



House League Rules

Youth House League & Travel Rules and Regulations

GENERAL

These Rules and Regulations for youth House League teams (U4-U18) may be modified at any time by the Innisfil Stampeders Soccer Club.

1 COACHES

Coaches shall be registered on an appropriate coaching form that the Club shall provide on its website

Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players under his/her charge are properly registered.

Coaches are responsible for communications within the team from other authorities in the Club.

Coaches shall be responsible to ensure that all players and parent/guardians are aware of the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

Coaches shall ensure that all players, parents/guardians, and spectators associated with the team, conduct themselves in a way that is consistent with the Constitution of the Club, these Rules and Regulations and the Laws of the Game.

No Coach shall transport players nor shall he/she conduct a practice or game while under the influence of intoxicating substances.

The appointment or removal of any coach shall be at the discretion of the Club Head Coach and Director of House League in consultation with the Executive.

Coaches shall ensure that all House League players who are present and dressed play an equal amount of time in all games. Failure to do so may result in a coach being suspended or have points deducted from the standings.

Coaches will provide the club with player ratings at the end of the season.

Coaches shall not leave any youth player unattended at a field or gymnasium following a practice or game.

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Coaches shall ensure that all facilities are left in a clean and proper condition after use.

All home team House League coaches U8/9 and older shall submit a fully completed

and signed game sheet to the referee prior to the start of the game for all league and playoff games. The referee shall not begin the game until the game sheet is in his/her possession.

The first team on the playing schedule shall be known as the home team.

Coaches do not have authority to alter playing schedules or unilaterally withdraw from league or playoff games.

2 TEAMS

All players on each team except the goalkeeper shall wear the uniform provided by the Club. Goalkeepers must wear colours that are distinguishable from all other players on both teams.

The number of players assigned to each team shall be a maximum of:

Category # of Players on Team # of Players on the Field

Micro U5 11 or 12 3

Mini U6–U11 13 or 14 6 + goalie

U 12-U18 18 10 + goalie

Requests for players to play up one age group will be considered based on ability to do so.

Requests for placement of players on specific teams (for playing with friends, for transportation sharing, for specific coaches) will be considered due to extenuating reasons such as travel whenever possible so as not to unbalance any one team.

The Club shall have the right to arbitrarily reallocate or add players to or from any Club team as it deems necessary. House League teams considered too strong for meaningful competition shall have players reallocated or realigned to another team within the Club. Realignment or re-balancing of teams may occur within the 1st four weeks of play. The decision to realign will be made by the Convener of the Division in conjunction with the appropriate House League

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Director and Club.

House League teams must have approval from the Director of House League/Head Coach and Executive Board before entering out of town tournaments.

Any house league team that cancels or abandons in full or part any league or playoff game shall forfeit the game to the opposing team by a score of 3-0.

Disciplinary action may also be taken.

3 PLAYERS

To qualify for registration with the Club, all House League players must:

House League Age Groups

Note: in order to be eligible to play, players must be born before August 31, 2005

U4 - born in 2005

U5 - born in 2004

U6 - born in 2003

U7 - born in 2002

U8 - born in 2001

U9 - born in 2000

U10- born in 1999

U11- born in 1998

U12 - born in 1997

U13 - born in 1996

U14 - born in 1995

U15 - born in 1994

U16 - born in 1993

U17 - born in 1992

U18 - born in 1991

Complete and sign, and if a minor a parent/guardian must sign instead, a registration form as the Club shall take into current use.

Supply proof of age. (Copy of Birth Certificate).

Pay the registration fee.

Fees to be determined each year by the Board of Directors.

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Returned Cheques: An administration fee will apply to all returned cheques.

The registration fee plus administration fee must be paid in cash. Failure to pay full amount within 10 days will result in a player being removed from a team and placed on a waiting list.

Players will be denied registration if there are any outstanding fees owed to the Club.

On-line Registration is provided on the Club's website.

Fees for the upcoming season will increase after registration ends in January.

It is the responsibility of the players, or their parents/guardians to inform the Club of any changes to contact information including address, phone number etc.

Providing false information, false addresses or false names could result in player suspension.

No player who is under full suspension may be registered with the Club.

No player shall be eligible to play unless fully registered. Only registered players may play on Club teams.

No House League player registrations will be accepted after July 1st of the current playing season. Players must play a minimum of 6 regular season games to be included in league playoffs. Fees will be determined by the Club Executive.

The Club reserves the right to deny registration to any player who is shown to be medically unfit to play.

Refunds will not be given to players after June 1st of the regular season.

All requests for refunds must be in writing to the Club office.

Refunds are subject to an administration fee – uniforms must be returned before a refund can be issued.

