

2012 Tournament Rules

1. Laws of the Game

All games shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game observed by the Ontario Soccer Association, the Canadian Soccer Association and F.I.F.A.

Please note, u8 and u9 teams will use kick-ins, as per OSA rules.

2. Team Eligibility

All participating teams must be currently registered with their provincial, state or national association. All teams from outside South-West Regional Soccer Association must have proof of **Permission to Travel**, duly authorized by their governing association to the Tournament Host seven (7) days prior to the event. All teams from outside of Ontario must supply proof of **Accident/Injury/Illness Medical Insurance** to the Tournament Host no later than seven (7) days prior to the event. U11 - U18 Teams may register and dress 18 players for any one game. Mini Soccer teams may register and dress 14 players for any one game.

Teams will be accepted to play in the tournament at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Teams which withdraw their application after **June 11, 2012** shall forfeit their entry fee and bond.

3. Age

Players must be born **on or after January 1** of the following years:

U8	2004								
u9	2003	u11	2001	u13	1999	u15	1997	u17	1995
u10	2002	u12	2000	u14	1998	u16	1996	u18	1994

4. Teams and Player Registration

Teams and all players must be registered with the Tournament Committee at Tournament Headquarters on the prescribed date and time, unless otherwise approved by the Committee Executive. In any case, teams must be registered before their first game is played. Teams failing to register by the time required may, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, be dismissed from the tournament, forfeiting their entry fee and bond.

A valid copy of the team roster must be provided at registration. A copy of the team roster must be presented to the field convenor before the start of each game. No alterations to the original validation are permitted unless accompanied by the written authorization of the Tournament Committee.

A player card with photograph, duly authorized by the District Registrar, State or National Registrar, shall be presented at Registration. In those soccer jurisdictions where such cards are not available, a team card displaying the photograph, name and birth date of every player will be accepted, provided it is approved by the governing body of the applicant team. A maximum of 3 guest players is permitted with the above specifications. Guest players must be identified at registration and must conform to OSA Pyramid of Play rules.

5. Substitutions

There is no limit to the number of substitutions during a game, but a substitution can only be made during stoppage in play, and only at the referee's discretion.

- When a goal is scored
- At a goal kick
- At the beginning of the first, or second half, or the beginning of overtime or half time in overtime
- For an injured player at the referee's discretion
- Piggy-backing of substitutions will be allowed.

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

6. Game Sheets and Referees' Reports

All game sheets and referee reports must be returned to Tournament Headquarters, by the Field Conveners, as soon as possible after the completion of a game. Game sheets must be signed by the referee and one official from each team. If a player or team official is ordered from the field by the referee for misconduct, or any player or team official is cautioned by the referee during the course of a game, it is essential the referee's report and game sheet be delivered to the Tournament Headquarters within 1 hour after the end of the game.

7. Discipline

All discipline shall be subject to OSA Discipline by Review/Hearing (DBR/DBH) and heard by the Tournament Discipline Committee (TDC) provided by SWRSA.

1. A player accumulating a 2nd caution in a game (red card) or a team official ordered from the field shall be subject to discipline under the DBR/DBH system. The player or team official shall receive a suspension from the team's next scheduled game.
2. A player receiving two yellow cards during the tournament will be suspended from the next game.
3. Any player red-carded by the referee or coach ejected will be suspended from the next game. The Tournament Discipline Committee will review the referee report and the

appropriate suspension will be rendered in accordance with Table 10 (Standard Fees, Fines, Bonds, and Penalties) for the Ontario Soccer Association's Published Rules.

4. A player receiving two red cards during the tournament will be suspended from the tournament.
5. In the case of a Referee Assault, the accused is immediately suspended from all soccer related activity until the case is heard by the appropriate District Association.
6. If a team official or player is ejected from the final game, the discipline report will be sent to their District Association for processing.
7. Tournament Discipline is done by DBR.
8. A DBR decision can be appealed, in writing, under the following 4 appeals criteria, within 45 minutes of the end of the game in which the infraction occurred, and accompanied by a \$100.00 cash fee. This fee is refunded if the appeal is successful.
Appeals Criteria: New Facts (that did not exist when hearing was convened or could not be found via due diligence); Procedural Errors (exact errors with reference to the Published Rules); Incorrect Interpretation of the Published Rules (which rules and rationale); and/or Excessive Fee, Fine, Bond or Penalty (state why excessive).

