

The SCARDESO
(Scarborough Development Soccer, established 2005)
RULES AND REGULATIONS – 2007

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1. MEMBERSHIP

Application

- a) Submission of applications by clubs to enter teams to play in the SCARDESO each year shall be made by April 30th, or such earlier or late date as may be determined by the SCARDESO Executive provided that dates are published by January 31st of said year.
- b) Club bonds for the season, as determined by the SCARDESO, shall be paid at or before March 31st.
- c) Any team withdrawing from the SCARDESO on or before April 20th will be refunded the full amount of the application fee. Any team withdrawing from May 1st up to and including Victoria Day will be refunded one-half of the application fees. Any team withdrawing after Victoria Day will forfeit its entire application fee less the amount of referee fees.

League Meetings

- d) All participating teams shall send at least one Team Official to all League Meetings. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fine to the club.

2. REGISTRATION

Players

- a) All players shall be registered through approved OSA registration.
- b) A Player shall be registered at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start time of any game. A Player shall be in possession of his/her OSA /Registrant book to play.
- c) The maximum roster size and any limit on underage Players is set out below:
Maximum Roster Size: No limit.
Maximum number of Players on the Game Sheet: 14.
Maximum number of underage Players named for any one game: No more than three (3) U-7 or younger players may be included on the Game Sheet for any one game.
- d) Any Player whose name appears on a game sheet is deemed to have played in that game.
- e) All rules and regulations, as set out in the OSA Administration guide and OSA Published Rules regarding the signing and transfer of players, shall apply.
- f) Ages are computed as of January 1st in the current year:

- Under-8 players are born January 1, 1999 or later.
 - Under-9 players are born January 1, 1998 or later.
- g) Use of unregistered players shall be subject to disciplinary action by the SCARDESO. (See General Rule 9 (e)).

Team Officials

- h) All Team Officials, i.e., coach, assistant coach, manager, (“Trainer” is not a recognized team official in respect of OSA insurance) must be registered by Scarborough Soccer Association (“SSA”) before participating in any game from the players’ side of the field. A Team Official shall be registered at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start time of any game, and must be in possession of his/her OSA registrant book complete with verified photograph.
- i) Every Team Official must be screened by his/her club as required by OSA policy, and the screening must be verified by SSA before a coach, assistant coach, or manager can be registered as a Team Official.
- j) A maximum of four (4) carded Team Officials may participate in any game from the players’ side of the field. A Club Head Coach or Technical Director who is properly carded by the SCARDESO, Central East Soccer League, Central Soccer League, Central Girls Soccer League, or Ontario Youth Soccer League may participate in games from the players’ side of the field in addition to the maximum four (4) carded Team Officials.
- k) The Team Officials of one team may check the Team Official books of the opposing team up till fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published starting time of the game.
- l) Any Team Official whose name appears on a Game Sheet is deemed to have participated in that game, even if the signature space is blank.
- m) One (1) copy of the SCARDESO Rules and Regulations shall be supplied to each team entered, and the Rules and Regulations shall be posted on the SCARDESO page on the SSA website (www.ssasoccer.net).
- n) Every team shall submit a Team Official Registration Form, as supplied by the SCARDESO, complete with proper photographs and a copy of the coaching certification of each team coach no later than May 31st of each year. Failure to submit a properly completed Team Official Registration Form, required photographs and a copy of certifications may be subject to a fine of up to \$50 per game to the club, and disciplinary action by the SCARDESO Discipline Committee.
- o) Coach Qualification and Certification.
- Any Coach associated with a team shall have OSA or equivalent certification:
- Under-8: All Coaches must have at least OSA Community Youth One (“Children’s Course”) certification in order to be registered as a Team Official.
 - Under-9: All Coaches must have at least OSA Community Youth Two (“Youth Course”) certification in order to be registered as a Team Official.

3. GAMES PLAYED AS SCHEDULED

- a) All games shall be played as scheduled unless:
- I) At the discretion of the referee, cancellation is necessary due to inclement weather or unplayable field conditions, and such games shall not be rescheduled.
 - II) A game is cancelled at the discretion of the SCARDESO, no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled games.
 - III) A game is cancelled at the discretion of an official responsible for the operation and

maintenance of the field with the authority to close the field to soccer use.