A youth player shall play only for the team to which he/she has been assigned.

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Players will play on a team as determined by the Director of House League and the Executive Board.

No player on a House League team can transfer to another House League team without the approval of the Director of House League, except for players moving to a Representative team. Players moving from a Rep team to a House League team

MUST be assigned to the House League team by the Director of House League.

Players will conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible fashion at all times and will observe and obey the laws of the game, the Constitution of the Club as interpreted by the Board and its Directors, and these Rules and Regulations as interpreted by the Board and its Directors.

No player shall be permitted to play wearing footwear other than soft running shoes or soccer boots. No metal cleats will be allowed.

It is mandatory that all players wear shin guards under their socks.

Players must wear the uniform provided by the Club.

Players will be allowed to wear track pants and warm shirts under their soccer uniforms, providing the colour does not conflict with that of the opposing team.

Footwear, clothing, jewelry, medical devices or anything else worn by a player constituting a hazard to other players will not be allowed.

4 LEAGUES

House Leagues shall be organized and named according to the Ontario Soccer Association Age Eligibility Schedule.

The Director of House League and Director of Travel & Competitive Teams, through his/her Conveners shall be directly responsible for the administration of all House League and Travel Teams.

For House Leagues designated competitive the system for calculating team standings shall be three points for a win and one point for a draw. The Convener shall maintain points, goals against totals, enter league standings to the Club website each week.

The Referees shall be responsible for calling the Convener with the result of a game within 24 hours of the completion of that game.

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Tiebreak rules in the standings at the end of the regular season for all placements are broken by the following :

Total points

Head-head in regular season games (win/loss/ties only- not scores) Note: If more than 2 teams tied with same points then move to point c

Fewest goals allowed.

If still tied, the Director of House League in conjunction with the convenor and Executive will determine the placements.

In the spirit of good sportsmanship, there is no benefit to run-up the score, goal differential and total goals DO NOT matter.

The structure of the playoffs for teams in U9 and above shall be as detailed in Appendix "A" of this document.

5 GENERAL RULES

The outdoor playing season will start in mid-May.

The duration of halves and the size of the ball to be used in games shall be according to the following table:

AGE DIVISION

HALF

BALL

Under 5

15 minutes

3

Under 6

20 minutes

3

Under 7

25 minutes

3

Under 8/9

30 minutes

4

Under 10/11

30 minutes

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Under 12/13

40 minutes

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Play shall begin no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled game time. No games shall be started or continued unless both teams can field at least 7 players for U12 and older, and five players for U6 to U11. Any team failing to field the required number of players within 15 minutes of the scheduled game start time shall forfeit the game to its opponent as a score of 3-0. Although the game has been forfeited the coaches will organize a fun game with the players present.

For the U7- U11 divisions, each team may not play more than 7 players including the goalkeeper at a time. For all other divisions, each team may not play more than 11 players including the goalkeeper at a time.

The presence of any known ineligible players, coaches or other members must be reported to the Referee who will make note of the complaint in the game report.

The Club, through the Director of House League has the authority to order a game replayed to its completion

Games may be cancelled by:

The Referee and two coaches

The Referee in Chief

Director of House League in consultation with the Convenor

Order of an official of the Town of Innisfil

Mutual consent of the two coaches (U5 only)

These games may be rescheduled (field availability and time permitting).

The Referee may cancel or abandon a game if in his/her opinion:

Conditions of play are unsafe (weather)

Damage is likely to occur to facilities

A serious injury has occurred resulting in a player's or spectator's need for medical assistance.

Disruptive conduct on the part of players, coaches, managers or spectators has made the continuation of the game difficult.

Any game having at least 2/3 of the time played, when a game is stopped shall be deemed to be a complete game. The score will stand. If there is no score, the

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game will stand at a 0-0 tie.

In the absence of a Referee the Coaches of the respective teams shall agree and appoint a Referee for the game. If no agreement can be reached then the home

team shall appoint the Referee in the first half and the away team shall appoint the Referee in the second half. All such appointed Referees shall have the full power of any Referee appointed by the Club.

For U6(All year) and U7(Until July 15) one coach from each team is allowed on the field to direct their players. All other coaches and parents must remain on the sidelines. For league games of all other divisions and for all cup/playoff games regardless of division, only the referee and the players are allowed on the field, and no one will be allowed behind the goal.

Allocation of Points:

Game points will be awarded as follows: Win – 3 points, Tie – 1 point, Loss – 0 points.

Forfeited games will be scored 3 – 0 for the non-defaulting team.

If both teams are equally at fault, no points will be awarded and the game shall not be replayed.

