



HOUSE LEAGUE BYLAWS-OUTDOOR

House League Bylaws shall apply to all players and teams, except where otherwise specified. It is the aim of WSC to offer fair play to all House League players.

REGULATION 1 – REGISTRATION

- 1.0 The Board of Directors shall set the annual registration fees for membership in all divisions of the WSC.
- 1.1 Registration dates and times shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be advertised.
- 1.2 Members of the Board of Directors and convenors who have children registered to play shall have their club registration fees reduced by 50% for each child playing once during the calendar year.

Each team is comprised of players who are properly registered with the Woodstock Soccer Club. WSC reserves the right to over roster depending on registration numbers:

Division of players shall be based on player’s age as of December 31st annually as follows:

Tim Bits soccer U4-U5	Under 8/9 all girls soccer
U6 Co-ed soccer 6	Under 11 co-ed soccer
Under 6/7 all girls soccer	Under 10/11 all girls soccer
Under 7 Co-ed soccer	Under 13 co-ed soccer
Under 9 co-ed soccer	Under 15 co-ed soccer

REGULATION 2- HOUSE LEAGUE-OUTDOOR PLAYERS AND TEAM RULES

- 2.1 The above league divisions depend upon registration and can be altered by the Board of Directors.
- 2.2 All players must be registered and fees paid prior to playing for any house league team.
- 2.3 Players must play in their own age division unless approved by Director of House League to play one division lower due to first year of play or physical challenges to assess the player’s ability.
- 2.4 Any player may choose to play one year higher than their respective age division with approval of the Director of House League.
- 2.5 A sponsor’s child shall be on sponsor’s team and cannot be moved to balance out teams.
- 2.6 Coach’s and Assistant coach’s children shall be placed on their respective team and cannot be moved to balance out teams.
- 2.8 Dependent on registration every house league team shall have an equal number of male and female players.
- 2.9 House League players are not allowed to be “called up” to play for a competitive team on their team's scheduled house league game night unless with the player’s house league coach’s approval and providing that the competitive team does not have a lower competitive team to call up players from.
- 2.10 Duration of games and number of players on field of play shall be the following pending field availability:

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<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>DURATION OF GAMES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLAYERS</u>
U4	2-10 minute halves	6 v 6
U5	2-15 minute halves	6 v 6
U6	2-20 minute halves	7 v 7
U6/7 Girls & U7	2-25 minute halves	7 v 7
U8/9 Girls & U9	2-30 minute halves	7 v 7
U10/11 Girls	2-35 minute halves	8 v 8
U11	2-35 minute halves	9 v 9
U13	2-40 minute halves	11 v 11
U15	2-45 minute halves	11 v 11

Any game called after two-thirds of play shall be deemed as completed. If less, then the game shall be replayed at a time and date as set by Director of House League.

2.11 Kick-off times will be determined by Director of House League. Teams must be in attendance at the playing field regardless of weather, unless otherwise informed by either the President, Vice-President, Director of House League or Director of Referees. The referee SHALL stop any game in process at the first sight of lightning irrespective of whether it is raining or not and shall record the duration of game played.

2.13 The size of ball for each age division shall be as follows:

U4 to U7 – size 3 U8 to U12 – size 4 U13 to U15 – size 5

2.14 **Equipment**

- All players must wear shin guards and proper soccer footwear
- All players must wear the team uniform supplied by WSC; jerseys must be tucked in
- No jewelry is allowed
- No hard casts are permitted
- Goalkeepers are permitted to wear hats

2.15 Coaches in the U4 and U5 will be allowed on field of play for instructional purposes.

2.16 The minimum number of players, including goalie, required to play in each age division, shall be the following:

U4 and U5 – minimum 4 players

U6 to U9 – minimum 5 players

U11 to U15 – minimum 7 players

2.17 If a team has only the minimum number of players required as per Rule 2.18 then the following format in each age division shall be used to play the game:

U4 and U5 4 players vs. 5 players 5 players vs. 6 players	U6 to U9 5 players vs. 6 players 6 players vs. 7 players	U11 to U15 7 players vs. 9 players 8 players vs. 9 players 9 players vs. 10 players 10 players vs. 11 players
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2.18 If a team does not have the required number of minimum players to start the game, there will be a 10-minute grace period to allow team to obtain the required number. If after the grace period the team does not have the required number then the team shall forfeit the game by the score of 3-0.