- b) Any game that has to be rescheduled shall be rescheduled by the SCARDESO at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the originally scheduled date and kick-off time and then played within fourteen (14) days provided an appropriate field is available. The SCARDESO shall notify the Referee Co-ordinator and the coaches of the two teams involved.
- c) A team official or club representative who reschedules or attempts to reschedule a game shall be subject to a fine of \$100 per game.
- d) A team that fails to show up for a scheduled game shall be subject to a fine of \$100.

4. SPECIFIC RULES FOR PLAY

The U-8 and U-9 teams shall play 7 v 7 soccer in accordance with the OSA Rules for Mini-Soccer as amended, and the FIFA Laws of the Game. (Visit <http://www.soccer.on.ca/Publications/mam.nsf/8a47e85585661d5a85256aaa005963ed/86d6775ba1885d28852571720059d182?OpenDocument>.) For greater clarity the following apply, and where there is a discrepancy between the OSA and FIFA rules, and these rules, these rules take precedence.

Law 1 – The Field of Play

The field and goal dimensions as outlined below shall be considered as desirable guidelines. Failure to conform to the recommended field and goal dimensions shall not be the subject of protest.

- Dimensions: the field must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line. Recommended field dimensions are as follows: length – 55 to 65 yards, width – 35 to 45 yards, and fields at the lower end of the range are preferred.
- Field Markings: distinctive lines no more than five (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of six (6) yards is marked around it.
- Goal Area: 5 yards from the inside of each goal post, and 5 yards into the field of play.
- Penalty Area: 10 yards from the inside of each goalpost, and 10 yards into the field of play.
- Penalty Mark: 8 yards from the midpoint between the goal posts. An arc of a circle with a radius of six (6) yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.
- Corner Flag Posts: at least 5 feet (1.2 m) high.
- Corner Arc: 1 yard
- Goal: Conform to FIFA except that the maximum distance between the posts is sixteen (16) feet, and the maximum height to the underside of the cross bar is six (6) feet. Goals may be smaller than the maximum.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size four (4).

Law 3 – The Number of Players:

- Each team consists of not more than seven (7) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A maximum of fourteen (14) players can be dressed for a game and entered on the game sheet. (See also section 2 regarding players.)
- Substitutions: unlimited substitution at any stoppage in play under the discretion of the referee, and the referee shall be advised of all substitutions.
- Number of Players to Start or Continue a Game: A grace period of fifteen (15) minutes

shall be allowed in the event that a team has less than five (5) players at the scheduled kick-off time. A team forfeiting games without notification, or failing to appear at a game, shall be subject to a fine to their club of \$100 plus full official's fees (\$20 in 2007). A team that forfeits three (3) or more games may be suspended from further play in the SCARDESO, and shall be subject to discipline. If at any time during the game the number of players available to play for a team drops below five (5), a player or players may be added to that team from the opposing team.

- Replacement of Ejected Players: players ejected may be replaced, and so a red card does not result in a team playing with fewer than seven (7) players.

Law 4 – The Player's Equipment

- Conform to FIFA. NOTE: No jewellery of any kind is permitted, except that medic alert bracelets may be worn if taped and with the message showing. No headbands and no sweatbands are permitted. Shirts must be tucked in.

Law 5 – The Referee

- The District Referee Co-ordinator appoints referees. (Visit Scarborough Referees Association www.ssra.ca for information about the activities of referees in this district.)

Law 6 – The Assistant Referee:

- Assistant referees are not assigned to games of the SCARDESO. Volunteers, one from each team, may be asked by the referee to assist by signalling when the ball has crossed the touch line, these volunteers will signal only that the ball has gone into touch, and must not signal which team is to be awarded the kick-in. These volunteers may NOT coach or instruct the players.

Law 7 – Duration of the Match

- The match is divided into two (2) halves of 25 minutes each, with a half time interval of five (5) minutes. NOTE: If the temperature is extremely high, the referee at his/her discretion may signal a water break, and the time taken shall not be included in the playing time of the game.

Law 8 – The Start and Re-start of Play

- Conform to FIFA, with the exception that opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

- Conform to FIFA. All of the ball must cross the touchline and the goal line.

Law 10 – Method of Scoring

- Conform to FIFA. All of the ball must cross the goal line for a goal to be scored.

Law 11 – Offside

- No offside, BUT referees may call offside and award an indirect free kick if players take up positions well behind the play, and if players move into offside positions considerably behind the second last defender. The intent of this is to begin to make players aware of their position on the field in relation to the opposing team, nothing is learned when players "cherry pick" close to the opposing goal.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- Conform to FIFA. Note: Slide tackles are part of the game and referees will judge the fairness according to the Laws of the Game.

