

ONTARIO CUP RULES FOR MATCH OFFICIALS

- 1.0 All appointed match officials (referee and assistant referees) must be registered with The Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) for the current year (April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016).
- 1.1 The O.S.A. Manager of Match Officials Development is responsible for the appointment of match officials to **all games** in the Ontario Cup competition.
- 1.2 Up to, and including, the **Quarter-Finals** and under the supervision of the O.S.A. Manager of Match Officials Development, the District Referee Coordinator (D.R.C.) of the home team's District Association shall assign the referee and assistant referees to **youth** level games in his/her District.
- 1.3 The D.R.C. of the Host Organization's District Association shall assign the referee and assistant referees to all games played in his/her District as part of the Tournament Rounds (see 9.0).
- 1.4 The O.S.A. Manager of Match Officials Development shall assign the referee and assistant referees to **all other games** (eg. Knock-Out, Semi-Finals and Cup Finals).
- 1.5 The District Ontario Cup Coordinator (D.O.C.C.) shall be responsible for providing the game information (time, date, location) to the D.R.C. and shall ensure that the D.R.C. completes the appointments.
- 1.6 Seventy two hours prior to each round, the D.R.C. shall have all assignments completed and on RefCentre. The D.R.C. is accountable to the Manager of Match Officials Development regarding the performance of the officials appointed (i.e. competence, standards, attendance, punctuality).
- 1.7 **With the exception of Semi-Final or Final Games, Match Officials must arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the game.**
- 1.8 **For Semi-Final or Final Games, Match Officials must arrive a minimum of 1 hour prior to kickoff and report to the on-site Match Official Coordinator.**
- 1.9 In the event that the referee does not appear at the game, the appointed senior assistant referee shall referee the game and another registered referee or "club assistant referee" shall be recruited to replace him/her. For Semi-Finals and Finals, the fourth official shall officiate the game.
- 1.10 If an assistant referee does not appear at the game, another registered referee or "club assistant referee" shall be recruited to replace him/her. The game shall be played if there are no assistant referees available.
- 1.11 **In the event that a scheduled game cannot be played at the scheduled venue because of unplayable field conditions, the game shall be moved to an alternate venue provided that the field conditions are acceptable to the referee and the game commences within 30 minutes of the originally scheduled kick-off time.**

2.0 Game Fees and Expenses

2.1 The Game Fees shall be:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Each Assistant Referee</u>
Under-13	\$40.00	\$25.00
Under-14, 15 & 16	\$55.00	\$40.00
Under-17 & 18	\$65.00	\$40.00
Under-21 & Senior Open	\$70.00	\$45.00

The above fee schedule applies to all games including Finals.

- 2.2 Fourth Officials for Semi-Finals and Finals shall receive the same fee as each Assistant Referee.
- 2.3 For Semi-Finals and Finals only, a Match Official is entitled to a *travel allowance* of **0.45 cents per kilometre (return trip)**. When possible and practical, the Match Officials shall travel in one vehicle, in which case only the driver is entitled to the *travel allowance*, as per the O.S.A. Match Official Development Expense Policy.
- 2.4 For Semi-Finals and Finals, any match official traveling over 200 kilometres one way shall be entitled to an additional \$10.00 meal allowance.
- 2.5 Except in the cases of 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 and 2.10 below, the home team shall be responsible, prior to the game, for the payment of the game fees.
- 2.6 If for any reason the game is not played, each match official shall be paid, by the home team, one half the game fee.
- 2.7 In the event that the home team does not show for the game, the referee and assistant referees must claim their game fees from The Ontario Soccer Association.
- 2.8 The Ontario Soccer Association shall be responsible for paying the game fees and any eligible expenses in the Semi-Finals and Finals.
- 2.9 The Host Organization of each Tournament Round is responsible for paying game fees to the match officials after receipt of the completed teamsheets, discipline summary report and misconduct reports.
- 2.10 If the home team is unable to provide a suitable venue by the required deadline, the away team shall become the home team and will provide a suitable venue. In such cases, the team originally scheduled as the home team will still be responsible for paying the full match official fees.



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3.0 Duration of Game and Ball Size

3.1 Except for the Tournament Round games, the game duration and ball size shall be:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Regulation Time</u> <u>Two Periods Of</u>	<u>Overtime</u> <u>(See Rule 3.5)</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
Under 13 & 14	40 minutes	no overtime	5
All Other Ages	45 minutes	no overtime	5

3.2 The referee shall be the sole judge of allowance of time lost through any cause and his/her decision is not subject to appeal or protest.

3.3 In the Tournament Rounds, the game duration shall be:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Two Periods Of</u>	<u>Overtime</u>
Under-13	30 minutes	no overtime
Under-14 & 15	35 minutes	no overtime
Under-16,17,18	40 minutes	no overtime

3.4 In the Tournament Rounds, if game(s) are rescheduled from Friday to Saturday, or from Saturday to Sunday because of unplayable field conditions, the games will be abbreviated in accordance with the competition rules.

3.5 Except in the Tournament Rounds, there must be a winner in all Ontario Cup games. **If the teams are tied after regulation time, a winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of The Game.**

4.0 Player Eligibility

4.1 In the Semi-Finals and Finals, The Ontario Soccer Association representative(s) shall check the Player Registration Book of each player and shall prohibit ineligible players.