2.20 If both teams do not have the required number of players to start the game, there will be a 10-minute grace period. If both teams are unable to get the required number of minimum players then the game shall be rescheduled. If only one team is able to acquire the minimum number of players then the team without the required number shall forfeit the game by the score of 3-0.

2.21 The WSC shall be responsible to provide a safe playing surface and all fields shall be lined and nets in good order. Fields may vary in size depending on age group or space available.

2.22 All players registered in house league shall be entitled to equal playing time during regular season regardless of ability or skill. Any dispute filed in regards to playing time shall be in writing to the House League Director.

PLAYING UP RULE:

2.23 No player from a lower age division shall play for another team in a higher age division unless due to lack of players: less than eight (8) players in U6 to U9 divisions and twelve (12) players in U11 to U18. No player shall be called up more than one division from their proper age division. A player shall be restricted to a three (3) game maximum with any team, however the player may play up for several teams. No more than three (3) players may play up for any one team in a game. Any player playing up shall not start the game in place of a player registered in the age division and may only briefly substitute such registered players. Any player playing up may freely substitute any other player playing up.

The equal playing rule does not apply to any call-up players. The coach requiring calling up players must receive permission from the player's team coach.

SCORING

There shall be a six (6) goal advantage "mercy rule" in ALL games. Should any team be winning by a differential of five (5) goals (i.e. goals scored minus goals against), then a senior referee or executive member will discuss the matter with the winning team coach asking that the team refrain from further, aggressive, scoring attempts and continue to play the game as a recreational game. Should the team fail to honor the request and the team takes a six (6) goal advantage (goals scored minus goals against), then the referee will not credit the team with the goal.

2.24 **STANDINGS:** The format to determine team standings shall be the following: - three (3) points for a win - one (1) point for a tie - zero(0) points for a loss Should any house league team(s) finish tied; the following criteria will be used to determine the final standings • Head-to-head comparison between the tied teams will determine their standings. • If the head-to-head comparison cannot determine the standings then the next criteria to be used will be goals for minus goals against. • If the goals for and against cannot determine the standings then the next criteria will be wins and losses.

2.25 All house league games shall be played in accordance with the playing rules established by FIFA and/or

Woodstock Soccer Club.

REGULATION 3 – CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

3.0 Code of conduct identifies the standard of behaviour expected of all WSC members and participants which shall include all players, parents, guardians, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, committee members, convenors, team managers, trainers, administrators and employees involved in WSC activities and events.

3.1 The WSC is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect.

3.2 Members and participants of the WSC shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of the WSC, which includes fairness, integrity and mutual respect.

3.3 WSC is committed to following and enforcing a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy and shall be dealt with accordingly.

3.4 During any WSC activities and events, every member shall refrain from behaviour which brings the WSC, EMDSL, EMSA or the OSA organizations into disrepute including:

- The use of profanity or abusive, demeaning and inappropriate language
- Abusive use of alcohol
- Use of non-medically prescribed drugs
- Illegal, violent or unsafe acts
- Engaging or assisting in “hazing” or any form of physical abuse between players
- Endangering the safety of others
- Behaviours which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist
- Any behaviour as listed under the OSA Harassment Policy

3.5 WSC members and all participants shall at all times adhere to the WSC/OSA operational policies and procedures, to rules and regulations governing WSC/OSA events and activities, and to rules and regulations governing any competitions in which the member participants on behalf of WSC/OSA.

3.6 Failure to comply with the WSC/OSA Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the discipline policy of the WSC/OSA. Any such action may result in the loss of privileges including the opportunity to participate in WSC/OSA activities and events, both present and future as determined by the Disciplinary committee.

3.7 The Director of Fair Play and Discipline, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint members-at-large to a Disciplinary Committee prior to November 1st of each year. This committee shall consist of two (2) persons, the Director of Fair Play and Discipline and the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall not have a vote on the said committee. The committee shall be responsible for any and all disciplinary actions to players, coaching staff and incidents of referee, fan, player and executive board abuse.

3.8 Penalties assessed by the Disciplinary Committee will be at their discretion and shall be binding.