

RIGHTS AND REGULATIONS

1. Membership (District)

- a. Application by a Club for teams to play in the UOVYSL must be received by written correspondence by April 30th of each year and must be accompanied by (if necessary) a copy of request for playing out rights permission submitted to the appropriate District Association;
- b. Any Club applying after the deadline will be accepted at the discretion of the League Executive Committee;
- c. Clubs withdrawing teams from the League after May 15th will forfeit the team's entire League fee. Teams withdrawing from the League after May 30th may be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with O.S.A. published policies and procedures;
- d. The League reserves the right to amend or balance the divisions based on the ability and number of teams who apply;
- e. The League reserves the right to establish sub-divisions where necessary; and
- f. The League fees for the season as established by the League Executive Committee must be paid by May 15th of each year.

2. Registration

- a. All players shall be registered on an approved Provincial registration form and must be covered by OHIP, medical or similar insurance; and show proof of age.
- b. A player must be in possession of his/her player Provincial registration book;
- c. All Players registered to RMS in U-10 and up age group must / will have a Provincial Registration Book validated by district.
- d. Once a player has participated in a cup game with any team, he/she is cup tied to that team for all subsequent cup rounds;
- e. Team officials shall be registered on team roster forms;
- f. Eighteen (18) players (15 mini) may be named (dressed) and played in any one game;
- g. All rules and regulations as set out in the O.S.A., SNE and Club Policies and Procedures regarding the signing and transfer of players shall apply;
- h. Teams may only use players on trial from their own Club. Players on trial (guests) may be used provided:
 - i. the player is a recreational player at the same age group or younger;
 - ii. the player is a competitive player in a younger age group;
 - iii. the player is a competitive player at the same age group at a lower competitive level within the pyramid of play;
 - iv. the team has no more than six competitively registered players registered to it;
 - v. the player has not already played in five trial games in the current season;
 - vi. not more than five players are playing on trial for any one team, in any one game; and

- vii. they are not being used in a cup game.
- i. Teams may not use players from another club under any circumstances.
- j. All Clubs will complete and forward to the League District by May 15th confirmation of their team(s) participating in the League to include: OSA team list, team contacts, phone numbers, home jersey color and also indicate any days that the team(s) will not be available to participate in the League. Failure to comply with this deadline may result in the team(s) being denied participation in the league; and
- k. All coaches will receive a copy of the League Constitution, By-laws, Rights and Regulations and a schedule of all League meetings;

3. Division of Ages and Duration of Matches

- a. Ages are to be computed as of Dec 31st in the current year.
- b. No players under the age of three will be accepted in the club.
- c. Numbers permitting, boys and girls divisions will be organized by the League as follows:
 - U6 (Timbit Jr) 2 x 15 minute halves;
 - U8 (Timbit Sr) 2 x 20 minute halves;
 - U10 (Mini) 2 x 25 minute halves;
 - U12 (Full Field House) 2 x 30 minute halves;
 - U14 (Full Field House) 2 x 35 minute halves;
 - U16 (Full Field House) 2 x 40 minute halves; and
 - U18 (Full Field House) 2 x 45 minute halves

The half time interval shall be 5 minutes.

4. Playing Season

- a. The League playing season may commence anytime after 1 May of each year and shall conclude with the final game no later than 10 August; and
- b. Finals must be completed by 15 August.

5. Protests

- a. Protest must be received in writing by the team manager postmarked or otherwise indicated to the club within forty-eight hours (not including weekends or statutory holidays) of the completion of the game;
- b. Must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$15.00 in the form of a cheque or money order payable to the League;
- c. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld;
- d. Correctly submitted protests will be heard at the next scheduled executive committee meeting. In the event that a decision is required prior to the next executive meeting the protest will be heard by a committee of three, appointed by the League Chairman; and
- e. No protest pertaining to the decision of a game official will be heard.

6. Appeals

Appeals and fees will be in accordance with the Constitution of the Club.

