

TORONTO CENTRAL SOCCER LEAGUE - OUTDOOR RULES 2018

1. GENERAL RULES

All clubs and teams are responsible for the conduct of their players, officials and spectators, and any team which fails to exercise proper control in this regard will be subject to disciplinary action. It is the responsibility of all clubs and teams to ensure that the League is notified of all changes in club or team names, addresses or telephone numbers in order that adequate contact may be maintained. Team representative must ensure that their game results are confirmed with referee at end of game. A team found to be guilty of using an ineligible player at any time shall forfeit the game to their opponents and will be subject to fines and further disciplinary action at the discretion of the Discipline Committee. The final date for registration of any team member shall be 31 July, or the final Friday in July in any given year. This deadline may only be extended by order of the League Executive.

2. REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- a) Players must be registered a minimum of 48 hours with the club prior to the game and play on the field location the team is scheduled to play. Each player must sign the official OS registration form obtained from the registrar of the league.
- b) Any team who has not paid their team registration fee in full by the deadline which is one week prior to the start of the outdoor seasons' first scheduled games, will not be permitted to play and shall have their scheduled games recorded as defaults until such time as their fees are settled in full. Default games are recorded as a 3-0 win for the opposing team.
- c) Home team is the first team listed the on schedule. If there is a conflict in jersey colours, the home team must change their jerseys or wear pinnies.
- d) A game ball will be provided at each field location by the club. A team may request to play with their own team ball if the referee agrees and ensures it is acceptable.
- e) **There is no sliding tackling allowed in this league.** Rough and Serious foul play is not part of the game.
- f) A player under the age of 18 can join the league provided that player turns 18 during the calendar year of the season they registered for.
- g) The TCSC operates on a "Members Only" policy. All players must be listed on an active TCSC roster to comply with insurance requirements and again 48 hours before they play at minimum.
- h) The maximum number of players to be registered at any one time, on any given team is 24. Any player added to a team roster for more than 2 weeks will be charged a player registration fee.

3. PLAYER EQUIPMENT

- a) Equipment must comply with FIFA rules. A player must dress with a jersey that has sleeves and their respective number in addition to shorts, shingards that are covered and footwear appropriate for the field conditions. NO METAL OR SIX STUD CLEATS are permitted.
- b) In the case of both teams wearing similar colour jerseys, it is the responsibility of the home team to change their jersey or wear pinnies.

- c) Goalkeeper must wear a colour distinct of their own players and the referee.
- d) **NO JEWELRY** allowed and this includes wrist rubber bands. Medic alert bracelets and or fit bits are an exception as long as they are covered over with tape.
- e) Bandanas and head gear are allowed as well as sport type eye wear or mouth guard protection.

4. DURATION OF GAME & GAME ADMINISTRATION

- a) Games are scheduled every 90 minutes therefore the game shall be (equal halves) 2 x 40 minutes depending if teams are on time on the field, with a five minute break between halves. Teams must have a minimum of 7 dressed players on the field to start the game. Grace period is 15 minutes after that the late team is considered a default or forfeit although the game should be played as a friendly only a defaulted game score is 3-0 and the game fee is full responsibility of the defaulted team. *If a game cannot be continued for any reason, in accordance with the TSA women's league rule [9.12], the score shall stand as is if more than 75% played unless so decided by the Executive Committee to reschedule.*

[9.12 Games that are abandoned after 75% of playing time due to weather and/or extenuating circumstances will be allowed to stand. The score at the moment the game is abandoned shall become the game's official, final score.)

- b) Each team must provide a completed game sheet to the referee prior to the start of each game or no later than the start of the second half. Each player name, number and signature must be legibly entered on the game sheet. Late players arriving must be on game sheet before they will be eligible to play and if they arrive after half time they must report to the ref before entering the field of play.
- c) A team playing at 6:30 and a team playing at 9:30 will be designated responsible for equipment on the official league schedule. At Earls court the nets and corner flags must be put up and removed each week. Each team will take turns based on the season schedule, one team each week will be designated to put up the nets and flags that is playing a 630 game and one of the team that plays the 930 game will be designated to take them down at the end of each playing night. Best efforts will be made to give each team an equal number of dates for this responsibility. At Eglinton Flats, only corner flags need to be installed by the home team and again this will be indicated on the season schedule of which team is responsible on which playing nights to set up and tear down as per above. Nets are managed by the city at the Eglinton Flats field.
- d) Any defaulted game can be played as a friendly with agreement from both teams and the referee.
- e) If a team defaults, the other team will receive their referee fees as well as the defaulting team needs to pay their ref fees.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are allowed with the referee's permission at a goal kick, team's own throw in, after a goal is scored, for an injured player, and at half time.

- a) At any one of the above stoppages the referee must be informed that a substitution is requested.
- b) The referee must grant the permission so players can come off and the substitution takes effect. Players must leave the field at the centre boundary line, if there is an injured player requiring attention, then the player may leave at closest boundary line. The substitute must enter the field only **at the half way line.**
- c) For substitution without permission, the referee has the authority to directly caution for repeated offenses or politely reminding a player of the procedure.
- d) Any substitute players (call-ups) must be registered as members of TCSC outdoor season on their field of play and listed on the game sheet to play.
- e) Teams can borrow up to two players from other teams playing on the same field to bring the number of players in your own team up to 11. If your own players arrive late then the borrowed players may no longer play unless you still have less than 11 players total. Players cannot be borrowed from other teams during playoffs.
- f) A goalkeeper can change places with any other player at any stoppage provided the referee is notified prior to. This would include the penalty kick.

