



26th Annual “Walter Kirchner” TOURNAMENT RULES (U13-17) June 16th & 17th, 2018

1. TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

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

The tournament is classified as Recreational and open to recreational club leagues & recreational club league All-Star Teams.

This tournament is open to registered youth teams in the following categories: Youth U13 - U17 classified as Level 6 & 7 League Club and L6 & 7 League All-Star team. 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 tournament at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. Tournament 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 25, 2018 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 Tournament Host fourteen (14) days prior to the event. **NO LATER THEN JUNE 1, 2018**

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

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

Under 17 Born before December 31, 2001
Under 16 Born before December 31, 2002
Under 15 Born before December 31, 2003
Under 14 Born Before December 31, 2004
Under 13 Born before December 31, 2005

Players carded as a competitive player(registered to L5 or above teams) will not be permitted to play and if used will result in disqualification of team and the forfeit of entire tournament fee.

3. 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.

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The following will be required to be emailed to 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.

U13 to U17 may register and dress a maximum of 18 players for any one game.

4. 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: U13 to U18 – SIZE 5

5. 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. The minimum number of players for U13 to U16 shall be 7 players constitutes a team and the game will be started if a team has at least this number of players.

FAILURE TO PRODUCE THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS WILL RESULT IN AWARDING OF THE GAME TO THE OPPOSING TEAM AS A THREE (3) POINT WIN AND THE SCORE RECORDED AS 2-0.

6. PROTESTS:

THE PROTEST COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF 3 INDIVIDUALS CHOSEN BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE. ANY TEAM WISHING TO MAKE A PROTEST MUST SUBMIT SAME IN WRITING ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$100 CASH TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WITHIN ONE (1) HOUR FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE GAME. FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IF PROTEST IS GRANTED.

NOTE: NO PROTEST REGARDING REFEREE'S DECISION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All decisions of the protest committee will be final and binding.

7. PLAYING TIME:

<u>QUALIFYING</u>	<u>SEMI-FINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
25 min. HALVES	25 min. HALVES	30 min. HALVES

THE HALF-TIME INTERVAL IN ALL GAMES SHALL BE 5 MINUTES.

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

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.

8. POINTS DISTRIBUTION:

WIN = 3 POINTS

TIE = 1 POINT LOSS = 0 POINTS.

ANY TEAM FORFEITING GAMES, OPPOSING TEAM RECEIVES 3 POINT

DETERMINATION OF GROUP WINNERS:

At the end of preliminary round, the group winner shall be the team with the most points. If teams are tied on points, the following criteria shall be used to determine the winner:

- A) WINNER OF THE GAME BETWEEN THE TWO TIED TEAMS.
- B) GOAL DIFFERENTIAL (goals for minus goals against)
- C) LEAST GOALS SCORED AGAINST.
- D) MOST GOALS SCORED
- F) BEST OF 5 PENALTY KICKS BY 5 DIFFERENT PLAYERS.
- E) ALTERNATING PENALTY KICKS (SUDDEN DEATH) BY BALANCE OF PLAYERS
- F) THEIR MAYBE A SEPARATE WILD CARD BREAKER, AS NOTED ON DIVISION SCHEDULES WITH WILD CARDS

If it is necessary to provide additional teams for quarter-final or semi-final games, wildcard teams may be selected. Such teams will be those with the best non-qualifying record in the age division, determined by the number of points earned. In the event of a tie, criteria 9(a) through 9(d) above shall apply. If still tied, a coin will be tossed to determine the wildcard team.

9. OVERTIME: QUARTER, SEMI and FINAL GAMES ONLY:

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE GAMES ARE TIED AFTER REGULAR TIME HAS EXPIRED THEN PENALTY KICKS SHALL DETERMINE THE WINNER.

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 AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SHOTS WILL BE THE WINNER.

10. SUBSTITUTIONS:

TEAMS MAY SUBSTITUTE only during the following stoppage of play:

- A) WHEN A GOAL IS SCORED BY EITHER TEAM.
- B) AT ANY GOAL KICK.
- C) AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND HALF.

- D) ON THE TEAM'S OWN THROW-INS. TEAMS WILL BE ALLOWED TO "PIGGY BACK" THE OPPOSING TEAM'S SUBSTITUTIONS.
- E) FOR AN INJURED PLAYER, AT THE REFEREE'S DISCRETION.

11. GAME SHEETS:

GAME SHEETS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE REFEREE PRIOR TO KICK-OFF.

12. OFF-SIDES:

OFF-SIDES AS PER FIFA WILL BE CALLED IN **U13 TO U17** DIVISIONS.

13. DISCIPLINE:

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

INFRACTIONS:

- i) A player receiving a second caution in the same game (neither offence directed at a game official) - 1 game suspension
- ii) A player receiving a second caution in the same game (either offence directed at a game official) - 2 game suspension
- iii) Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language(not directed at a game official) - 1 game suspension
- iv) Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (directed at a game official) - 3 game suspension
- v) Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball – 1 game suspension
- vi) Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or penalty kick - 2 game suspension
- vii) Dismissed for serious foul play – 2 game suspension
- viii) Dismissed for violent conduct – 3 game suspension
- ix) Dismissed for spitting at an opponent or any other person, other than a game official - 4 game suspension

A PLAYER WHO RECEIVES FOUR YELLOW CARDS OR TWO RED CARDS DURING THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

IF THE SUSPENSION IS NOT FULLY SERVED AT THE TOURNAMENT, THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE SUSPENSION WILL BE SERVED DURING LEAGUE PLAY.

A PLAYER RECEIVING A RED CARD MAY BE REQUESTED TO ATTEND A DISCIPLINE HEARING. A PLAYER HAS A RIGHT TO REQUEST A DISCIPLINE HEARING AT THE TOURNAMENT.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WILL ADVISE THE TIME AND LOCATION OF SUCH DISCIPLINE HEARING.

THE REFEREE'S DISCRETION REGARDING CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS SHALL BE EXTENDED TO COVER ALL TEAM OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS PLAYERS.

COACHES WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOUR OF PLAYERS AND OF THE 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.

14. COACHES:

COACHES MUST CHOOSE THEIR DESIGNATED AREA (5 yards from the ½ line) PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME AND MUST REMAIN IN THE AREA. PARENTS & PLAYERS 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.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECIDE ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE TOURNAMENT.