



York Region Soccer League

Rules and Regulations U13 and Up

1.0 Membership

- 1.1 Membership is open to any properly constituted club in good standing as defined in the York Region Soccer Association (YRSA) Constitution and the York Region Soccer League (YRSL or League) Rules and Regulations. Club teams from other districts may apply but are subject to YRSA and Ontario Soccer Policies.
- 1.2 The League may make such changes to the Rules and Regulations as may be deemed necessary for the efficient administration of the League within its jurisdiction. Members will be notified within fourteen (14) days when changes are made.
- 1.3 York Region Clubs will not be required to post a bond when entering their teams in the League. Clubs from all other districts entering teams will require the posting of a \$250 refundable performance bond per team at the time of their application. The bond is refundable at the end of the season upon the club being in good standing and all outstanding amounts paid to the League.
- 1.4 **All teams whose Clubs are not members of the YRSA will require a duly signed Playing Out permission form and a validated stamped roster from their District before May 1st of the current year. Failure to provide these forms by the due date, will result in a fine and forfeiture of games.**

2.0 Applications

- 2.1 Team registration fees shall be determined and set annually, and posted on the website no later than September 15th of the current year for the indoor season and November 1st of the prior year for the outdoor season.
- 2.2 Team applications are due to the YRSL by October 9th for the indoor season and January 15th for the outdoor season.
- 2.3 Application by a Club to have a team play in the League must be received on a form provided by the League, by the posted entry date of each year, or on the approved online software registration system. The application must be complete and accompanied by the full registration fee by Club cheque only.

- 2.4 Any team application received without full payment, including the additional League fee for late applications will be deemed to be incomplete and will not be processed by the League.
- 2.5 Team placement is determined by the Technical Director/Head Coach based on a voluntary tiering process by February of the current year.
- 2.6 At the discretion of the YRSL age divisions can be combined if there are an insufficient number of teams.
- 2.7 Any team application submitted by a Club after the deadline will be accepted at the discretion of the League and will be subject to an additional League administration fee of \$150.
- 2.8 Teams withdrawing from the League after the withdrawal deadline of March 1st of the current year will forfeit the entire League fee, any bonds, and their Club will be fined \$1000. Notice of withdrawal must be in writing from a Club official.
- 2.9 Teams withdrawing from the League to take a Regional position will receive their full team fee minus a \$75 administration fee.

3.0 Responsibilities of Club and Team Officials

- 3.1 **The host Club for a League game shall ensure that fields are assigned and are properly permitted, cleared and safe for set up i.e. field size and markings (lines, markers).**
- 3.2 Game ball - size 5 - The home team will be responsible for providing two game balls as per these requirements.
- 3.3 The Club is ultimately responsible for all its players, team officials and spectators at all times (prior to, during and after the game until all have left the grounds and parking lots). Their representatives shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner in accordance with the laws of the game, playing rules dictated by the various governing bodies and acceptable social behavior.
- 3.4 As per Ontario Soccer Rules, any Club failing to prevent its spectators or players' parents from disrupting a game or for persisting in "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a Match Official or any other person, will be subject to a fine as outlined in the YRSL Fees and Fines.
- 3.5 It is the responsibility of the host Club for a League game to ensure the safety of all the participants and officials at all times.
- 3.6 As per Ontario Soccer Rules, any Club failing to prevent its spectators or players' parents from disrupting a game or for persisting in "using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at a Match Official or any other person, will be subject to a fine as outlined in the YRSL Fees and Fines.

- 3.7 Only certified coaches are permitted within the Technical area and entered on the game sheet. Managers cannot appear on the game sheet and shall not be permitted within the technical area. Technical Directors are not permitted to be carded as the Coach of a team or squad, but can attend in the technical area any time prior, during and after the game.
- 3.8 A Certified coach with age appropriate certification must be present in the technical area during each game or the game will not be played.
- 3.9 Team officials and players must be registered and validated as per Ontario Soccer and YRSA Policies.
- 3.10 Any game abandoned by a Match Official will be dealt with by League discipline. A team found guilty of causing an abandonment will be subject to a fine of up to \$500. In the event that both teams are found guilty, then both Clubs will be subject to a fine of up to \$500.
- 3.11 A player, coach, team official or spectator who is found to have impeded, harassed, or otherwise intimidated a Match Official, opposing coach, members of the League, or opposing players, will be subject to severe disciplinary action, including a fine to the Club of up to \$1,000.
- 3.12 All teams must be represented by at least one individual at the YRSL annual rules and administration meeting. Failure to attend will subject the Club to a fine of \$100. Webinar attendance will be tracked and monitored.
- 3.13 In the event that a team does not show up for a scheduled game it shall be deemed that the team is in default of the game and will be subject to discipline.
- 3.14 Roster changes must be provided within two (2) business days of the next League game or the Club may be fined \$100.
- 3.15 Block Off dates
- The Block Off Dates Request Form is due to the YRSL by February 28th of the current season. Teams are to provide a maximum of two (2) dates and destinations. Dates will be accepted for Memorable Events, North American/International Tournaments, Graduation/Confirmation and September school trips (U14 only). Block off dates will not be entertained by the YRSL without the submission of the request form received by the deadline date.
- 3.16 All spectators must be one (1) meter away from the sidelines during all games.

