

All rules will default to [Laws of the Game](#) and/or [OSA Indoor Rules](#) unless otherwise defined below:

1. There will be a 15 minute grace period, however as soon as the minimum number of players are present for a team the game must begin (5 for indoor games)
2. All teams must appear at the field prepared and ready to play.
3. Foul Language will not be tolerated
4. Discipline will follow OSA published policies. Players and/or team officials facing discipline are solely responsible for their own understanding of the OSA discipline policies. [OSA DISCIPLINE POLICY](#)

## **Rule 1 Playing Days and Standings**

1.1. League Playing Day and schedule will be as published by the club on the club website.

1.2. For determining the League Standings, three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss. The League Champions shall be the team which accumulates the greatest number of points in League regular season play.

1.3. In the event of a tie for first place in League Standings between two or more teams at the end of the regular season, the following criteria will be used to determine the League winner:

1. Head-to-head
2. Least goals against
3. Goal difference
4. Most goals for
5. Flip a coin

## **Rule 2 Team Official Responsibility**

2.1. Each team may dress a maximum of 10 players for a game. Each team MUST have a designated TEAM OFFICIAL/Captain.

2.2. All players MUST be registered with the OMSC Soccer club in accordance with O.S.A. Rules and Regulations and must abide by them. Players may not play until they have been added to the game sheet by the OMSC office to verify registration.

2.3. The goalkeeper must wear a contrasting-coloured, numbered, jersey, which must also be different from that of the opposing team.

## **Rule 3 Player Rules**

3.1. Only players dressed to play, and listed on the game sheet, shall be allowed on the bench.

3.2 In the event of an altercation on the field of play, should anyone from the bench enter the field of play during this altercation, upon report from the referee of such an infraction there will be a fine assessed against the team as per the schedule of fines below and/or disciplinary action will be taken.

3.3 Teams failing to comply with League Rules and Regulations are subject to fines and/or disciplinary action. Team officials will be notified in writing of any fines levied as per the schedule of fines and/or disciplinary action that will be taken.

#### **Rule 4 Team Responsibilities**

4.1. The referee shall start the game at the scheduled kick-off time. If one or both teams have less than the prescribed minimum number of players at the end of the 15 minute grace period, the game will be a default for both teams and no points awarded. If only one team has less than the minimum, the game will be awarded to the opposing team as a 3-0 win and a fine may be levied or disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the League. If both teams have less than five players, no points will be awarded.

4.2. In the event a team fails to show for their scheduled game, the game will be awarded to the opposing team as a 3-0 win

4.3 A grace period of fifteen minutes will be allowed in the event that a team has less than five players at the appointed kick-off time. The Game clock will start at the scheduled kick off time, The grace period will be deducted from the total Playing time, NO ADDITIONAL time will be added.

4.4 A full game is two 30-minute halves.

4.5. In the event a game is abandoned by the game official for any reason, or the referee is concerned for the safety of any person(s) if the game is continued, the referee shall immediately file a report, and the League shall decide the result of the game, which may include rescheduling the game.

4.6. The team official is responsible for all the players and officials on their Team, for Team supporters at all times on and off the field, and shall conduct themselves in a manner in accordance with the Rules of Conduct as set out by the O.S.A. and the League. All team officials shall confine themselves to the bench area along with the players.

4.7. The Players Bench shall be two separate and distinct areas and immediately adjacent to the field of play, as designated by the League. Only players and team officials entered

on the game sheet, are allowed in the Players Bench area.

## **Rule 5 Rules of Indoor Soccer (7 v 7)**

5.1. Except as expressly set out herein, all games will be played in accordance with FIFA's Laws of the Game. All indoor games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and/or OSA Playing Rules for Indoor Soccer.

5.2. Substitutions are continuous during play and must be made from the team's Players Bench area, or from centre, at the referee's discretion.

5.3. All games will be played as scheduled unless, at the discretion of the League, postponement is necessary due to unavoidable circumstances.

5.4. Postponed games must be played as rescheduled by the League. Failure to comply could result in no points being awarded and penalties/fines imposed. The League will give a minimum of one week's advance notice of date and time for a re-scheduled game.

5.5. There are no offsides.

5.6. The visiting team kicks off to start the game. The ball may be kicked in any direction for all kick-offs.

5.7. Players substituting must be near the touch line nearest their bench area.

5.8. Throw-ins are replaced by kick-ins.

5.9. All free kicks are indirect except penalty kicks. Free kicks shall be taken at a spot on the field designated by the referee, but in no event shall that spot be inside the keeper's technical area/crease. Opposing players must be a minimum of three (3) metres from the ball.

5.10. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick off, corner kick, or goal kick.

5.11. If a player contacts a ball such that it hits the roof or other part of the facility directly above the field of play, play will be stopped and the other team will be entitled to a free kick from a spot indicated by the referee that is below the ball's point of contact with the dome, provided that such spot shall not be within the keeper's penalty area. In such cases, the ball shall be placed on the penalty area line closest to the spot of contact with the roof.

5.12. Slide tackles are NOT allowed in Indoor games. Any infraction shall result in the awarding of a free kick to the opposing team.

5.13. A referee may assess a two minute penalty for any offence.

5.14. If an ejection causes a team to have less than the minimum required five players on the field, the penalized team will forfeit the game to the opposing team, and the game result will be recorded as the greater of the score at the time of the forfeit, or 3-0, in favor of the opposing team.

5.15. If, in the opinion of the referee, a player is deliberately delaying the game, the referee may issue a Caution (yellow).

5.16 Another player on the field may serve a "time" penalty for a goalkeeper.

5.17 Spitting is not permitted at any time.

## **Rule 6 Referee**

6.1. The Referee is responsible for delivering completed game sheets and any other official League paperwork to OMSC office prior as soon as possible after the game. Special incident reports for all red cards, etc. must be submitted via email to [directoratlarge@orangevilleminorsoccer.ca](mailto:directoratlarge@orangevilleminorsoccer.ca) (please put "men's league" in the subject) within 48 hours of the completion of the game.

6.2. Referees shall wear proper attire as per O.S.A. rules.

## **Rule 7 Discipline**

***SUSPENSIONS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL TO THE TEAM OFFICIAL AND PLAYER ONCE A DECISION HAS BEEN RENDERED BY THE DISCIPLINE PANEL. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE DECISION OF THE PANEL IS PUBLISHED, PLAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY, EXCEPT IN THE INSTANCE OF ALLEGED REFEREE/OFFICIAL ASSAULT.***

Please note:

1. Two cautions issued in the same game is the same as a dismissal and will be recorded as a Red Card Infraction.

7.1. The League Discipline Committee shall handle all discipline matters and protests.

7.2. Discipline, in the case of alleged referee assault, will be handled by the O.S.A and OMSC. The Accused is automatically suspended from all soccer-related activity, as per O.S.A. rules, until the case has been heard and a decision has been rendered.

7.3. Any club/team official charged with playing an ineligible player in a game sanctioned by the League will be subject to a disciplinary meeting at the OMSC office. If found guilty, the team will forfeit all points of the game(s) in which the ineligible player participated and will be fined.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the team official to notify a player of their ineligibility to play due to suspension.

An ineligible player is defined as one or more of the follow:

- a) Playing while under suspension,
- b) Playing while not being properly registered,

7.4. Team officials will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators, will be subject to a disciplinary meeting

## **Rule 8 Game Sheets**

8.1. Players entered on a game sheet submitted to the referee prior to the commencement of a game shall be deemed to have played and the signature of any Team Official shall be deemed to have verified a Player's eligibility.