6 REFEREES OF CLUB LEAGUES

The Referee shall be responsible for the conduct of a game from the time he/she enters the playing area and until such time as he/she leaves the vicinity of the playing area. His/her authority shall extend to offenses committed when the game is in progress or when the game is stopped. His/her decision on points of fact connected with the play of the game shall be final.

Referees must be registered with the Ontario Soccer Referees' Association (OSRA).

Referees shall ensure that they are present at the field at least fifteen minutes prior to kickoff and be dressed in accordance with OSA regulations at all games .

All home team House League coaches U6 and older shall submit a fully completed and signed game sheet to the referee at the end of the game for all league, playoff and tournament games. The referee must submit the score (by email) to the Head Referee within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game. The referee shall submit the game sheet to the Head Referee as well.

In the event of serious injury to a player or spectator it is the responsibility of the Referee to end the game.

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The Referee will ensure that conditions of both field and weather for outdoor games are safe prior to the start of play according to O.S.A. guidelines.

Red and Yellow cards issued during a game and any Incidents Reports must be reported within 24 hours on Club approved forms to the Club Office, who will pass them on to the Director of Referees.

Referees shall be paid in accordance with a scale of pay as established by the Executive Board. Payments shall be made to referees through the Head Referee. The Club Head Referee shall be responsible for the scheduling of Referees.

7 CONVENERS OF CLUB LEAGUES

The duties of the conveners are as follows;

Attend scheduled Convener's Meetings.

Keep the Club office informed of any changes or updates regarding their divisions.

Communicating information to coaches as required.

8 FIELDS & FACILITIES USE

The size of the playing field may vary. Each field must be longer in length than width. Internal markings are always constant regardless of field size. All pitches, grounds, gymnasiums or surrounding areas are to be left clean of litter and garbage.

Any damage to a field, gymnasium or dressing room must be reported immediately to the Convener.

No Club Member shall have direct contact with the Recreation and Parks Department. Any request for facilities or alteration of arrangements shall be done by the Club Executive responsible for the fields.

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The Club reserves the right to stipulate the conditions of use to any organization or team using any field or gymnasium mandated to the Club.

Enforcement of field regulations shall be as follows:

Referees shall be responsible for examining the condition of fields prior to a game.

Coaches and managers shall have responsibility to not use any field or gymnasium for a practice if the use is likely to result in damage to the facility.

9 GENERAL RULES FOR MINI SOCCER (MINI U6-U11)

All teams up from U 6 to U11 will play under the following rules and guidelines.

Each player should participate equally in the game.

Unlimited substitutions are permitted during any stoppage of play, as long as the official consents. Players entering the field do so from the centre line after the player they are substituting for leaves the field.

The offside rule will not apply.

A game may be started with 5 players on the field, (one being the goal keeper).

The goalie cannot handle the ball outside the goal area as marked on the field.

The 6-second rule for the goalkeeper does not apply to Mini Soccer. Constant time wasting should be controlled.

On a goal-kick,

U6 no opponent is to be closer to the goal area than 6 steps.

U7 no opponent is to be closer to the goal area than 7 steps.

U8/9 no opponent is to be closer to the goal area than 9 steps.

U10/11 no opponent is to be closer to the goal area than 10 steps.

Penalty shots happen only in goal area on a hand ball by the defender, not from the goalie or from rough play. Penalty shots must be taken from the goal area directly in front of the mid-point of the goal and the appropriate number of steps as outlined above. Everyone else must be 5 yards from the ball and the

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goalie must be on the goal line between posts.

All other normal rules of soccer apply.

XI DISCIPLINE, PROTEST'S, HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Discipline:

The Discipline Committee will consist of no less than 3 appointed members of which 1 shall be the chairperson. The Director of Referees will act only as an advisor. The minutes of the meeting shall be recorded.

Teams are responsible for the conduct of their players, staff and spectators. Disciplinary action may be taken for conduct that is deemed unsuitable or disruptive.

All discipline matters not covered in this article shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the OSA.

Protests:

All league protests must be in writing. A copy of the protest must be delivered to the team being protested against.

Playoff protests must be submitted in writing within twenty-four hours to the League Convener or Club Secretary or a member of the Executive by hand delivery.

Saturday, Sunday and holidays are included. A copy of the protest must be given to the team being protested against.

Proof of the use of an ineligible player (during a league, playoff or tournament game) can only be used as the basis to protest the outcome of a game. Players listed on the official team sheet are deemed to have played. All other protests involving the alleged misinterpretation by a Referee or other Game Official of the Laws of the Game as set out in league, playoff and tournament Rules and Regulations will NOT be entertained by the Club.

The decision of the Committee is final and binding with no leave to appeal.

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