7. Discipline

- a. Any player, team official or club official being disciplined will appear at the appropriately scheduled discipline hearing;
- b. Any player receiving three yellow cards during the season will appear at the appropriately scheduled discipline hearing as laid out by the discipline chairman;
- c. Failure to appear will result in immediate suspension of the player, or official. A letter will be sent to the player's team informing them of the player's failure to appear. The suspension will be in effect until the player/official appears before the discipline committee;
- d. The club, league or district will notify players and officials as to the date of their hearing except to follow the scheduled discipline dates as laid out by the Discipline Chairman;
- e. A player/official may be represented at a hearing by a Club or team official. A player or his representative may waive the right to a hearing and accept the mandatory suspension as prescribed by the O.S.A. published rules. The player and/or his representative shall sign a waiver form and have the suspension noted in the player book/club's discipline register. The right to waive a hearing must happen at the appropriate discipline hearing date and is not a substitute for appearing on the prescribed date;
- f. The player's Provincial registration book is to be presented to the Discipline Committee at the hearing. The Discipline Committee will record the game number suspension in the back of the book of all players found guilty of an offence; failure to bring book to hearing constitutes automatic suspension until book is handed in and rescheduled hearing is completed.
- g. In the event sufficient games do not remain to be played, the player's registration book will be marked with a time suspension to begin June 1st of the following year using a "one game = one week" formula;
- h. The Discipline Committee may choose to convert time suspensions to game suspensions at the start of the next outdoor season;
- i. All suspensions issued by the club shall be served in accordance with either the game number(s) or time suspension recorded in the player's registration book at the discipline hearing; and
- j. Any player or team official listed on a game sheet is deemed to have participated in that game. Players or team officials participating in a game while under suspension will result in forfeiture of that game and may be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with O.S.A. published policies and procedures;

8. Fees

Any club invoice for fees not paid within twenty-one days of issue will result in a suspension of club privileges to all players of the offending team, until the invoice is paid. Any game scheduled during the suspension period will be forfeit, and the points awarded to the opposing team.

9. General Rules

- a. All games will be played IAW OSA's Laws of the Game with the exception of rules laid forward from here on end.
- b. Teams must provide each player with identical sweaters with differing numbers and must declare the uniform colors on the team roster;
- c. **ALL Players** will play with appropriate shin guards and socks covering the shin guards;
- d. **ALL Players** will play with appropriate footwear. (Running Shoe's not Rubber Boots or sandals)

- e. **All Players** will play with shorts and the teams jerseys, keeper are the only exception who may wear appropriate pants.
- f. The goalkeeper must wear a contrasting sweater, which also must be different from the opposing team;
- g. The home team will be designated on the club or league schedule. When uniform colors are similar, the home team must change to distinct colors;
- h. A grace period of fifteen minutes will be allowed in the event that a team has less than seven players, at the appointed kick-off time. The defaulting team shall forfeit the game and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. In the event that both teams have less than seven players, no points will be awarded;
- i. A Team forfeiting a game without just cause will result in three (3) points being deducted from the offending teams standing, plus the game will be recorded as a 3 – 0 win for the non offending team. A team forfeiting three or more games could be suspended from further play by the Club Executive Committee;
- j. The home team shall be responsible to report the score of the game to the League Convener within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game. The home team is responsible for reporting any rain out or incomplete game to the League Convener;
- k. Substitutions with the exception of Mini Soccer which substitutions will be permitted when ever there is a stoppage in the game, all other teams will be allowed only at a kick-off, goal kick, after a goal or for an injured player. In addition, substitutions may be permitted on a throw in, when initiated by the offensive team. The referee must be advised of all substitutions;
- l. Teams found to have used an ineligible player(s), shall forfeit the game(s) to its opponents, provided a protest is made according to Regulation 5 of this Annex or at the discretion of the club Committee. In the event that both teams are found guilty of using ineligible players, no points will be awarded. A team found guilty of using ineligible players may be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with O.S.A. published policies and procedures;
- m. The coach is responsible for all his/her players and the team's spectators at all times and shall conduct themselves in a professional manner in accordance with the laws of the game;
- n. The coach and players shall confine themselves to the player's bench which shall be deemed to be an area ten (10) yards long commencing five (5) yards, and finishing fifteen (15) yards from the center line on either side of the field.
- o. The club Discipline Committee will deal with any game abandoned by a game official. A team found guilty of causing abandonment will forfeit the points and be may be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with O.S.A. published policies and procedures. In the event that both teams are found guilty, no points will be awarded;
- p. A player, coach or team official impeding, harassing, or otherwise intimidating a game official, opposing coach, or opposing players, will be subject to severe disciplinary action and may be subject to further disciplinary action in accordance with O.S.A. published policies and procedures;
- q. **ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED, REGARDLESS OF WEATHER UNLESS:**
 - i. at the discretion of the referee, postponement is necessary due to bad weather (IE lightning) or field conditions; (in the case of extreme heat more time for water breaks during game should be permitted)
 - ii. a game is postponed at the discretion of the Club;
 - iii. a game is postponed at the discretion of the Parks official; and
 - iv. request to cancel games by both coaches, in this event no points will be awarded;
- r. No game shall be played without the appointed game official. If the appointed game official has not arrived after a fifteen-minute grace period, the game shall be rescheduled, unless both coaches are in agreement and a registered, qualified official happens to be in attendance and agrees to officiate, the game may be played;

