

# YOUTH RECREATIONAL SOCCER

## Guidelines - 11 Aside

### *for Players born in 1996 and older*

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The game of soccer is governed by the Laws of the Game as published by FIFA. It is often necessary to make modifications and allowances in the interest of the players concerned. Such is the case here, and except as noted in these guidelines and rules, the FIFA laws shall be applied.

It should also be noted that these rules and guidelines apply to the recreational programmers totally controlled by the WISC. Where interlock leagues exist, or for games involving teams from other clubs, additional and superseding rules may be issued.

#### **1. Playing Divisions:**

Regardless of the rules in effect, all players must get fair playing time.

The playing division is determined by the year in which the player is born. Playing outside of the assigned division is not allowed unless approved by the Board of Directors.

The playing divisions are as follows:

- 1996 - Players turning 11 years old during the current calendar year
- 1995 - Players turning 12 years old during the current calendar year.
- 1994 - Players turning 13 years old during the current calendar year
- 1993 - Players turning 14 years old during the current calendar year.
- 1992 - Players turning 15 years old during the current calendar year.
- 1991 - Players turning 16 years old during the current calendar year.
- 1990 - Players turning 17 years old during the current calendar year
- 1989 - Players turning 18 years old during the current calendar year.
- Senior: Players turning older than 19 years old during the current calendar year

A player may be allowed to play in a higher division only under the conditions listed in Guest Players, below.

A team may have up to 18 players. All players must be allowed at least 50% of available playing time.

WISC, at its discretion, may join certain older age divisions to form multi-age divisions. Further, WISC shall determine the regular days of the week when games will be played. In some instances, the Club will decide to enter this age division in the "interlock" system with other Clubs in the region which would involve travel outside of Whitby to some games. Game days would, in that instance, be determined by the League (i.e. Durham Boys Soccer League or Durham Girls Soccer League).

Where it is required, WISC reserves the right to re-assign players to different teams in the interest and with the objective of trying to achieve more balanced teams.

#### **2. Game Format, Duration, Ball Sizes and Equipment**

All regular season league games shall be comprised of two halves whose duration is as follows:

	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Ball Size</b>
1996, 1995	2 X 35 Minutes	4
1994	2 X 40 Minutes	5
1993 and older	2 X 45 Minutes	5

Game duration may be modified during cup competition play.

Games shall be played at the locations, and at the times listed in the applicable schedules.

### **3. Game Sheets, Points and Standings**

The team listed first on the schedule is considered to be the home team.

The home team coach is responsible for providing the game ball and for presenting the visiting coach with a game sheet to complete.

Both coaches must complete one (and only one) game sheet for each game played. The information to be included consists of the date, time, location, team and coach names, team colours, the first and last names and numbers of players. No other comments are to be placed on the game sheet, except by the referee for official purposes.

The referee may note reasonable protests on the game sheet. If other objections or points of view arise which, in the opinion of the referee, are not worthy of noting on the game sheet, the coaches may voice their concerns by writing to the Club.

The game sheet is to be submitted to the Club office within 48 hours of the completion of the game, by the home team coach or convener. Drop off in mailbox at back door of Club when office closed.

Three points are awarded for a win. One point is awarded for a tie.

League standings shall be recorded by the Convener and submitted in proper format to the Club office once in June, once in July and two times in August during the regular season

League standings are determined as follows:

- Total points
- Most games won
- Better record in head-to-head games
- Goal difference (goals for, minus goals against, for ALL games played – maximum 5 goal difference)
- Least goals scored against
- Deciding game

The standings will reflect the results of game sheets actually received by the Club office. No points will be awarded for game sheets NOT received.

#### **Guest Players**

In the event a team is short players, guest players may be called upon subject to the following conditions:

The player is properly registered with the WISC.

The player comes from a recreational team in the Division directly below the requesting team (1 year younger). No Competitive level players are allowed as guests.

The maximum number of guest players is 3 and only enough to field a maximum of 14 players.

The aggregate maximum number of times a player is allowed to be called up is 6 (this means by all teams, not just yours).

All guest players must be noted on the game sheet, with specific and clear indication of their guest status.

The opposing coach must be informed when guest players are being used PRIOR to starting the game. Any objections must be noted on the game sheet by the referee.

Illegal use of a guest player will result in loss of points and discipline.

No guest players are allowed during cup competition.

## **Cancelled and Postponed Games**

In the event a referee fails to show up for a game, every attempt must be made to complete the game. Provided both coaches agree, one or more volunteers may be elected to referee the game. However, it should be understood beforehand that such replacements acquire the same status, and must be given the same courtesy as any club or league appointed official.

Any referee failing to show up for a game must be reported to the Club office who will take the appropriate action. This should be noted on the game sheet.

Once a game has started, ONLY the referee may cancel it due to severe weather conditions. Under no circumstances should the game be allowed to continue if lightning is present. If the game is abandoned by the referee after the start of the second half, the game is considered complete, the result will stand, and it will not be rescheduled.

From time to time, the Town of Whitby may issue a Field Closure directive. When this occurs, the Club field permits are withdrawn until further notice and Town fields will NOT be used by the Club or its' members under any circumstances.

A game shall be started on time if both teams have at least 7 players available including the goalkeeper.

If 7 players from each team are not available, a grace period not exceeding 15 minutes is allowed.

A 1-0 loss will be registered against the defaulting team if it cannot field 7 players after the grace period has expired.

Games may be rescheduled only when a referee has abandoned a game prior to the start of the second half and the Club office is notified by the Convener immediately.

## **Substitutions**

In the interest of promoting fair distribution of playing time, an unlimited number of players may be substituted as follows:

- At the start of each half
- After a goal is scored
- On any goal kick
- On a team's own throw-in
- To replace an injured player

Provided both coaches and the referee agree BEFORE the start of the game, additional substitutions may be allowed at other stoppages in play to provide relief from exhaustion during unreasonably hot weather.

Except for half-time, no substitution shall be made unless the referee is first notified, and then, only after the referee has signaled consent.

## **7. The Referee**

The referee shall ensure that no player is wearing any dangerous articles, which could injure a player or themselves. The referee shall not allow any player who is not wearing shin pads to play. A player wearing protective devices (i.e. casts, braces, etc.) will not be allowed to play, unless written approval is received from the Club Head Referee or his designated official.

Gross disregard of the Rules or Codes of Conduct whether committed by players, coaches or parents will not be tolerated. If, after having issued warnings, this type of misconduct persists, the referee shall request that the coach remove the offenders from the vicinity of the field of play. Failure to obey the referee's request may result in abandonment of the game and subsequent disciplinary action.