4.0 Player Identification

- 4.1 Validated player and team official identification cards/player books, and the official stamped Team Roster Report (TRR) must be available at all times.

- 4.2 The inspection of Ontario Soccer identification cards/player books and TRR by the opposing team is mandatory and must not delay the scheduled kick-off.

Authorized Identification Cards/Player Book Inspection Procedure:

- a) All players form two (2) individual lines by team
 - b) Each player holds their own identification card/player book with the photo showing
 - c) A team official from the opposing team, with a copy of the opposing team's game sheet and TRR, inspects each identification card/book to the player:
 - i) Match the player card photograph to the player
 - ii) Match the player card to the TRR
 - iii) Check back of player card for discipline
 - d) A team official from the opposing team with a copy of the opposing team's game sheet inspects each team official's book
 - i) Match coach book photograph to the team official
 - ii) Check next page for coaching certification pertaining to the age division
 - iii) Match coach book to TRR
 - iv) Check last page for discipline
 - e) Players without a validated identification card/player book are not permitted to play
 - f) Game will be played under protest if Coaches do not have a validated official's book
 - g) Players arriving late to the game must have their identification card/player book checked by the opposing team official prior to playing the game (Match Official's discretion)
- 4.3 No protest pertaining to the eligibility of a player will be entertained if identification cards/player books are not checked prior to the game.
- 4.4 Failure to produce Ontario Soccer identification card/player books or TRR will result in the game being played under protest and a fine of up to \$500 to its Club and a suspension for the next scheduled fixture for the respective player/official.

- 4.5 Only players for whom identification cards/player books are made available for inspection may have their names entered on the game sheet and be eligible to play.
- 4.6 Each team will present the Match Official with three (3) fully completed copies of the official YRSL game sheet prior to the game. Incomplete game sheets will be assessed a fine of \$25 per occurrence and improper game sheets will be fined \$50 with increments of \$50 per each occurrence.
- 4.7 Players and team officials who are entered on the game sheet are considered to have participated in the game unless stroked out on the game sheet. A team official is to initial all changes.
- 4.8 Once a game has been started, team officials forfeit the right to investigate identification cards/player books and the TRR with the exception that team officials still have the right to investigate the identification cards/player book of a player arriving late and it must be done prior to the player entering the field of play.
- 4.9 Players must wear a uniform with a number that corresponds to that listed on the game sheet. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action and a fine to the Club of up to \$150.

5.0 Player Eligibility

- 5.1 A player registration, in accordance with Ontario Soccer policy, is effective the day they are registered. Due to software programming the TRR will display the day AFTER the player is registered. Do not use this as the registration date.
- 5.2 The maximum number of players that may be recorded to a game sheet, named, dressed and played in any one game is 18.
- 5.3 All other rules and regulations as outlined in Ontario Soccer Policies and Procedures regarding the signing and transfer of players shall apply.
- 5.4 Teams found to have used an ineligible players(s) or deemed to be an ineligible team shall forfeit the game(s) to its opponents provided a protest is received, or at the discretion of the YRSL. In the event that both teams are found guilty of using ineligible players(s) both Clubs will be subject to a fine of up to \$500 and the Club(s) could face suspension from the associated division within the League.
- 5.4a Team officials and/or Clubs are subject to discipline if they use ineligible players as defined in Ontario Soccer Rule 9.12.2.
- 5.5 Call up Procedure

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Players may be called up in these divisions if:

- a) The player is a competitive players in a younger age group
- b) The player is a competitive player in the same age group at a lower competitive level
- c) The player is a recreational player at the same age group or younger (district or local player)
- d) The player has not already played in six (6) games as a call up for that team in the current season
- e) Not more than three (3) players are playing as a call up for any one team, in any game
- f) They are not being used in a League cup or playoff game
- g) All players used as call ups must have a properly validated Ontario Soccer identification card/player book
- h) Under no circumstances are players allowed to be called up from a higher level of competition

5.6 Rosters are frozen as of July 31st of the current year. A player registered to a team after July 31st who participates in any YRSL game shall be deemed an ineligible player.

