a fine. The club shall be issued escalating fines on each team's number of defaults; fine \$250 for first occurrence/\$500 for second occurrence/\$750 for third occurrence/\$1000 for fourth occurrence and subsequent. The defaulting club shall pay the whole of the game official's fees, field fees and any other expenses reasonably incurred.

11.2 - In the event of a team no-show for a game the team present must provide the Team Sheet to the referee. Referee fees will be paid by the TSA (not the team present) once the Team Sheet and game report is provided. A fine will be assessed against the "no show" team. The defaulting club shall also pay the whole of the game official's fees, field fees and any other expenses reasonably incurred. A no show team is any team that does not fulfill its Scheduled or Rescheduled games without the expressed permission of the LMC.

11.3 - In the event of a team defaulting (2) two games during a given season, the defaulting team will be subject to discipline, which may include expulsion from the League. The club may be required to have a meeting with the League to discuss the future involvement of the team. Teams with 2 or more defaults in their previous playing season will also require special dispensation from LMC in order to register for the league **along with a requirement to submit a completed roster with minimum number of players before registration close date.**

11.4 - Teams withdrawing/expelled from the League after March 13th will forfeit the entire League fee, bond fee, and the club be fined \$1,000.

11.5 - Any team withdrawing from the league, or is suspended or expelled from the league by the LMC, shall have its membership cancelled. The club shall be fined \$1,000. Any such team, when applying for re-admission, has to be approved by the TSA LMC and shall be considered a new team for the purpose of membership.

11.6 – Any team communicating a default 10 days (weekends and holidays inclusive) prior to the day of the game will not be charged the match official fees.

12.0 - Changes and Rescheduled Games

12.1 - Under no circumstances are teams allowed to postpone/change/re-schedule games without LMC permission. The League will have a one week shutdown from **August 1st – 7th** inclusive. * Please note games will be scheduled on **August 8th**. No black out requests will be accepted from participating teams

(with the exception of rule 8.17). After the schedules have been finalized requests to change will not be entertained.

12.2 - All games will be played as scheduled unless:

a) At the discretion of the referee, postponement is necessary due to bad weather or field conditions. The Ontario Soccer Adverse Weather Guidelines must be followed.

a) A game is postponed at the discretion of the League

b) A game is postponed at the discretion of a Parks/ School official.

12.3 – The League Administrator will notify the club and team contacts of any re-scheduled game(s).

12.4 - Any postponed and cancelled games due to weather/field/lighting conditions should be played no more than 31 days from the original scheduled date or at the earliest opportunity as determined by the league. Upon the need to reschedule a game TSA will contact away club with a list of dates that both teams should be available (not conflicting with league games, cup games or Ontario cup games); away club to inform TSA within 24 hours if any of the dates listed conflict with a tournament the team is registered in. After 24 hours TSA to provide list of dates to home club who need to provide 2 options with date/venue/time to TSA within 10 days. Failure of home club to provide 2 options for reschedule date/venue/time will result in a \$100 fine to home club and TSA will determine the reschedule date/venue/time with venue costs charged to home club. After the home club provides the 2 options they will be sent to away team/club who will have 48 hours to choose one of the options. Failure to provide a response will mean league will choose from the two options.

12.5 - In the event that a game is to be re-scheduled and is to take place in less than 72 hours both teams must consent to the reschedule.

12.6 – In the event that a field is closed by the city or the school board due to poor weather conditions, it is the home club's responsibility to communicate that fact to the league no less than 2 hours before scheduled kickoff time. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine against home club. League will not make decisions on field closures. Less than 2 hours before kick off any decisions made will be up to the match official on the field.

12.7 – Should there be a need for a change to a scheduled game, after the schedule has been released, mandated by the city of Toronto or the school board, that change must be communicated to the TSA a minimum of 10 days prior to the scheduled game or within 24 hours of being advised by the relevant authority. Written communication from the city or the school board shall be required for this change to take place. The game shall then be treated as a reschedule game, required to follow rule 12.4 for the reschedule.

