



## **Georgetown Eustace Collins Memorial Soccer Tournament Inter District 2023 Rules and Regulations**

**Please ensure that you have read all rules and policies of the tournament prior to registering.**

This tournament will be run in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Peel Halton Soccer Association, Ontario Soccer and FIFA.

### **Eligibility**

All participating teams **MUST** be currently registered with their provincial or national Association. All teams from outside the PHSA district must present an authorized Travel Permit from their governing body.

All teams must present approved player and coaches OSA booklets/cards as proof of age and eligibility to the Tournament Committee at registration, teams must also present the official stamped Team Roster.

The Committee and host club will not be held liable for any injuries to any participant in the tournament on or off the fields. All out of province teams must carry and supply proof of personal injury liability insurance while participating in the event. The Eustace Collins Memorial Tournament is a U13 – U21 age division tournament. U13-U21 will play 11vs11. We will run pools for each age group where numbers permit. The tournament will be held at Trafalgar Sports Park and other nearby fields.

More details sent in communication emails upon tournament acceptance.

## **General Information:**

Each team is responsible for ensuring they are aware of their schedule or any schedule changes. Team coaches or managers are responsible for communicating schedules and/or playoff designations to their players. Coaches/managers should check with tournament headquarters, or field conveners, periodically for any changes or updates, especially at the end and beginning of each day.

Unless your scheduled field is not in use, players should only warm up on any adjacent field space. Teams must be prepared to play immediately following the end of the previous game, there is no time between games for an on-field warm up.

This Tournament is open to District Rep/Competitive Teams.

## **Registration:**

Team registration will take place on Friday, July 21, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Georgetown Soccer Club office, located at 11494 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown, ON, L7G 4S4.

## **The following will be required at Registration:**

- a fully completed Tournament Team Roster Form
- a fully completed Tournament Game Sheets for all games
- authorized player books for all registered players (or player cards as applicable)
- for teams outside of the Peel Halton District, an authorized Permission to Travel Form from their District Association

## **Proof of Age Eligibility:**

All players must be eligible to play in their age group based on their date of birth as of January 1st as per the following:

Boys Under 13	Born on or after January 1, 2010
Boys Under 14	Born on or after January 1, 2009
Boys Under 15	Born on or after January 1, 2008
Boys Under 16	Born on or after January 1, 2007
Boys Under 17	Born on or after January 1, 2006
Boys Under 18	Born on or after January 1, 2005
Boys Under 21	Born on or after January 1, 2002
Girls Under 13	Born on or after January 1, 2010
Girls Under 14	Born on or after January 1, 2009
Girls Under 15	Born on or after January 1, 2008
Girls Under 16	Born on or after January 1, 2007
Girls Under 17	Born on or after January 1, 2006
Girls Under 18	Born on or after January 1, 2005
Girls Under 21	Born on or after January 1, 2002

All players must have available with them, at the Tournament, their Provincial Player Registration Books (or Player Cards as applicable). In the event this is requested and cannot be produced, that player will not be allowed to participate in any further games in the Tournament until it is produced.

## **Guest Players:**

In the event a team wishes to register a player who normally plays on another team in another club, the player must use a "Temporary Eligibility Permit". The Temporary Eligibility Permit issued by the player's District Association must stipulate for which tournament the permit is valid and entitles the player to play in all the games of the tournament. The number of guest players must not

exceed the OS limit that is a maximum of 3 players from any team providing the player meets the age requirements of the tournament. Three additional players from within the team's club are permitted. All guest players must supply and carry proof of registration. Players playing up from the same club only need to provide player Card.

## **Roster:**

Team rosters will be limited to Twenty (20) players for U13-U21. Registration cards/books may be inspected at any time during the tournament. The minimum number of players to start and continue a game is Seven (7).

A player can only be registered for and play for one single team during the tournament.