6.0 Schedule

6.1 Under no circumstances will teams be allowed to postpone games.

6.2 All games will be played as scheduled unless:

- a) At the discretion of the Match Official postponement is necessary due to inclement weather or field conditions
- b) A game is postponed at the discretion of the YRSL
- c) A game is postponed at the discretion of the parks official and/or Clubs

6.3 The home team must provide rescheduled fixtures to the YRSL within seven (7) days of the originally scheduled date. Failure to do so will result in the home teams' forfeiture of home advantage and the opposing team will provide a date and field for the rescheduled game within seven (7) days. The original home team will remain responsible for the Match Official fees.

If neither team provides fixtures within the allotted time frame the game will not be rescheduled and points will not be awarded to either team. The rescheduled

game must be played before September 15th and/or at the discretion of the League Administrator. Cup games must be played prior to the date of the next round.

6.4 All teams in U13 will participate in the McGarrigle Cup. Finals are held on the second weekend in August annually, at the Georgina Civic Centre Fields, Lake Simcoe.

6.5 All coaches must possess the age appropriate coaching certification in accordance with Ontario Soccer Policies. Laws of the Game (LOTG) is required by all coaches registered through YRSA.

7.0 League Games

7.1 Duration of League games:

Age Division	Game Duration
Under 13 and Under 14	2 x 40 minutes
Under 15 and up	2 x 45 minutes

7.2 The Match Official is the sole official timekeeper of the game.

7.3 There will be no extra time or penalty kicks to determine a winner in the event of a tie.

7.4 Fifteen (15) minutes of grace time from the scheduled kick-off time shall be permitted for teams to field the minimum requirement of players. The game will start when both teams have the minimum number of players required within the grace period allowed.

Divisions	Minimum requirement of players
Under 13 and up	Minimum seven (7) players

7.5 In the event that one team does not field the minimum required number of players to start a game, it will be considered to have defaulted the game and shall forfeit the points and will be subject to discipline.

7.6 In the event that both teams are unable to field the minimum number of players to play the game, both teams shall be considered to be in default of the game and no points awarded and both teams will be subject to discipline.

7.7 In the event that a team does not show up for a regularly scheduled game or Cup game, it shall be deemed that the team is in default of the game and will not be awarded any points and will be subject to discipline.

7.8 In the event that both teams do not show for their scheduled game or Cup game no points will be awarded and both teams shall be subject to discipline.

- 7.9 In the event that a team advises the League in writing, less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance, that it will be unable to field a team for a scheduled League or Cup game, the team will be fined a set amount of \$150 per occurrence. The game shall be recorded as a forfeit and will not be rescheduled.
- 7.10 Teams found in default, or do not show for a game, will be fined as per the YRSL General Fees and Fines schedule.
- 7.11 In the event a team has its complement of players reduced to less than seven (7) players during a game, for whatever reason, the game will be suspended. If the minimum time for completion has elapsed (two thirds plus one minute), the League will determine the outcome of the game and/or it will be replayed. If the minimum time required for completion has not elapsed, the team shall be deemed to have forfeited the game, the game will not be replayed, and the team will be subject to discipline.
- 7.12 Once the season has started there will be no changes to the schedules and no games rescheduled except for rain outs and field closures.
- 7.13 Where a game has been played under protest such fact shall be clearly indicated by the Match Official on all copies of the game sheet. Such indicated protests on game sheets must follow the protest instructions with required documentation otherwise they will be dismissed. Teams/Clubs that do not file an official protest in accordance with the rules when it has been noted on the game sheet will be subject to discipline.

8.0 McGarrigle Cup

- 8.1 All rounds of the Cup will be determined by the League, by random draw.
- 8.2 The home team will be responsible to provide a suitable playing field, goal nets, flag poles and game balls. The YRSL will provide the fields/nets for the finals through the host Club.
- 8.3 The finals will be held on the second weekend in August at the Georgina Civic Centre, Lake Simcoe.
- 8.4 The home team will be charged for the referee fees for all Cup games with the exception of the finals, this will be charged to the YRSL. All referee fees will be paid by the YRSL through direct deposit.
- 8.5 The reporting of scores, submission of game sheets, ball size, Match Official fees and game duration in the knockout rounds is the same as the regular season game, as are all other pertinent rules.
- 8.6 Games ending in a tie after regulation time has expired, will go directly to penalty kicks as per Ontario Soccer rules.