12.8 – Should a league game not be able to be played as scheduled by a club due to unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, the club administrator may appeal to the LMC to request a reschedule of the game. The request must be completed on the document link below and submitted a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the date of the game.

Link: <http://www.torontosoccerassociation.ca/Content/directors/upimg/dir25854/2020%20lmc%20appeal%20form.pdf>

13.0 – Discipline

13.1 - The TSA will conduct all discipline on behalf of the League and it shall be chaired by the TSA Discipline Chair, or in their absence, by a Level 1 Discipline certified member and two other panel members. These individuals will be responsible for all disciplinary matters arising from games and competitions by the league, and matters pertaining to the administration, and its "Rules and Regulations".

13.2 – The League will follow the Discipline By Review (DBR) process for all cases outlined in the OS Published Rules.

13.3 – In cases where Discipline By Hearing (DBH) is mandatory, the appropriate parties will be notified and the administration fee of \$75 will be charged.

13.4 – All parties have the right to request a hearing (DBH), and such requests must be made in writing together with a \$100 administration fee, no later than 72 hours after the event in question.

13.5 – The League will follow Ontario Soccer Standard Penalties for Misconduct. This document will be posted on the TSA website for reference.

13.6 – The Ontario Soccer player and/or team official registration book must be presented at all hearings, otherwise there shall be no hearing held and the player/ team official shall be considered to have missed the hearing. Failure to appear for a hearing will result in an immediate suspension from all soccer related activities along with a \$100 fine to the club. The accused must then request in writing for another hearing date to be confirmed.

13.7 – The Ontario Soccer registration book must be stamped at the TSA office for all suspensions as per the deadlines which are stated in the Discipline By Review system.

13.8 – All time related suspensions will commence at 2.01am following the notification of the decision. All game suspensions will commence as communicated in the notification of decision.

13.9 – Players, team coaches and officials whose names appear on game sheets after a suspension has been imposed are deemed to have participated in the game while under suspension and will be recorded as an ineligible participant. They will be subject to further disciplinary actions which could include forfeit of game and/or a fine to the club of up to \$2000 per occurrence.

13.10 - Discipline By Review/ Hearing Dates for YDSL/TDYSL will be published and available on the TSA website.

14.0 – Protests

14.1 - Notification of all protests shall be delivered in writing to the League Office by Registered Mail, fax, email or hand delivered not later than two (2) days from the date of the match in which the protest has arisen. In the event that the notification of protest is delivered by Registered Mail it must bear a postmark not later than two (2) days from the date of the match in which the protest has arisen (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted). A notification of protest will be deemed not to have been received unless it is accompanied by a fee deposit in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). In the event that the protest is delivered by e-mail or fax, the \$200 deposit fee must be delivered to the league office within four (4) days of the date of the game which gave rise to the protest.

14.2 - Protest deposits shall be in the form of a certified cheque or a money order made payable to TSA, or interac or Visa, MasterCard.

14.3 - In the event that any game is played under protest, that fact must be noted on the Team Sheet by the referee. A formal protest must then be lodged prior to the start of the game, unless the protest related

to players arriving after that point. The club lodging the protest must, at the time the case is heard, produce evidence that the protest was noted on the Team Sheets by the referee. The game official (referee) will assume the responsibility of reporting any discrepancies including protests.

14.4 – It is the protesting club's responsibility to send a true copy of the protest and all related documents to the club who they are protesting against. Copy of the protest must be sent within 10 days of the date completion of the game being protested.

14.5 - In dealing with any protest, the TSA Discipline Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting club of any prior knowledge of facts or allegations contained in the protest, which if properly used, might have prevented the protest.

14.6 – In the event that a protest is not considered the full protest fee will be returned to protesting club. In the event that a protest is considered but not sustained, the whole of the protest fee will be retained and not returned. In the event that a protest is considered and sustained, the whole of the protest fee will be returned to protesting club.