- s. Under no circumstances will teams be allowed to postpone games;
- t. A game is deemed to be completed if 25 % or less remains un-played or 75% completed when called by a game official due to weather or playing conditions;
- u. Make-up games must be played as rescheduled by the club, within four weeks of the originally scheduled date, and at least one week prior to the end of the regular schedule. Failure to comply could result in no points being awarded; if time does not permit the points are to be distributed evenly by the club.
- v. All teams shall furnish a complete list of players, and team officials on the game sheet provided, showing the full names of all players participating in the game and their RDS number. The top portion of the game sheet must be fully completed by both teams;
- w. The game sheet, bearing the signature of both team officials must be handed to the game official before the start of the game. The game official shall within forty-eight hours of the completion of the game submit the game sheet and all other reports arising from the game to the League Convener;
- x. Referee fees will be paid on a monthly basis by the Club Referee in Chief, upon verification with the League Convener of games played;
- y. Coaches are required to carry their player's Provincial Registration books to all games. Only those players with a validated registration book on hand may be entered on the game sheet. The opposing coach must verify the registration books against the players present, the players shall line up for identification prior to the start of the game;
- z. Players for whom books are not produced are deemed to be ineligible and are subject to section (7) of these regulations;
- aa. Home teams must ensure fields are properly maintained and lined for all games, at all age groups, prior to the scheduled kick-off time;
- bb. The home team will be responsible to provide the game ball. A size three ball will be used for ages U6 & 8, while a size four will be used for ages U10 & U12 games, and a size five ball will be used for all remaining older age groups.
- cc. A team shall be awarded two points for a win and one point for a tie. The Club Championship shall be awarded to the first place team in each division. In the event of a tie for first place in the League standings at the end of the season, the following shall apply:
 - i. the team with the most points from head to head competition will be declared the winner;
 - ii. if still tied, a game will be played as scheduled by the club. If the game is tied at the end of regulation play, two 10 minute, sudden death extra time, golden goal periods will be played (i.e. first team to score in extra time wins the game);
 - iii. if still tied, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with F.I.F.A. law; finally
 - iv. if more than two teams are tied a round robin will be played as schedule by the League;
- dd. The Club Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of each division on completion of the playoffs. In the event of a tie for first place during the regular season, the following shall apply;
 - i. the team with the most points from head to head competition will be declared the winner;
 - ii. If still tied, a game will be played as scheduled by the League. If the game is tied a the end of regulation play, two ten minute sudden death extra time, golden goal periods will be played (i.e. first team to score in extra time wins the game);
 - iii. If still tied, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with F.I.F.A. law; finally
 - iv. If more than two teams are tied around robin will be played as schedule by the League; and

- ee. All teams of each division shall qualify to advance to the Playoff round, with 1st place playing 4th place and 2nd place playing the 3rd place team. The teams holding the 1st and 2nd place positions will have home field advantage. After the semi-final games, the team with the best winning record keeps the home field advantage, the final two teams of each division will compete for the Playoff Championship at a location determined by the Board of Directors at the start of the season. Should the games end in a tie, the teams will play two 10-minute "golden goal" periods. If still tied the teams will proceed to Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with F.I.F.A Law 14.

10. Cup Rules (District)

- a. The Cup schedule will be made at the District League meeting held in May of each year;
- b. All rounds of the Cup will be scheduled as not to conflict with League or Club House League games and will be included in the coaches packages handed out before the start of the season;
- c. Failure to play on a designated Cup day will result in forfeiture of the game to the offending team and may be subject to further review by the Discipline Committee;
- d. A player is deemed to be "Cup tied" to a team once he/she has played in a Cup game and may not play for any other team in subsequent round of the Cup competition;
- e. Teams may not use players "on trial" for any Cup game;
- f. In all rounds of the Cup, if the game is tied at the end of regulation time, the game will go into extra time as stipulated in paragraph 9, (y) (ii) and (iii) of this Annex; and

11. Team Tryouts

- a. All players must attend a minimum two out of three tryout days or (3/4 of the days allotted) in order to be eligible to play for the team, no exceptions.
- b. Once the 24 person roster is decided, the team is final. The exception is for tournament teams, any eligible players maybe selected for these teams.
- c. Any new players register to the league after team selections are made will play in the house league. The exception is unless there is no house league or there is room on the roster for the player. (I.e. a team has 16 members then the player maybe added to bolster the roster.) However, the player may be called up a guess player not to exceed 3 games.