## **Weather**

a) Due to the possibility severe thunderstorms may occur during the tournament, it is necessary that all attending teams understand the procedures to be followed. Coaches and their teams must present themselves to a tournament official in the vicinity of their playing field at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off, regardless of weather conditions. Players, however, do not have to be present on the field until it is determined that the game will be played. In the event of conditions that may be hazardous to the players and spectators, the referee or the Tournament Committee will suspend play until conditions permit a safe continuation of the schedule. Only the referee and/or the Tournament Committee are authorized to postpone a game. It is important that 1 team official presents themselves to the field convenor in the event a game is suspended immediately following the suspension of play.

b) During round-robin series, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten the length of any game in an effort to ensure that all games are played. Further, if necessary due to extreme weather conditions, the Committee may cancel any game that does not have a bearing on the final standing of any group.

c) Should a game be terminated due to weather conditions after the first half of play has been completed, the game shall be considered complete and the score at termination shall stand as the final result.

### **Forfeits**

a) If a team is unable to field 7 players for U13-U21 fifteen minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be forfeited, unless the offending team is able to present an explanation that the Tournament Committee accepts as reasonable for its late arrival. The forfeited game will be recorded as a 3 – 0 victory.

b) If a team forfeits its last game of the round-robin series, all games played by that team in the tournament shall be eliminated and all of their opponents will receive a 4 – 0 victory and three (3) points, regardless of the actual game scores. The offending team shall be assessed a \$150.00 fine which shall be payable within thirty (30) days. In the event the fine is not paid, the appropriate district association and the Ontario Soccer shall be notified of the team's performance and appropriate disciplinary action shall be taken. The Tournament Committee will also take disciplinary action. They may also be reported to the PHSA.

The Georgetown Soccer Club or Tournament Committee shall not be held responsible for the withdrawal of any teams.

### **Tournament Standings**

The round-robin standings will be determined by the following criteria.

Points will be awarded:

Win 3 points

Tie 1 point

Loss 0 points

Points awarded according to the above scheme will establish the standings of the teams.

The maximum goal differential per game will be recorded at 5 goals, regardless of the final score.

### **Game Duration:**

All age groups will play 2 x 25 minute halves for any preliminary and semi-final games. All age groups will play 2 x 30 minute halves for finals.

Half time break will be a maximum of 5 minutes.

There will be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team.

### **Home Team Responsibilities:**

The home team (the first one listed on the schedule) will be responsible for supplying the game ball. The home team will be responsible for changing uniforms if there is a conflict in uniform colours.

### **Game Sheets:**

Both teams must submit their completed game sheets to the referee prior to kick-off. Players must wear uniforms with numbers on the back and numbers must correspond to numbers/names on the game sheet. Shin guards must be worn by all players.

### **Substitutions:**

Unlimited number of substitutions are allowed, but only at the following times, and with the approval of the referee.

- After a goal by either team
- At a goal kick by either team
- At the beginning of the second half, or the first and second overtime period

- On a team's own throw-in (teams may request to piggyback with referee permission)
- At the referee's discretion for injury or any other circumstance in the best interest of the player

No substitution will be allowed for any player ordered from the field by a referee.

### **Referees report:**

The referee will forward the referee's official written game report to the FIELD CONVENOR within 1 hour of the completion of the game.

### **Protests:**

Protests may be made by the Coach or Manager and must be submitted in writing within 1 hour of the completion of the game in question and must be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, refundable if the protest is successful. Protests regarding referee's decision will not be heard. All decisions made by the Tournament/Protest Committee are final.

### **Tie Breaking Rules in qualifying Round:**

If, at the end of the round-robin series, there is a tie, the winning team will be determined according to the following criteria:

- a) Results of head to head competition
- b) Team with the most wins
- c) Team with the best plus/minus – total goals scored, minus goals against (max. of +5 OR -5 per game)
- d) Least number of goals allowed
- e) Most number of goals scored
- f) Most Shutouts
- g) Most games scoring a goal

- h) Team with lesser number of Red Cards accumulated
- i) Team with lesser number of Yellow Cards accumulated
- j) The team with the better record (including goal differential) versus the next highest ranked team
- k) Coin toss

### **Determining which teams advance beyond the qualification round:**

For the age groups with 6 or more teams, the top 2 teams in each division will advance beyond the qualifying round to the semi-finals, where there will be a 1 game semi-final game played to determine the 2 teams that will advance to the Finals. The 2 winners of the semi-final matches will play a 1- game final game.