Law 13 – Free Kicks

- Conform to FIFA, i.e., both indirect and direct free kicks are awarded. Opponents must be at least six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play.
- A player taking a free kick within his/her own Penalty Area shall kick the ball into play beyond the Penalty Area. The ball shall be in play when it has passed outside of the Penalty Area, and the free kick shall be re-taken if the ball does not pass beyond the Penalty Area.

Law 14 – Penalty Kick

- Conform to FIFA, except that the penalty mark is eight (8) yards from the goal line, and the penalty arc is six (6) yards.
- All opponents shall be outside the Penalty Area and not less than six (6) yards from the ball until it has been kicked.

Law 15 – The Kick-in

- A kick-in is the method for re-starting play when the ball has completely crossed the touchline, whether on the ground or in the air. A kick-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball, and is taken at the point where the ball crossed the touchline. The player taking the kick-in shall face the field of play and kick the ball from on or behind the touchline. The ball will be in play immediately after it enters the field of play. Defending players shall stand at least 2 yards from the player making the kick-in. If the player making the kick-in plays or touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, a free-kick shall be awarded to the opposing team. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick

- Conform to FIFA. If the ball does not pass beyond the Penalty Area, the goal kick will be re-taken.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick

- Conform to FIFA, with the exception that opponents must be at least six (6) yards from the ball until it has been played.

5. GENERAL RULES**Game Sheets, and Player and Team Official Identification**

- a) A team official of the home team shall provide the Game Sheet as supplied by the SCARDES. Failure to comply shall result in a fine of \$25 to the club for each offence. The home team shall give the Game Sheet to the away team at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
- b) All teams shall supply to the game official a complete list of players and team officials on the game sheet provided, showing the full names of all players and team officials participating in the game along with their OSA registrant number and Player's jersey number. Failure to fully and accurately complete the Game Sheet shall result in a fine of \$25 to the club per Game Sheet. The completed Game Sheet including the signatures of all team officials shall be handed to the referee prior to the start of the game. A facsimile of the SCARDES Game Sheet is acceptable.
- c) The Home Team, the first named team on the schedule, must give the referee a stamped envelope to mail in the Game Sheet. The SCARDES will provide stamped envelopes to each team at the Coaches' Meeting prior to the first games of the season. Failure to provide the envelope may result in a fine of \$25 assessed to the club.
- d) Only players and team officials participating in the game may have their names entered on the Game Sheet. Any player or team official whose name appears on a Game Sheet is deemed to have participated in that game.

- e) Team officials shall carry the OSA Player Registrant books and their own OSA identification cards to all games and shall make them available to the opposing team officials, on request, fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the game. Players for whom the books are not provided are deemed ineligible but team officials have until the end of half time to produce the players books in which case those players are eligible to play in the remainder of the game after not participating in the first half.
- f) A team using an ineligible player shall be reported to the Discipline Chairperson. The team official(s) involved and their club shall be subject to discipline in accordance with OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures. In addition, a fine of \$100 shall be levied against any team that uses an ineligible player and the team and the officials may be subject to further discipline.
- g) The home team, the first named team on the schedule, will give a stamped envelope to the referee to mail in the Game Sheet. The SCARDES will provide stamped envelopes.

Team Uniforms and Player Equipment

- h) Teams shall provide each player with an identical shirt with a different number on the back and shall declare the uniform colours on the team registration form.
- i) The goalkeeper shall wear a contrasting shirt, which also shall be different from the opposing team and the referee.
- j) The first named team on the schedule shall be the home team. When uniforms are similar, the home team shall change to a colour distinct from the opposing team and the referee.
NOTE: Teams are not expected to have alternate uniforms; coaches must have pines / bibs that can be used to differentiate team when uniforms are similar.
- k) Shin guards are mandatory at all time.

Field Preparation

- l) The home team shall be responsible for providing corner flags, nets and game ball (size 4). Failure to comply may result in a fine of \$25 to the club for each offence.

Referees

- m) All games shall be officiated by a properly qualified referee. If the assigned game official does not show up, and a properly carded official is available, the game shall be played with that referee officiating. If the assigned game referee does not show up and properly carded official is not available, the team officials shall mutually agree upon a game official or officials and the game shall be played.
- n) The referee fee is \$20 per game, \$10 per team, and payable in cash before the start of the game. In the event that one team does not show up, the team at the field shall pay the full referee fee, and shall be reimbursed by the other team. A team official shall notify the SCARDES and request reimbursement, and the SCARDES shall collect and transfer the entire game fee, i.e., \$20, from the club bond.

