

# **2020 SYS MINI FESTIVAL CUP RULES - Under 9 & 10**

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

This is a recreational tournament. Teams are encouraged to have fun and show good sportsmanship.

Teams failing to do so may be disqualified from the Tournament.

Disciplinary cards will be shown to players demonstrating gross or flagrant abuse of the rules.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- All players & coaches must be registered with Ontario Soccer
- Players must be registered with the club for which he/she is playing.
- Teams travelling from out of district required an approved Travel permit.

**PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be born on or after January 1st of the following years: **U9** - 2011 **U10** – 2010

## **REGISTRATION:**

Team registration is at the Club House on the Festival Hydro Community fields, by the coach or team representative, 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, prior to the commencement of the first tournament match, for a **MAXIMUM** of twelve (12) players.

## **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 games sheets – 1per game (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. Ball Size: 4

All players must wear proper shin guards and soccer shoes.

**PLAYING TIME:** 50 Minutes 2 x 25 Minutes

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

Teams will play 7 vs. 7 on Mini fields.

**Each team will play 2 games in this one day Festival.**

**RULES:** Teams can substitute unlimited at any stoppage. Ball will be passed in, no offside calls.

**FIELD SIZE:** width 30m – 36 m, length 40m – 55m, goal size – no larger than 6ft/1.83m x 16f / 4.88m

**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.

**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:** 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.

**Extraordinary Weather**

In the event of severe weather (e.g., continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat), the Festival Committee has the authority to change the duration of games or any other function of the festival, 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.
- c) Cancel any game.
- 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 festival, the festival committee reserves the right to refund a portion of the registration fee.

**13. Scheduling**

Scheduling and refereeing are the responsibility of the Festival Host. Schedules will be posted approximately ONE week prior to the Festival on the SYS website. [www.StratfordYouthSoccer.com](http://www.StratfordYouthSoccer.com)

**14. 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.

**15. Abandonment Games**

The Festival 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.

**16. Forfeited Games**

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

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

**20. 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.