



Soccer in The City 2022- Youth Competitive Tournament Rules
Tournament Dates: July 16/ 17 2022.

1. Application and Entry Procedure

Teams wishing to enter the tournament must:

- a. Complete the application form and return it, with payment, to the address indicated. Applications will only be accepted with payment. Registration is not complete without payment.
- b. Entries will be received on a first come, first serve basis. Register early to avoid disappointment. Registration deadline is July 2nd, 2022

2. Eligibility

- a. All teams must be currently registered with their district association.
- b. All teams from outside Toronto Soccer Association boundaries must provide proof of Permission to Travel, duly authorized by their governing association, to the tournament host a minimum of two weeks prior to the tournament.
- c. Teams may register and dress 18 players.
- d. Two guest players from a younger age group within the same club may be included in these totals; however, a player may only be registered to play on one team only in the tournament.
- e. As per OS regulations, a female may play on a same aged or older male team.
- f. Guest players must be registered prior to the start of the tournament and be comprised of the original player roster.
- g. The maximum number of coaches allowed on the sidelines with the players is (3) three per team.
- h. Team managers cannot be on the player bench during games- the only exception applies when all coaches of a female team are male, then a female team manager can be on the bench. The same applies if all the coaches of a male team are female, then a male team manager can be on the bench.
- h. Teams will be accepted to play in the tournament at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- i. Any team who withdraws their application after July 2nd, 2022 shall forfeit their entry fee.

3. Age and Divisions

a. This tournament is open to teams in the age groups listed below:

- Under 13 Boys or Girls (born 2009) - Competitive
- Under 14 Boys or Girls (born 2008) - Competitive
- Under 15 Boys or Girls (born 2007) - Competitive
- Under 16 Boys or Girls (born 2006) - Competitive
- Under 17/18 Boys or Girls (born 2005/2004) - Competitive

b. All divisions are open to competitive teams only. All other team types (All Star Tournament recreational all star, select) should register for our All Star Recreational Tournament August 13/14 2022.

4. OS Coach and Player Books

a. All coaches and players must carry OS player books/cards

b. Books and roster will be presented to the tournament registrar prior to the team's first game.

o Either by emailing agould@torontosoccer.net 1 week in advance of the tournament or 1 hr prior to the first game

o If emailing, please ensure all required documentation is included in the email

c. Books must be available for the duration of the tournament.

d. Player books may be requested by tournament committee prior to the start of any game.

e. Presentation of player books will be checked prior to start of the semi final & final games.

5. Player Uniform and Equipment

a. Teams must wear a uniform depicting the logo and colours of their parent club.

b. Players must wear numbers on the back of their shirts.

c. Each player on a team shall have a different number and this number shall coincide with the player name and number as shown on the game sheet.

d. If team colors clash, the referee will require the home team to change colors.

e. The home team is the first team listed on the schedule.

f. Any team that does not observe the color change or shirt requirements of this rule may forfeit the game at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

g. Shin guards are mandatory.

g. The home team is responsible for the presentation of two game balls (size 5) to the referee prior to each game.

h. Game balls must be approved by the referee at the start of the game, and may only be changed at the referee's discretion.

6. Substitutions

a. There is no limit to the number of player substitutions during a game, but substitutions can only be made during

the following stoppages in play, and only with the referee's permission:

- After a goal is scored by either team
- At any goal kick
- At the beginning of the first and second half, prior to kick off
- In replacement of an injured player (for the injured player only)
- At your own throw in (but will be allowed to piggy back)

b. The reciprocation rule is in effect. If a team elects to sub on their own throw in, the other team may then make changes as well.

c. No substitution will be allowed for a player ordered from the field by the referee because of misconduct.

d. Goalkeepers may only be substituted if injured and unable to continue, or at half-time.

7. Game Sheets and Referee Reports

a. Game sheets must be completed and presented to the referee prior to kick off of each game.

b. Game sheets will be completed and signed by referees and all reports submitted to tournament headquarters by the referee as soon as possible after the completion of the game.

c. Team officials are responsible for the behavior of their respective spectators as it relates to team conduct.

8. Discipline

a. A team player accumulating 2 CAUTIONS (YELLOW) during the tournament or a player who is RED CARDED, AUTOMATICALLY SITS OUT THE NEXT GAME, unless appealed to the tournament discipline committee.

Further suspensions may be levied in the case of ejection, subject to the nature of the ejection, at the tournament discipline committee's discretion.

b. A team official ordered from the field for misconduct is AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT, unless appealed to the tournament discipline committee.

c. Appeal and Protest Procedure: The player and team official must appear in front of the tournament (discipline) committee located at tournament headquarters, within one hour following the game in which the automatic suspension or incident being protested occurred, with the following:

- A letter of appeal or protest from either the player or team official involved explaining why an appeal or protest should be considered, and
- A \$100.00 cash fee.

d. If the appeal or protest is successful, payment is refunded.

e. All discipline reports will be forwarded to the District Association from which the accused is registered.

