



## **Tournament Rules:**

### **1. Laws**

All games will be played in accordance with the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game as observed by the Ontario Soccer Association Mini Rules. No "OFFSIDES" for U10. Exceptions for mini-soccer are noted herein.

### **2. Home Team Responsibilities**

The first team listed on the schedule is the home team. The tournament organization will supply the game ball (size 4). Where playing colors clash, (at referee's discretion) the home team will change to distinct official Mini World Cup pinnies, as loaned by the tournament Headquarters.

### **3. Game Sheets**

Teams shall complete their set (6) of game sheets and have them stamped and approved at the Team's Registration evening. Both teams hand 1 copy of their game sheets to the referee prior to kickoff. The game sheet must be completed in full. Only the team officials that have signed the game sheet are allowed to assist the coach.

### **4. Number of Players and Eligibility**

A team may register fourteen (14) players. The teams shall play 7-a-side. A minimum of five (5) players at scheduled kick-off time constitutes a team in all games. Players' age must meet OSA U10, U11 registration criteria, i.e. born in 2000, 1999 calendar years or younger respectively.

A team may include up to a maximum of three (3) guest players. All guest players must meet the eligibility requirements. A guest player's age must fall within the age period of the team on which he is playing. A player may only be registered and play on one team in the tournament.

### **5. Duration of Play**

Preliminary Rounds, Quarters, Semis and consolations: 2 x 20 minutes halves

Finals: 2 x 30 minutes halves



## **6. Point System**

- Ø 3 points will be awarded for a win
- Ø 1 point will be awarded for a tie

## **7. Substitutions**

Unlimited substitution is permitted during a game, but may only be made at the following stoppages in play:

- Ø When a goal is scored
- Ø At a goal kick
- Ø At the beginning of the second half
- Ø At the beginning of the first or second half of extra time
- Ø For an injured player at the referee's discretion
- Ø On a team's own throw-in

## **8. Determination of Division Leaders**

Division leaders will be determined by the following criteria:

- Ø Most points
- Ø Performance head-to-head (not applicable to ties of 3 or more teams)
- Ø Goals differential
- Ø Goals for
- Ø FIFA Penalty Kicks

## **9. Tie Breaking – Extra rounds**

FIFA Penalty Kicks will take place immediately following a tied score at the end of regulation time.

## **10. Coaching**

Coaches must choose their side of the field prior to the start of the game and must remain within their side of the centerline. Coaching outside this area will not be permitted. Only team officials are permitted in this area. Team officials are reminded that they are not allowed on the field of play without the referee's permission.

## **11. Protests**

All protests must be in writing within one (1) hour of completion of the game in question and must be accompanied by a fee of \$100, refundable if the protest is successful. Protests regarding referee's decision will not be heard.



## **12. Failure to Show**

Any team failing to show for a scheduled game, or within 10 minutes after scheduled kick-off time, will result in dismissal from the tournament and the tournament fee will be forfeited. A result of 1:0 will be recorded in favor of the team who should have played the team failing to show.

## **13. Disciplinary Action**

- Ø A player receiving two yellow cards during the tournament will be suspended from the next game.
- Ø A player receiving a red card will be suspended from the next game.
- Ø A player receiving two red cards during the tournament will be suspended from the tournament.

The referee's jurisdiction regarding cautions and ejections shall be extended to cover all team officials who will be subject to the same disciplinary action as players. Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of all spectators in their party.

Any player or team official ordered from the field by the referee shall be suspended for the next game. The tournament committee may require the player or game official to appear before the discipline committee. Failure to attend a hearing will result in the immediate suspension from the tournament and will be reported to appropriate district association.

All discipline incidents will be forwarded to the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association following the tournament via the Discipline Summary and Incidents Forms. Note, all suspensions that aren't served in the tournament will carry over to league play accordingly.

## **14. Guaranteed Games**

Each team is guaranteed a minimum of 4 games.

## **15. Game Officials Shirts**

In case of a color clash between game officials and participating teams' shirts, the game officials shall change their shirts.

Game officials are required to submit to the tournament committee any misconduct forms (Caution / Dismissals / Special incident reports).



## **16. Participating Players**

All players must provide proof of registration book/card at time of team/player registration. Players on trial basis with the participating team must obtain a “trial player” book from their association (this book is the same as any other player’s book, except it will note that the participating player is with the team on trial basis).

Out of Province participating teams are also required to provide proof of Medical Insurance Coverage for all players and team officials (usually included with player/coach).

All teams must be Club Representative Teams, No Select or All-Star teams are permitted.

Tournament Committee decisions shall be final in all aspects of eligibility of players and teams.

## **17. Application to Travel**

All participating teams not registered through Eastern Ontario Soccer Association must produce an Application to Travel Form signed by their District Association. Travel Forms, for Ontario Teams, will act as their proof of Insurance.

All Out of province Teams are required to provide proof of insurance from their appropriate Association.

## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel in part or totally to alter in any way the program outlined in the tournament schedule. The tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.

**The Tournament Committee’s understanding of the rules and all related matters will be FINAL.**