



## 26th Annual “Walter Kirchner” FESTIVAL (U8-U12) June 16 & 17, 2018

### 1. FESTIVAL DATES FOR DIVISIONS:

*U8 DIVISIONS: SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018	*U11 DIVISIONS: SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018
*U9 DIVISIONS: SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018	*U12 DIVISIONS: SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018
*U10 DIVISIONS: SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018	

**\*THE DAYS OF PLAY MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF TEAMS REGISTERED IN EACH DIVISION**

### 2. TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

All participating teams must be currently registered with their provincial, state, national or district association.

The festival is classified as Recreational Club and open to recreational club league & recreational club league All-Star Teams. This would mean that a Team classified as Tier 1 (Target) or Tier 2 (Development) is eligible to play.

Teams will be accepted to play in the festival at the sole discretion of the Festival Committee. Festival entry fee must be paid prior to acceptance into the tournament. Teams that withdraw are subject to a \$100 withdrawal fee. **Teams that withdraw their application after May 27, 2017 shall forfeit their entry fee.**

All teams travelling from outside Elgin-Middlesex Soccer Association must have proof of “Permission to Travel”, duly authorized by their governing association to the Festival Host fourteen (14) days prior to the event. **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2018**

### 3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & Number of Players:

BOTH MALE AND FEMALE DIVISIONS WILL BE ORGANIZED UNDER THE FOLLOWING AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:

Under 8 Born before December 31, 2010
Under 9 Born before December 31, 2009
Under 10 Born before December 31, 2008
Under 11 Born before December 31, 2007
Under 12 Born before December 31, 2006

U8 may register up to ten (10) players , U9 & U10 may register up to twelve(12) players

U11 & U12 may register up to sixteen(16) players

A maximum of 3 guest players is allowed. These guest players must be from the same club and from the same age group or a younger age group.

**4. TEAM & PLAYER REGISTRATION:**

**REGISTRATION HEADQUARTERS: Cowan Park, 895 Ridgewood Dr., Woodstock, ON, N4T 0A6**

**All teams must register at least one hour prior to the team's first game.**

The following will be required to be emailed to [wscadministrator@woodstocksoccer.com](mailto:wscadministrator@woodstocksoccer.com) by June 1,2018. Failure to submit will result in your team not being included in the final schedules for the tournament/festival divisions

- Completed team roster- emailed spreadsheet by June 1, 2018
- Proof of permission to travel(Travel Permit) from district association for teams outside of Elgin-Middlesex Soccer Association district- emailed by June 1, 2018

Player and coaches ID cards/books will be checked and compared to the player roster that was submit via email and all player and coaches ID cards/books must be available for the duration of the tournament. In the event of a dispute concerning player eligibility, the decision of the Festival Committee shall be final.

All teams will require player and coaches ID Cards/player books

A minimum of 4 teams is required to constitute a division.

Multiple divisions may be offered depending on registration.

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**5. PLAYER UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT:**

Each player on a team shall have a different number and this number shall coincide with the player name and number as shown on the game sheet. Players must wear numbers on the back of their shirts.

The "Home Team" is the first team listed on the schedule and will be responsible for providing an alternate colour of shirt if the colours of both teams are similar.

Home team is responsible for the ball and are to supply a properly inflated game ball to the referee prior to the start of the game. Game balls must be approved at the start of the game and may only be changed at the referee's discretion.

All players must wear proper shin guards. Players will not be allowed to wear anything that may be dangerous – i.e. earrings, eye rings, nose rings, watches., etc. Players with casts, splints etc can play only with the permission of the referee.

**BALL SIZE: U8 – SIZE 3      BALL SIZE: U9 – U12 – SIZE 4**

**6. GAME PLAY:**

<u>U8</u>	<u>U9 &amp; U10</u>	<u>U11 &amp; U12</u>
5v5 including goalie	7v7 including goalie	9v9 including goalie
Max 2 games played (see below for further info)	Max 2 games played (see below for further info)	Max 2 games played (see below for further info)
40 min games – 2 x 20 min halves/ 5 min halftime	50 min games – 2 x 25 min halves/ 5 min halftime	50 min game/ 2 X 25 min halves/5 min halftime
Min 30 minutes rest between games	Min 30 minutes rest between games	Min 30 minutes rest between games
Pass-ins will be observed	Pass-ins will be observed	Throw-ins
SUBSTITUTIONS – unlimited any stoppage	SUBSTITUTIONS – unlimited any stoppage	SUBSTITUTIONS – unlimited any stoppage
No offsides	No offsides	Offsides

**Teams are expected to arrive at field 15 minutes prior to scheduled kick-off times.**

**\*U8 DIVISIONS: GUARANTEE OF TWO (2) GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018**

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**\*U10 DIVISIONS: GUARANTEE OF TWO (2) GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018**

**\*U11 DIVISIONS: GUARANTEE OF TWO (2) GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018**

**\*U12 DIVISIONS: GUARANTEE OF TWO (2) GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018**

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NO POINTS WILL BE AWARDED/NO SCORES WILL BE KEPT**

GAME SHEET: Game sheets will only be completed to record the participants and verifying coaching staff. Both teams shall complete their game sheet and hand it back to the referee prior to the kickoff. Each sheet must be completed in full. Only the team officials that have signed the game sheet are allowed to assist the coach. The referee will sign the game sheet and submit to Referee Co-ordinator after completion of game.

**The tournament committee reserves the right to change the duration of games in the event of severe weather (e.g. continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat, high winds etc.**

**7. FAILURE TO SHOW:**

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

A minimum of five (5) players at scheduled kick-off time constitutes a team in all games for U8, U9 & U10.

A minimum of six (6) players at scheduled kick-off time constitutes a team in all games for U11 & U12.

**8. COACHES:**

Coaches must choose their side of the field prior to the start of the game and must remain within their side of the centerline. Coaching outside this area will not be permitted. Only team officials are permitted in this area. Parents and all other spectators must be on opposite sides of the field.

TEAM OFFICIALS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FIELD WITHOUT THE REFEREE'S PERMISSION.

COACHES ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CANNOT "RUN UP and DOWN" THE TOUCH LINE TO INSTRUCT THEIR PLAYERS, THE COACHES MUST REMAIN WITHIN 5 YARDS OF THE TEAM BENCH.

**9 DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

All discipline shall be subject to OSA mandatory penalties for player misconduct.

A player receiving two (2) yellow cards during the game will be suspended from the festival.

A player receiving a red card will be suspended from the festival.

The referee's jurisdiction regarding cautions and ejections shall be extended to cover all team officials who will be subject to the same disciplinary action as the player. Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of all spectators in their party.

COACHES ARE REMINDED THAT THE REFEREES "AUTHORITY" EXTENDS BEYOND THE START AND FINISH OF THE ACTUAL GAME.

**ANY FORM OF REFEREE ABUSE** MAY RESULT IN THE TEAM BEING BANNED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

***FESTIVAL COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECIDE ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE FESTIVAL.***