- f. In the case of referee assault, the accused is immediately suspended for the remainder of the tournament and all soccer, until the case is disposed of by the District Association from which the accused is registered.
- g. Absolutely no abuse (physical, verbal, mental or otherwise) towards the referees will be tolerated.
- h. No protests will be considered regarding referee decisions or interpretations of rules of the game.
- i. All decisions of the protest or discipline committee will be final and binding. There will be no further appeal.
- j. Team officials are responsible for the behavior of their respective spectators as it relates to team conduct.
- k. Tournament officials reserve the right to remove any spectator found to be engaging in unsavoury, abusive or aggressive behaviour.

9. Duration of Games

- a. The following competitions shall not exceed the permitted time limit per day:
 - Under-13 and Under-14 not to exceed 150 minutes per day
 - Under-15 and older not to exceed 180 minutes per day
- b. There must be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team.
- c. All games will consist of 2 x 25 min halves. No injury time will be played due to the constraints of the schedule.
- e. There will be a five minute half time in all games.

10. Extraordinary Weather

- a. In the event of severe weather (i.e. continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat) or poor field conditions, the tournament committee have the authority to change the duration of games or any other function of the tournament, including such things as the following:
 - Relocate and/or reschedule any game,
 - Cancel any game in the preliminary round that has no bearing in deciding group winners or playoff qualifiers,
 - To consider a game complete if the first half has been played when the game was terminated by the referee.
- b. Unless otherwise advised by the tournament committee, teams must appear at the scheduled location on time.
- c. At the weather related stoppage of a game, teams must remain in a safe location near the field of play (i.e. parking lot) until advised by the referee that they may leave.

11. Tie Breaking and Overtime

- a. Ties stand in round robin games.
- b. In playoff or final games, if the score is tied at the end of the second half, the winner of the game will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.
Penalties shall follow the rules below:
 - i. The referee will decide which goal will be used for the penalties. A coin toss will take place to

determine the order of penalties. The winner of the coin toss will choose whether to shoot first or second.

b. Only players on at the conclusion of the game will be permitted to participate in penalty kicks.

c. The coach must clearly identify, to the referee, 5 different players to take penalty kicks. Once identified, the coach may not change the kickers or their order.

d. After 5 kicks per team, should the game not be decided, the process will move to sudden death during which time a new penalty taker from each team must shoot. A player is only eligible to shoot for a second time if all other players on their team (inc. goalkeeper) have taken a penalty.

12. Scheduling and Format

a. Scheduling is the responsibility of the tournament committee. Format of each division may vary to accommodate the size of the group so as to maximize and promote participation.

b. Referees and assistant referees (where appropriate) will be assigned to games by the tournament committee.

c. Each team is guaranteed 3 games.

d. Teams within a 45 minute drive to Eglinton Flats Soccer complex may be required to play Friday evening games.

13. Determination of Group Winners

a. Each team will be awarded:

- 3 points for a win

- 1 point for a tie

- 0 points for a loss

b. In the event of teams being tied for standings, the following will be used to determine standings:

c. Winner of the game between the two tied teams (2 way tie only)

d. Goal difference (Goals for minus goals against)

e. Least goals against

f. Least number of yellow and red cards- promotes fair play.

g. A coin toss conducted by the Tournament organizer on behalf of the teams.

14. Failure to Show and Abandoned Games

a. A team will be allowed 5 minutes grace from the scheduled kick off time, before it is considered to have failed to show the referee will make the call.

b. A grace period is only allowed if fewer than 7 players are present.

c. If a team fails to show, the offending team will forfeit the game by a score of 3-0.

d. The tournament discipline committee will make a decision if both teams fail to show.

e. Any team that forfeits during a game, or any team that causes the abandonment of a game (player, coach or spectator behaviour) will forfeit the game by a score of 3-0 and may, at the discretion of the Tournament Discipline Committee, be ejected from the remainder of the tournament. No appeal of this decision will be permitted.

f. Furthermore, such action will be reported to the governing body of the team involved and the OS.

15. Arrival Time for Games and Warm Up of Teams

- a. Teams are expected to arrive 20 minutes prior to scheduled kick off times.
- b. Teams are asked to warm up in a location that will not interfere with games currently in play.
- c. Both teams will bench on the same side.
- d. Parents must locate themselves on the opposite side of the field from team benches.
- e. Teams are expected to assist in keeping the games on schedule and must take to the field as instructed by the referee.

16. General

- a. The Tournament Committee and Toronto Soccer Association will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this event.
- b. Team Officials are reminded of the OS' Coaches Code of Conduct. This tournament is provided to foster team spirit and fair play for all participants (including opponents, referees and volunteer committee members). You are required to conduct yourself accordingly!
- c. The tournament rules are intended to support sportsmanship and fair play but all rules have their limitations.
- d. Every player, coach, parent or official is expected to behave in a manner that brings credit to his or her team and shows respect for the game. Doing so will add to the enjoyment of everyone.
- e. Play within the spirit of the game particularly with the no offside rule in the Mini divisions..
- g. Toronto Soccer Association will utilize a "Concussion Protocol" during the tournament. Further details will be released one week prior to the tournament.
- h. We respectfully remind coach's, players and spectators that there is a zero tolerance policy for verbal or physical abuse in effect that will be strictly enforced.

17. Contact Details

Inquiries and applications may be addressed to:

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