6. SCORING & TEAM STANDINGS TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

- a) Teams will receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
- b) The maximum amount of goal difference that will be recorded is 5 regardless of the number of final goals scored. For example, an outcome of 9-2 will be recorded as 7-2 to adhere to the maximum 5 goal differential rule.
- c) In case of a tie, standings will be determined by the following criteria:
 - 1. Most Wins – The team with the most wins will finish ahead
 - 2. Fewest Losses - The team with the fewest losses will finish ahead
 - 3. Goal Difference — Where the goals “against” are subtracted from the goals “for”. The team with the highest goal difference will finish ahead.
- d) The Earls court team to finish first in regular season play twice within a three consecutive year period, will move up to Eglinton Flats the following season. In turn, the last place team at Eglinton Flats for two years within a three year period will move to Earls court.

7. TCSC KNOCKOUT CUP COMPETITION (PLAYOFFS)

- a) During playoff games, teams will play 2 equal halves (2x30 minutes minimum).
- b) If the score is tied at end of the game, three (3) penalty kicks shall be taken alternatively by each team. Players must have been on the field at the conclusion of regular time to be eligible to attempt a penalty kick.
- c) If the score is still tied after three (3) penalty kicks, then an additional and equal number of alternate kicks shall be taken until a winner is produced. If no winner has been produced after all

players on the field for a team have taken a penalty kick, then the same rotation will start over again until a winner is produced.

- d) A Goalkeeper substitution is permitted after notification of the referee at the end of regulation time.
- e) No player is eligible to play in the playoffs unless they have played at least 5 games in that season before the playoffs start and signed the game sheets they played.

8. DISCIPLINE

1. Discipline meetings shall be held regularly during the playing season at a time and place to be advised by the Discipline Committee Chairman. Player infractions are carried by (DBR) Discipline By Review as per the TSA/OS rules and notified to team representatives.
2. Any team member called for a discipline hearing must represent herself at the hearing. Additional team members may be present at a hearing to act as a witness. Any player dismissed by a game official during a game, will be suspended until the discipline panel provides a decision. This decision not to take more than two (2) weeks from the time of infraction.
Any player dismissed by a game official before, during or after a game will be suspended from further play for a minimum of one game commencing at the next scheduled game until their suspension is reviewed by the discipline panel and a decision is made. The discipline panel shall meet and communicate a decision within 10 days.
3. A team member who accumulates 3 cautions (yellow cards) in the same season will be automatically suspended for 1 game. A notice will be sent to the team manager or delegate advising them of the following:
 - a) The date of the game suspension.
 - b) Failure to comply with above paragraphs regarding a suspension notice will result in THE TEAM FORFEITING THE GAME.
4. A team member who receives 2 yellow cards in the same game and is thus ejected from the game will automatically be suspended for 1 game. A notice will be sent to the team manager or delegate advising them of the suspension and it must be served the following game. In the event that no more games remain after a player receives a red card, the red card will be carried forward and the player will serve a one game suspension the following season and the team shall be fined a \$25 fee.
5. A player who receives an automatic red card during a game for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball during the game will be automatically suspended for 1 game to be served the following game.
6. A player who receives an automatic red card during a game for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick will be automatically suspended for 1 game to be served the following game.
7. Any player receiving an automatic one (1) game suspension as outlined in paragraph 3, 4, 5, and 6 above may request a hearing (via letter, e-mail, or facsimile) within the 7 days of receiving the notification of suspension. The request for a hearing must be accompanied by a \$50 Request for Hearing fee. If serious foul play or violent conduct is reported, a minimum 2 game suspension will be awarded dependent on referee's report. Any player dismissed by a game official before, during or after a game for "misconduct" or "violent conduct" will be suspended from further play until their suspension is reviewed by the discipline panel and a decision is made. The discipline panel will render a decision and will notify the team representative and player of the outcome within 10 days.

- a) Any player awarded a red card due to foul play is suspended for a minimum of one game to be served the following game.
- b) A player dismissed or reported for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures/actions directed at a match official(s) after having been previously dismissed, will be subject to a discipline hearing and will be suspended pending the discipline panel's decision.
- c) A player dismissed or reported for "Violent Conduct" will remain suspended until such time as a discipline panel reaches a decision and may be ejected from the league.

Misconduct is defined as:

- i) A player dismissed or reported using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures/actions directed at a match official(s) or player(s) during a game
- ii) A player dismissed or reported using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures/actions directed at a match official(s) or player(s) after having been previously dismissed or reported

Violent Conduct is defined as:

- i) A player dismissed or reported for "excessive force, abuse or brutality" towards an opponent when contesting for the ball during play
- ii) A player dismissed or reported for "violent conduct" towards an opponent or towards any other player(s) or match official(s) during play or after the completion of a game

- 8. Any team member who has been suspended by any other League or Association shall be considered to be suspended by this League.
- 9. After the rendering of a decision made by a Discipline committee or any other committee formed to deal with any alleged discipline matter against any team, team member or spectator, the following will apply:
 - All fines are to be paid by certified cheque, money order, e-transfer or cash.
 - In the event of a successful appeal made to a higher authority, the League will refund any monies as directed by the higher authority.
- 10. In all cases of alleged physical assault on a game official by a team member, the team member shall be suspended until the case has been heard.
- 11. Team members reported for alleged assault on a game official shall be dealt with by a Special Discipline Committee of the presiding District Association.
- 12. Bench etiquette in the TCSC league is very important and all TCSC members are to help enforce the following:
 - a) Technical area on each side of the field and not crossing over by player or Coaches
 - b) Only one coach up at a time
 - c) Profanity used by coaches, staff, or athletes on the bench
 - d) Eliminate any and all unsportswomanlike chatter between the benches
 - e) Eliminate any coach addressing an opposing player with profanity or unprofessional chat.

Team reps must approach the referee for assistance. These incidents have a negative impact on our attempt to promote recreational soccer in our community. Let's focus on the game and make it the event to watch and enjoy.