

# **2020 STRATFORD CLASSIC RULES**

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

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- All players & coaches must be registered with Ontario Soccer.
- Players must be registered with the club for which he/she is playing.
- Team disqualification with fee forfeit is automatic if an ineligible player is used.
- Teams travelling from out of district required an approved Travel permit.

## **DIVISIONS**

- Divisions will be set up by age groups; some divisions may be combined at the decision of the tournament committee.

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

**U13** 2007   **U14** 2006   **U15** 2005   **U16** 2004   **U17/18** 2003 & 2002

Division may be combined at the tournament committee's discretion.

**REGISTRATION:** Team registration is at the Club House on the Festival Hydro Community fields, by the coach or team representative, Friday night before the tournament 6:30 pm to 8 pm or approximately one (1) hour before the team's first game. A maximum of three (3) guest players with current valid cards meeting age group restrictions may be added to the tournament roster, for a MAXIMUM of eighteen (18) players. Players must be registered prior to the commencement of the first tournament match

**Refund Policy:** \$50 admin fee if registration cancelled up to 2 weeks prior to the tournament date. No refunds if cancelled within 2 weeks of tournament date.

## **What to bring to Registration:**

Player & Coaches Ontario Soccer Cards or books

Official OSCAR roster (for reference only)

Tournament Roster (available on our web site)

Tournament game sheets – 5 copies (available on our web site)

Approved Travel permit if not with SWRSA (please e-mail to SYS 1 week in advance)

**EQUIPMENT:** The first team listed on the schedule is considered the "HOME TEAM" and will be responsible for providing an alternate colour of shirt if needed.

Home teams are to supply a game ball - size 5.

All players must wear proper shin guards and soccer shoes.

## **FAILURE TO SHOW:**

A team will be allowed one 10 minute waiting period from the scheduled kick-off time to field the minimum number of 7 players needed to start the game.

Failure to produce the minimum number of players will result in the awarding of the game to their opponents with a score of 3 – 0.

**PLAYING TIME:** Qualifying - 25 min. halves      Semi's & Final - 30 min. halves

The Half-time interval in all games shall be 5 minutes.

**GAME:** 11 v 11 on full field

**POINTS DISTRIBUTION: WIN = 3 POINTS    TIE = 1 POINT    LOSS = 0 POINTS**

Any team that forfeits any game, opposing team receives **3 points**.

## **TIE BREAKER IN THE STANDINGS:**

- 1) Winner between tied teams in pool play. (Applies only if 2 teams are tied)
- 2) Goal differential (max 5 goal differential per game)
- 3) Most goals scored.
- 4) Least goals allowed.
- 5) Best of 5 penalty kicks by 5 different players.
- 6) Alternate penalty kicks (Sudden Death) by balance of players.

**OVERTIME: SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS ONLY:**

If a game is tied after regular time, then overtime shall be two (2) five (5) minute halves for all divisions.

Penalty shots will decide the winner if the game is still tied after extra time (FIFA Rules).

If tied, five (5) penalty kicks will be taken alternately by five (5) players from each team who were on the field at the end of the overtime period.

If still tied, alternating penalty kicks (sudden death) will be taken one at a time by the balance of the players on each team who were on the field at the end of the overtime period. The first team to go ahead after equal number of shots will be the winner.

**SUBSTITUTIONS:** Teams can substitute when:

- 1) A goal is scored by either team.
- 2) At any goal kick.
- 3) Injury to a player on the field, at the referee's discretion.
- 4) At **OWN** throw-ins. \*\*\*
- 5) Beginning of second half, and the beginning of both overtime halves.

\*\*\* Should the team with the throw-in request a substitution then the opposing team may also request a substitution **BUT** only after the team with the throw-in has asked first.

**GAME SHEETS:** Game sheets must be completed and submitted to the referee prior to kick off. They must be signed after the game by the referee and both coaches to confirm an accurate score and which team won and lost.

**OFF SIDES:** Off sides will be called in all divisions.

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

1. A player accumulating a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Discipline Section 9 –Tables 5 -12 & Policy 14.0 (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 their 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.**

Coaches must choose their designated technical area (coaches box) prior to the start of the game and must remain in the area. Spectators' areas are on the opposite side of the field from the technical areas.

Coaches will be held responsible for the behaviour of their players and of the spectators in their party. There will be **ZERO TOLLERANCE** while at the tournament. Any unruly behaviour will be dealt with by our referees and our field marshals'. Coaches are reminded that the referees' "authority" extends beyond the start and finish of the actual game.