12. Late Registration

- a. Late registrations will only be accepted if there the age level has not been exceeded.
- b. Late registration will only be accepted if the registrant meets the following criteria;
 - i. Registrant is not currently serving a suspension in another club, league.
 - ii. Registrant meets age criteria for the team.
 - iii. No more than 50% of a scheduled season has been played.
 - iv. Registration provides all appropriate information. (Proof of age, picture, registration form and waiver, & player's book if they already have it.)
 - v. Registrant agrees to pay full registration fee & late registration fee, (unless waived) and is included in his/her application.
- c. A Fee will be applied to ALL late registrations at an amount set by the Club Executive, the fee maybe waived if voted by the executive, or by the director of registration & club president with good reason. (I.e. exterminating circumstances)

13. Code of Conduct

- a. The Code of Conduct at all levels of the game in Renfrew Soccer shall be:
 - i. Commitment to improve the performance of the players and the team physically and mentally.
 - ii. Provide a quality soccer program for players within a positive environment/atmosphere.
 - iii. Be thoroughly acquainted with FIFA Laws of the Game and keep attuned of the sound principles of coaching.
 - iv. Respect all individuals as unique human beings. Opponents and officials must be treated with respect.
 - v. All members, referees, players, parents and coaches must be coached to win within the Laws Of The Game.
 - vi. A coach must be enthusiastic and positive. A coach must ensure that she/he is generous with her/his praise when deserved.
 - vii. All members, referees, players, parents and coaches must maintain the high standards of personal conduct and fair play, and never be involved in any circumstances which are offensive or suggest sexual connotations.

14. Zero Tolerance Policy

- a. All members, parents, coaches, referees and players are to strictly adhere to the zero tolerance policy.
- b. Any coach, parent, grandparent or guardian judged by the RMS Discipline Committee to be guilty of abusive conduct towards a game official during a RMS House League game will be reprimanded in writing. A second conviction during the same season will result in the member being restricted from all services rendered by the Club including attendance at all soccer activities within the Club. In extreme cases, as determined by the Discipline Committee, a member may be reinstated subject to a review hearing.
- c. When a game official feels that they are being abused, as per the scope of this policy, by either a coach or fan, the official will be allowed to suspend the playing of the game. If the abuse is physical, the game official is advised to inform the coaches that the game has been abandoned and then proceed with step 4.1.
- d. The official will then verbally advise both coaches that the game has been stopped due to the abuse and inform both coaches as to the source of the abuse. If the source is one of the coaches, the official will advise the coach that the next occurrence of a similar nature will result in an abandonment of the game and that a report to the RMS Discipline Committee will be sent in for review. If the source is a fan, the appropriate coach will provide the official with the name of the fan and the coach must advise the fan that the next occurrence of a similar nature will result in an abandonment of the game. Further, a report to the RMS Discipline Committee will be sent in for review. If the fan is not associated with either team, both coaches are asked to speak to the fan and ask the individual to leave.
- e. Once the prescribed action in step D has been completed, the game will restart with a dropped ball between the two teams at the location where the play was stopped. If the abuse continues, the official will be allowed to stop any further playing of the game and advise the coaches that the game has been abandoned and that a special incidence report will be forwarded to the RMS Discipline Committee. The official must clearly indicate on the game sheet that the game was abandoned due to abuse.
- f. The game official must contact either their Referee Coordinator or any member of the Executive to verbally report the incident within 24 hours.
- g. A Special Incident Report, with the assistance of the Referee Coordinator or a member of the Executive, if required, must then be forwarded to the RMS within 72 hours.
- h. The RMS Discipline Committee will then review and deal with the report as per their guidelines.
- i. If the game was abandoned due to the conduct of a fan not associated with either team, the Executive will determine the status of the game. If the game continues without any further incident, the game official is advised to inform their Referee Coordinator that the game was temporarily suspended due to abuse towards a game official. Further, a note should be made on the game sheet.

15. Other Matters

All matters not included in these by-laws and regulations shall be judged in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the O.S.A.

Enactment as By-Law No. 1, by the directors of the Club at a meeting duly called and regularly held and at which a quorum was present on the _____ day in the Month of _____, in our Lords Year 20__.

President / VP _____

Director _____

Director _____