For the age groups with less than six teams, the top 2 teams will advance beyond the qualifying round to the final.

The determination of the number of games beyond round robin is to be determined in the sole discretion of the tournament committee, with the intention that the tournament committee will attempt to give teams the opportunity to play more games if possible.

If a team withdraws after the entry deadline, leaving an odd number of teams in a division, the tournament committee reserves the right to determine the semi-finalists in whatever manner best fits the number of teams remaining in the division.

### **Determining Winners in Semi Final and Finals:**

If two teams are tied at the end of regulation time, there will be two 5 minute overtime periods. Golden goal rule applies. A coin toss will



determine possession of the ball. If still tied after the completion of the second overtime period, 5 penalty kicks will be taken alternatively by 5 different players designated by each team. Only players on the field at the end of the second period of overtime are eligible to take penalty kicks. If still tied, alternate penalty kicks will be taken one at a time by the balance of the players who were on the field at the end of the second period of overtime until a winner is declared. Any penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA Rules.

### **Conduct of Tournament**

The decisions of the Tournament Committee regarding the conduct of the tournament shall be final. The referee's decisions shall be final, so far as the results of the game is concerned. The referee is the sole timekeeper of the game.

### **Tournament Discipline Rules:**

The OS Published Rules on Discipline at Tournaments will apply with the following exception:

- Discipline authority is delegated for player misconduct only. Any misconduct reports for coaches, other team officials or game officials shall be submitted to PHSA within 3 days of the tournament's completion.

Standard OSA penalties for player misconduct will apply in all Tournaments (please refer to OSA Published Rules, Section 9-Discipline) . Tournament Discipline Rules must comply with this requirement. (NOTE: This is the same as in Ontario Cup Tournament Rounds -- See Table 1 attached).

The Tournament Discipline Committee will use Discipline by Review (and Discipline by Hearing where necessary or requested).

Unserviced games will be transferred to league play by PHSA. Any player wishing to request a hearing (DBH) for the unserved games must submit a request before the end of the following week for a Discipline Hearing at PHSA

## Discipline Carryover:

PHSA will convene a Discipline Hearing for all Special Incident Reports and Dismissal Reports for Coaches, other Team Officials and Game Officials. Reports involving individuals from other Districts, Provinces or Countries will be forwarded by PHSA to the appropriate authority, as required.

PHSA will use Discipline by Review on all Dismissal Reports for Players who were unable to serve the full Mandatory Minimum sentence at the Tournament. PHSA will advise the player's club and regular league of any additional suspension imposed as a result of Tournament discipline carryover.

Any player (player's club) wishing to request Discipline by Hearing MUST do so before the end of the week following the tournament.

In the event (based on the reports which it reviews) the PHSA Discipline Review Committee determines that additional misconduct has occurred or that a Serious Foul Play or Violent Conduct misconduct warrants more than the mandatory suspension, it shall advise the Player by way of a Discipline Hearing Notice that additional charges have been laid and a Hearing has been scheduled.

## Mandatory Suspension for all games played in PHSA tournaments:

Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (neither offence directed at a game official) - 1 game suspension

Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (either offence directed at a game official) - 2 game suspension

Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (not directed at a game official) - 1 game suspension

Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (directed at a game official) - 3 game suspension

Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball - 1 game suspension

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

Dismissed for serious foul play - 2 game suspension

Dismissed for violent conduct - 3 game suspension

Dismissed for spitting at an opponent or any other person, other than a game official - 4 game suspension

Team coaches and managers are expected to inform all members of their group of the following Fair Play Code for Spectators

- I will remember that children play sports for THEIR enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will respect the official's decision; I will encourage the participant's to do the same.
- I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will avoid the use of inappropriate language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

**Tournament Committee:**

The Tournament Committee will be responsible for team acceptances, tournament format, game scheduling, and assignment of referees.

The Tournament Committee will refund the full tournament fee, minus a \$75.00 Administration Fee, if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Tournament Committee will keep scores at the tournament headquarters or any field sites they designate and will update standings as available.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.