



West Ottawa Soccer Club Outdoor Recreational Rules U12 to U18

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HIGH SCORING GAME RULE

A team ahead by four (4) goals must remove one player from the field until the score returns to a three (3) goal spread. An additional player will be removed by the team ahead, with each additional goal, to a maximum of three (3) players removed if the team ahead continues to score.

SHORT-HANDED RULE

If one team does not have enough players and is short-handed, the opposing team must play with only one player more on the field.

It is recommended that teams share players if one team is short-handed.

***It is the responsibility of the coaches to understand and abide by the above rules.**

1. Eligibility:
All players must be registered with the West Ottawa Soccer Club for the current summer season. Players registered with Representative teams (EODSA League, ERSL, etc.) are not eligible.
2. Game Sheets:
All players must be listed on the game sheet.
Both the Home & Away Team must provide two game sheets to the Referee before the game. The Referee will return one completed game sheet to each team at the end of each game.
3. Call-Ups:
Teams can call up players if they have less than 14 players for a game.
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If a team is using a Call-Up player, that player must be marked on the game sheet and clearly marked as a call-up.
See the WOSC Recreational League Call-Up Policy for further details.
4. Team/Spectator Location:
Both team benches are to be on the same side of the field as chosen by the home coach. Team benches shall be set up at least 5 yards away from the centre line and coaches are to remain on their own half of the field during the game.
All spectators are to observe the match from the opposite side of the field from the team benches. Additionally, spectators are not permitted anywhere along the goal line.
5. Ball Size:
The home team is to provide a game ball. U12 - Size 4. U13-18 - Size 5.
6. Game Duration:
U12-14 – 2x40 minutes. U15-18 – 2x45 minutes.
7. Substitutions:
Teams may substitute their players on any Goals, Goal Kicks or due to injury. Additionally, teams may substitute on their own Throw-Ins after which the opposing team may also substitute their players.

8. League Standings:

There will be no game results published or league standings kept for U12.

For U13-18, 3 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

Points Tie Breaker - Goal Differential (Plus/Minus), Most Goals For, Fewest Goals Against & Shutouts.

If there is still a tie for first place, the Division winner will be determined by the teams Seasonal Discipline Record. If still tied, results between the teams are used to calculate Points, Goal Differential (Goals For minus Goals Against) & Shutouts.

9. Additional U12 Retreat Line Rule:

- For Goal Kicks, attacking players are to retreat quickly to the attacking edge of the centre-circle until the goal kick is taken.

10. Failure To Show, Abandoned and Forfeited games:

- a) A team shall be allowed a twenty (20) minute grace period from the scheduled kick-off time. As soon as 7 players are available, the game shall commence.
If there are fewer than 7 players, the opposing team will be awarded a win by a score of 2-0.
If both teams have fewer than 7 players, the game will be scored a 0-0 tie.
- b) Only the referee can abandon a game due to severe weather or other unusual conditions. Always go to the field for your scheduled games.
- c) Games abandoned before the completion of three-quarters (3/4) of the total regular playing time shall be rescheduled. Games abandoned in the last 1/4 of the game will be considered complete and the score at that time will be considered the final game score.
- d) Games cancelled due to a High Humidex reading, or that are abandoned due to inclement weather will be re-scheduled where possible taking into consideration the remaining time before the end of the season. Any unplayed games will be scored a 0-0 tie.
- e) If a team forfeits a game for any reason, the opponents will be awarded a win by a score of 2-0.

11. Discipline:

WOSC follows the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) Discipline by Review (DBR) System.

Players found guilty of Red Card offences will be ineligible as per OSA regulations with the following exception:

- Dismissed for "Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick." (=> 1 game suspension).

Verbal or physical assault against a Referee, Team Official and/or Player will result in the immediate ejection from the field and surrounding area.

Infractions against Referees will result in immediate suspension from the league and will be dealt with in accordance with the OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures.

All incidents will be reported to the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association (EODSA).

12. Where Assistant Referees are not provided by the club, the Home Team shall provide one volunteer to assist the referee on the player side of the field. The Away Team shall provide one volunteer to assist the referee on the spectator side of the field.

13. All Referee decisions are final.

14. All other game rules will follow the FIFA Laws of the Game.