Team Officials Responsible for Players and Spectators

- o) Team Officials are responsible for their players and spectators at all times – before, during and after games – and shall conduct themselves in a proper manner in accordance with the Laws of the Game. All team officials and players shall confine themselves to the bench area, which shall be deemed to be an area ten (10) metres long commencing five (5) metres and finishing fifteen (15) metres from the centre line. Both teams shall be on the same side of the field.
- p) All spectators shall be confined to the opposite side of the field from the players and team officials. Players, team officials or spectators shall not stand behind either Goal Line. Where there are team benches and viewing stands on the same side of the field, spectators shall remain in those viewing stands and may not stand along the sideline during the game.

- q) Any player or team official impeding, harassing or otherwise intimidating a game official(s), player(s) or team official(s) shall be subject to severe disciplinary action, including a fine to the club of up to \$1,000, as regulated by the Ontario Soccer Association.

Games Abandoned

- r) The SCARDESO Discipline Committee shall deal with any game abandoned by a game official, except for weather or field conditions. A team found guilty of causing abandonment shall be subject to discipline in accordance with OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures. In the event that both teams are found guilty, both teams shall be subject to discipline in accordance with OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures.

League Standings

- s) No standings shall be maintained.

League Cup

- t) No Cup shall be contested.

Protests

- u) No protests pertaining to the decision of the game official shall be entertained.

Appeals

- v) Appeals are not relevant to the SCARDESO as no standings are kept.

Mandated Participation in Programs and Activities

- w) The SCARDESO may organize events and activities for players, coaches and parents with regard generally to player development. The SCARDESO may set mandatory participation levels, and may levy fines at its discretion if teams fail to participate as required.

6. FEES AND FINES

The fees and fines payable by teams are summarized below for convenience and reference; in the case of a conflict between this summary section and the specific sections elsewhere in this document the specific section shall take precedence.

- a) A team registration fee shall be set by the SCARDESO
- b) A Club Bond of \$100 shall be paid at the time of application to participate. The Club Bond shall be held by the SCARDESO in account until the club withdraws from the SCARDESO. The Club Bond must remain at \$100 at all times net of any fines owed the Club. The SCARDESO, at its discretion, may increase the bonds to be posted by individual Clubs or teams to ensure the efficient administration of the game within its jurisdiction.
- c) Failure to submit the Team Official Registration Form by 31st May may result in a fine of \$50 per game.
- d) Failure to provide a completed game sheet - \$25 per game.
- e) Failure of the home team to give a stamped envelope to the referee (to mail in the game sheet) - \$25 per occurrence.
- f) Failure of the Home team to provide corner flags, nets and game ball - \$25 per game.
- g) Forfeiting a game (no show) - \$100 per game, and may be subject to discipline.
- h) Rescheduling a game without permission of the SCARDESO - \$100 per game, and may be subject to discipline.
- i) No team official at SCARDESO meetings - \$50 per meeting.
- j) Failure to participate in "Just Play Workshops": if less than 10 players - \$100, if less than 10

parents - \$100, if no coach attends - \$50.

7. DISCIPLINE

- a) Any player receiving a red card or three (3) yellow cards during the season shall be subject to the Discipline by Review system as outlined in the OSA Policies and Procedures.
- b) Any coach who is cited by a game official for inappropriate conduct shall be subject to the Discipline Review system as outlined in the OSA Policies and Procedures
- c) Any player / team official has the right to request a hearing, which request must be submitted in writing within two (2) days and must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$50 hearing fee.
- d) The SCARDESO shall publish a list of regularly scheduled dates to review all the discipline reports and to hold any requested hearings.
- e) All suspensions shall be based on games within the SCARDESO. Scarborough Soccer Association shall be notified and SSA is required to record the suspension in the player's book or team official's book.
- f) A player / team official may be accompanied at a hearing by a club or other team official. An adult must accompany all players at any hearing.
- g) The player's OSA Player book or Team Official's books must be presented at a hearing, when requested by the Discipline Committee.
- h) All suspensions shall be for a specific game(s) as determined by the Discipline Committee at the review or hearing.
- i) In all cases of referee assault, the Discipline Hearing shall be heard before the Scarborough Soccer Association Discipline Committee.

8. OTHER MATTERS

All matters not included in these Rules and Regulations shall be judged in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Ontario Soccer Association.