



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

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.

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

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, and Saturday, July 22, 2023 an hour before your first game at Trafalgar Sports Park Field 9 Pavilion.

The following will be required at Registration:

- a fully completed Tournament Team Roster Form
- 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 teams must present player and coaching staff OSA booklets/cards as proof of age and eligibility. All players listed on the roster must meet age requirements. 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

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

Men/Women Under 21 Born on or after January 1, 2012

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.

All players must be registered with the OSA.

This tournament is open to:
District Rep/Competitive Teams

Guest Players:

Three (3) guest players will be allowed from another club. Guest players must have their player books and an official temporary release signed by their home club and authorized by their District.

Number of Players:

Teams will be allowed to register a maximum of 20 players. The minimum number of players to start and continue a game is seven.

Travel Permits:

Teams outside of the Peel Halton District must present an approved Application to Travel Form from their District Association.

Medical Assistance:

Directions and phone numbers to local emergency services will be provided in all coaches' packages.

Playing Rules:

LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be played in accordance with the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game as observed by the Ontario Soccer Association.

Game Duration:

The following tournaments shall not exceed the permitted time limit per day:

Under-13 to Under-14 not to exceed 150 minutes per day Under-15 and above not to exceed 180 minutes per day

Duration of game and ball sizes: (insert applicable information in the table below)

AGE GROUP	DURATION OF HALVES			BALL SIZES
	PRELIMINARY	SEMI-FINALS	FINALS	
U13	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINTUES	2 X 25 MINUTES	5
U14	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINTUES	2 X 25 MINUTES	5
U15	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINTUES	2 X 25 MINUTES	5
U16	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINUTES	5
U17	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINUTES	5
U18	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINUTES	2 X 25 MINUTES	5

Half time break will be 5 minutes.

There must 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
- On a teams 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 his 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.

Determining Division Winners and Wild Card Teams (if applicable) in the Qualifying Round:

Standings will be determined by points allocated as follows:

Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, loss = 0,

Tie Breaking Rules in qualifying Round:

In the event that teams are tied in points, the standings will be determined by the following in declining order, until the tie is broken;

- a) Results of head to head competition (does not apply if 3 or more teams tied)
- b) Team with the most wins
- c) Team with the best plus/minus – total goals scored, minus goals against (max. of +3 OR -3 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) Knockout competition according to FIFA penalty kick procedure

Determining which teams advance beyond the qualification round:

For any age groups with 8 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 any age groups with 7 teams, the top team in the qualifying road gets a bye, the second place team will play the seventh team, third place team will play the sixth place team, and the fourth place team will play the fifth place team after qualifying. The first place team will play the winner of the fourth place versus fifth place game in one semi-final. The winner of the second place versus seventh place game and the winner of the third place versus sixth place game will play in the other semi-final. The winner of each semi-final match will play in the final game.

For any age group with 6 teams, the top two teams will get a bye to the semi final. The third place team will play the sixth place team, and the fourth place team will place the fifth place team to determine who will go to the semi-finals. The winner of the fourth place versus fifth place game will play the first place team from qualifying in one semi final. The winner of the third place versus sixth place game will place the second place team in the other semi-final. The winner of each semi final match will play in the final game.

For any age group with 5 teams, after the qualifying round, the fourth place team will play the fifth place team for a spot in the semi finals. One semi final game

will be the winner of the fourth place versus fifth place game versus the first place team. The other semi final will be the second place team versus the third place team. The winner of each semi final match will play in the final game.

For any age group with 4 teams, after the qualifying round, the top two teams will go straight to a final game.

For any age group with 3 teams, after the qualifying round, the second place team will play the third place team in a semi final. The winner of the semi final game will place the first place team in the final game.

Determining Winners in Semi Final and Finals:

If two teams are tied at the end of regulation time, 5 penalty kicks will be taken alternatively by 5 different players designated by each team, in accordance with FIFA Rules. Only players on the field at the end of the second half 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 half until a winner is declared.

Failure to Show:

Teams are allowed a 5 minute grace period from the scheduled start of the game. Following the grace period, the non offending team will be awarded the win. Any team failing to show for a scheduled game will result in dismissal from the tournament and the tournament fee will be forfeited. A result of 1– 0 will be recorded in favour of the team who should have played the team failing to show. The Georgetown Soccer Club or Tournament Committee shall not be held responsible for the withdrawal of any teams.

Refund Policy:

The Georgetown Soccer Club or Tournament Committee shall not be held responsible for the withdrawal of any teams. Once a team has been accepted to the tournament, if it withdraws, its registration fee shall be forfeit.

In the case of insufficient teams (i.e. less than four) in the designated age group, age groups will either be combined where appropriate or cancelled. If Georgetown Soccer Club cancels an age group the tournament fee will be refunded.

Tournament Discipline Rules:

- The OS Published Rules on Discipline at Tournaments will apply with the following exception:
 - o 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).
- Unserved 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:

INFRACTION	PENALTY
Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (neither offence directed a game official)	1 game suspension
Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (either office 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 handing 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 \$25.00 Administration Fee, if 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 updated standings as available.
- In the event of inclement weather the Tournament Committee will have the authority to: relocate or reschedule games, change the duration of games. It will also have the right to cancel any game in the qualifying round that has no bearing in deciding the qualifiers for the playoff round. Any game abandoned after the first half (except playoff games) due to inclement weather, will be considered official and complete.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.