4.2 In all other games, it is the responsibility of each team's representative to check the Player Registration Books of the players on the opposing team and to notify, prior to the game, the referee of any eligibility problem(s). The referee **SHALL** record any eligibility problem(s) on the teamsheet. In extenuating circumstances, when Player Registration Books are not present at the start of the game, books may be checked at any time prior to the beginning of the second half; and in such cases, any eligibility problem(s) will be reported to the referee at half time who shall record it on the teamsheet.

4.3 If a player's eligibility is questioned by a team's representative, the referee shall have such player write his/her jersey number, signature, and date of birth on the back of the Referee Report.

4.4 Each player shall sign his/her name on the front of the teamsheet beside his/her printed name.

4.5 No player shall be permitted to play in the game until he/she has signed his/her name on the teamsheet.

4.6 A Team shall be permitted to dress 18 players.

4.7 A player may not play in an Ontario Cup game with a Temporary Registration Permit or a Trial Permit. However, a player may "**play up**" to another team within the same Club provided that he/she has a Player Registration Book.

5.0 Pre-Game Administration

5.1 The referee shall ensure that the teamsheet of each team has been fully completed in accordance with 5.2 below. The game **must not** commence until the teamsheet is complete and submitted to the referee.

5.2 If the Ontario Cup teamsheet is not available, a substitute teamsheet may be used, providing it includes the following information:

Category (Men, Women, Boys, Girls)

Age Group

Date of Game

Kick-Off Time

Location (Name of Field and City/Town)

The Home Team Name and Away Team Name

The Team Name, Team Registration Number, District Association, and team colours of team completing teamsheet

For each player: Jersey Number

First Name

Last Name

Signature

O.S.A. Registrant Number

The name, signature and O.S.A. Registrant Number of the Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, and Assistant Manager. Please note that all team staff must sign the form.

5.3 There shall be a team bench or an area designated for each team. Except for a substitute player warming up, the team staff and the substitute players must remain in that area during the entire game.

5.4 Only the 18 players and 4 team staff listed on the teamsheet (complete with each person's signature) may sit on the team bench or the area designated for that team. All other persons must remain in the area designated for spectators.

5.5 Prior to the commencement of the game, the referee must give one of the unsigned copies of the teamsheet to the team submitting that teamsheet and the other unsigned copy to the opposing team.

5.6 With the exception of the Tournament Round, Semi-Final Round, and Cup Finals, it is the responsibility of the home team to have the field properly lined and to provide nets and corner flags. The referee shall ensure that this is done prior to starting the game.

5.7 In the event of a colour conflict, the visiting team shall wear its registered main colours.

5.8 It is recommended that the D.O.C.C. include the information about the registered main colours of both teams when he/she is advising the D.R.C. about the game details (time, date, location).

5.9 The D.R.C. must inform the referee about which team is the "Home Team", which team is the "Away Team" and the registered colours of both.

5.10 When the jersey colour(s) of the visiting team (i.e. registered main colours) are similar to the home team, the home team shall use its alternate coloured jerseys.

5.11 A goalkeeper must wear colours which distinguish him/her from other players and the referee.

5.12 All players must have their jerseys tucked inside of their shorts; must wear shin guards; and may only wear compression shorts if they are the same colour as the team shorts or compression shirts if they are the same colour as the team jersey.

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6.0 Rules of Play

6.1 All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of The Game as observed by The Ontario Soccer Association, unless otherwise stipulated.

6.2 Unlimited substitution is permitted in all divisions .

Substitution in all divisions may **ONLY** be made:

- * after a goal has been scored
- * at a goal kick
- * **on possession throw-ins**
- * at the beginning of the second half
- * for an injured player at the discretion of the referee

6.3 With the exception of the Tournament Round, all games must have a winner.

6.4 "Coaching from the sidelines" is only permitted if done from within the team's designated technical area. All team officials must be seated on the bench. Only one team official may stand and give instructions at a time.

7.0 Protests

7.1 The referee must record in his/her report all complaints or protests by either team; and must indicate whether the complaint or protest was lodged before, during, or after the game.

7.2 In the event that a formal protest is lodged with the O.S.A., the referee and/or the assistant referee(s) may be required to submit an additional written report; and may be required to attend an O.S.A. Protest Hearing.

8.0 Post-Game Administration

8.1 For all games, a Referee Report should be obtained from both teams and completed immediately following the game. The Referee Report should be attached to the completed signed teamsheets.

8.2 With the exception of 8.4 below, the referee must send the completed teamsheet (for both teams) and any misconduct reports directly to:

The Ontario Soccer Association
7601 Martin Grove Road
Vaughan, Ontario L4L 9E4

8.3 With the exception of 8.4 below, teamsheets, and misconduct reports **must be mailed by the referee to the O.S.A. within 24 hours after the conclusion of the game. Failure to do so shall result in the referee being referred to the Ontario Cup Discipline Committee.**

8.4 In the Tournament Rounds, Semi-Final Round, and Cup Finals, the teamsheets and misconduct reports must be completed **immediately after the game** and submitted to the Event Coordinator at the game.

8.5 ***In the Tournament Rounds, Semi-Finals and Cup Finals, the referee shall be required to attend the discipline hearing of any player dismissed during the game who requests a hearing. Such hearing shall take place within 30 minutes after it is requested and no later than one hour after the game.***

8.6 In the case of a referee assault, the discipline procedure shall be in accordance with the normal O.S.A. policies for such incidents.