14.7 - If, at any time after the expiration of the prescribed period for submission of a protest, evidence is presented which could have constituted grounds for a protest, such evidence shall be considered at the discretion of the TSA Discipline Committee.

14.8 - Objection to grounds, goalposts, ball do not constitute grounds for a protest. The referee shall require the responsible team to correct the cause of the objection if this is possible without unduly delaying progress of the game. Objections of this nature, however, should be given in writing to the referee by half time and the referee must report the objections to the League. The League may take any necessary action to prevent a recurrence of these conditions including, but not limited to, fining or disciplining the offending team.

14.9 - Any protest, once lodged with the TSA may not be withdrawn, except by permission of the TSA Discipline Committee.

14.10 - Any club, team or player dissatisfied with the decision of the TSA Discipline Committee on any protest shall have the right to appeal, at its own expense, to OS.

14.11 - In the event that any decision is appealed to a higher authority, no person having previously heard the case shall be eligible to sit on the higher level of adjudication, which may hear the case.

14.12 - In the event the conditions of lodging a protest are not met, the protest will automatically be ruled inadmissible.

15.0 - Appeals

15.1 - Any decision of the TSA Discipline Committee with respect to the YDSL /TDYSL may be appealed to the Ontario Soccer Discipline Committee at the following address along with the OS appeal fee:

Ontario Soccer
Attention: OS Discipline Committee
7601 Martin Grove Rd Vaughan, Ontario, L4L 9E4

16.0 - General Rules

16.1 - Any club contact person changing his/her contact information or any club changing the contact person must notify the League Administrator in writing within seven (7) days. Failure to comply with this rule shall render the club subject to a fine of \$100. Each team must have at least two contacts (one team contact and one club contact). A team contact cannot be responsible for more than two teams. The League Office will inform both contacts of notices regarding the league or changes affecting the team.

16.2 - In the event that the appointed referee does not attend the game and if there are assistant referees assigned, one of the appointed assistant referees or another certified referee present shall be considered the appointed referee; however, the League Office must consent to this arrangement. In the event substitute referee cannot be arranged, the game will be postponed. Under no circumstances may the concerned teams play a friendly or exhibition game.

16.3 - The LMC may declare any date to be a "closed date" and no games shall be played thereon except those sanctioned and approved by the LMC. Refer to 12.1.

16.4 - The TSA Discipline Committee shall have the right to deal with any player, any club official, any team official, any club or any team whose conduct, including its supporters' conduct, may be deemed objectionable or detrimental in any way to the League or to the game of soccer. The TSA Discipline Committee may, through any of their members, employees, board members, or otherwise, take notice of any player, any club official, any team official, any club or any team whose conduct, including its supporters conduct, may be deemed prejudicial to the welfare of the game, and deal with the matter in such manner as the TSA Discipline Committee may deem reasonable.

16.5 - By submitting a registration form to participate in YDSL or TDYSL the club and team staff confirm that the team are exclusively participating in these leagues. Confirmed participation in any other league is grounds for an imposition of a \$500 fine from YDSL or TDYSL at any point before or during the season, without reference to the LMC. This includes teams playing under altered names but with the majority of the same players and coaching staff.

16.6 - Any club in membership with this League, or any member thereof, guilty of inducing or attempting to induce a bona-fide player of another club under the jurisdiction of the league, to leave his club and join them during the same playing season, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct. The club/team or member shall be liable to expulsion or other such penalty, as the TSA Discipline Committee may consider necessary as per Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures.

16.7 - All communication must be submitted in writing and send to the league office by the club representative.

16.8 - Games within the YDSL will be officiated according to the OS "Laws of the Small Sided Game". OS has produced a document that explains the "Differences between 9x9 and 11x11 games" is available on the TSA website. As it states, this document is not a full replacement for the Laws of the Game, but rather a supplement for Referees (and coaches). For any aspect of the law not covered in the referenced document, please refer to the current edition of the FIFA Laws of the Game.

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16.9 - In order that players receive adequate recovery time, teams will not be scheduled to play games within 72 hours of each other.