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIFA RULES, NO PROTEST ON A REFEREE'S DECISION WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

8. Duration of ALL Games

U8 - u10	2 x 20 minute halves
u11 - u18	2 x 25 minute halves

Duration of all games may be shortened by tournament officials, and half-time in all games shall be five minutes in duration.

Please see Rule 12 for Extra Time Specifics (for Quarter-final, Semi-final and Final games).

9. Extraordinary Weather

In the event of severe weather (e.g., continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat), the Tournament Committee has the authority to change the duration of games or any other function of the tournament, including such things as the following:

- a) Relocate and/or reschedule any games.
- b) Reduce, by up to 50 per cent, the scheduled duration of any game (including playoffs).
- c) Cancel any game in the preliminary round that has no bearing in deciding group winners.
- d) A game is considered complete when 50 per cent or less of the playing time remained when the game was terminated by the referee.
- e) In the event of total cancellation of the tournament, the tournament committee reserves the right to refund a portion of the registration fee.

10. Scheduling

Scheduling and refereeing are the responsibility of the tournament Host. Schedules will be posted a minimum of ONE week prior to the tournament on the Cambridge Youth Soccer website.

11. Determination of Group Winners

Each team will be awarded:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

At the end of the preliminary round, the group winner shall be the team with the most points. If teams are tied on points, the following criteria shall be used to determine the winner:

- a) Head to Head Competition winner
- b) Goal Differential (goals for minus goals against)
- c) Goals For
- d) Coin Toss

If it is necessary to provide additional teams for the quarter-final or semi-finals, wild card teams may be selected. Such teams will be those with the best non-qualifying record in the age group, determined by the number of points earned. In the event of a tie, criteria 11(a) through 11(d) shall apply to determine the wild card.

12. Extra Time Rules

In the event of a tied playoff game (quarter-final, semi-final, or final rounds), the following procedure will be followed to determine the winner:

- a) Penalty kicks as per FIFA (Five kicks per team).
- b) If still tied, alternating penalty kicks by the balance of the team until an outcome is decided.

13. Failure to Show

A team shall be allowed a 15-minute period of grace after the scheduled kick-off time before it is considered that they have failed to show. A minimum of seven players for u11 - u18, and a minimum of five players for u8-u10, constitutes a team and the game will be started if a team has at least this number of players, even if it must play shorthanded against its opponent. The period of grace may be allowed only if there are less than the minimum players required.

In the event of a failure to show, the offending team shall forfeit the game. If both teams fail to show, the Tournament Committee will make a ruling.

14. Abandonment Games

The Tournament Committee will review the circumstances of any team that abandons (quits) a game before it is completed and decides whether or not the team shall forfeit the game.

15. Forfeited Games

At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, teams that abandoned (quit) a game, fail to show, or otherwise forfeit a game will be subject to a dismissal from the tournament and all entry fees and bonds forfeited without appeal. Furthermore, such action will be reported to the governing body of the team involved.

All opponents of a team who have forfeited a game will be awarded a win and three points in preliminary standings (score recorded as 2-0).

16. Arrival Time for Tournament Finals

Teams qualifying for the finals of a division shall be prepared to kick-off 30 minutes before the scheduled time. Kick-off times may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

17. Player Uniforms and Equipment

Players must wear a number on the back of their shirts. Each player on a team shall have a different number and this number must coincide with the player's name and number as shown on the game sheet. If the colours clash, the home team will change colours (the home team is the first team on the schedule). At the Tournament Committee's discretion, a team that does not observe the colour change or shirt requirements of this rule may forfeit the game.

The Home Team shall supply the game ball.

18. Field Supervision

Persons acting in the capacity of Field Convenor reserve the right to check player cards before all games.

19. General

No protest regarding the referee's decisions will be accepted. The Discipline Committee's decisions will be final.

The Tournament Committee will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part. The Tournament Committee and/or South-West Regional Soccer Association reserve the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the event.