- 8.7 Games will be considered complete after two thirds plus one minute has elapsed prior to abandonment. The Match Official is the sole timekeeper of a game.
- 8.8 Call up players are not permitted for Cup games.
- 8.9 All players are Cup tied.
- 8.10 All decisions of the Protest Hearing Panel are final and may not be appealed in accordance with Ontario Soccer Appeal Operational Procedures.

9.0 Reporting Scores

- 9.1 Both teams shall be responsible to report or confirm the score of the game via the YRSL website (E2E) within forty-eight (48) hours of completion of the game.
- 9.2 The home team is responsible for reporting to the League office if the game was rained out or otherwise incomplete within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 9.3 Fines of \$25 to the Club, per occurrence, will apply to all who fail to report the result (score) as described above.
- 9.4 The Match Official is responsible to forward via mail, within forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled game, the original copies of the game sheets for both teams. Match officials who fail to submit game sheets on time will be subject to further discipline. Scores are to be submitted online through Ref Centre.

10.0 Standings

- 10.1 Only properly completed game sheets received by the League will determine the official standing in all appropriate divisions.
- 10.2 In the event of a tie within a division standing, the winner shall be determined as follows:
 - a) Most games won during the season
 - b) If still tied, the results of League games played between the tied teams
 - c) If still tied, the team with the fewest goals against
 - d) If still tied, a one-game playoff on a neutral field, as determined by the League, with a League appointed referee, shall determine the winner. The game, if necessary, will be played in accordance to Ontario Cup rules
 - e) Only rostered players are permitted to participate in playoff games
 - f) Goals for and goal differential shall not be used to determine a League winner, nor to break ties for teams tied in League standings

11.0 Promotion and Regulation

Rules relating to promotion and relegation are subject to Ontario Soccer policies.

12.0 Match Officials

- 12.1 All Match Officials shall be governed by the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics of the governing bodies which also includes attendance to games accepted. Failure to do so will result in discipline.
- 12.2 The Match Official is the sole authority in determining the safety and playability of a soccer field. The decision of the Match Official to cancel or abandon the game is final.
- 12.3 Match officials are paid by the YRSL.
- 12.4 It is the responsibility of the Match Official to report all discipline issues that occurred in the game, to the League office within forty-eight (48) hours from the completion of the game. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action as per Ontario Soccer policy.
- 12.5 When/if the Match Official must declare the game cancelled or abandoned prior to the start of the game, the Match Official shall still be paid fifty (50) percent of the game fee. The Match Official will be required by the League to collect the game sheets at the field and submit the game report within forty-eight (48) hours or will be subject to discipline.
- 12.6 In the case of a game forfeit/no show by a team, the forfeited team will be charged 2x the total Match Official fee by the YRSL League.
- 12.7 Match Officials must submit game sheets to the YRSL office within forty-eight (48) hours of completion of the competition and originals submitted within seven (7) days of the scheduled game. Match Officials who fail to submit game sheets on time will be subject to further discipline.

Match Official Fees

Age Classification	Referee Class	Referee Fee	Referee Assistant x 2 Fee
Under 13	District	\$45	\$35
Under 14	District	\$45	\$35
Under 15	District	\$55	\$40
Under 16	District	\$55	\$40
Under 17/Under 18	District	\$55	\$40

13.0 Player Equipment

"A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player, including any type of jewelry" - Law 4 CSA

13.1 Jewelry

All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands etc) are strictly forbidden and must be removed. Exceptions - Medic Alert Bracelets.

13.2 Protective equipment

Hats and bandanas are not allowed on the field of play. Headscarves and turbans are approved as per Ontario Soccer rules.

Exceptions – Goalkeeper caps are permitted. Eyeglasses are permitted providing they are sport spectacles and are safe for the players themselves, and for other players.

13.3 Casts

Hard plaster casts are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted on the field of play.

Exceptions - soft, lightweight cast will be permitted, providing the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player. The match official has the final authority on this decision.

14.0 Weather

Lightning safety and severe weather policy

The continuance of the game is at the Match Official's discretion. Ontario Soccer has a weather policy in place that should be followed in such conditions.

"The policy mirrors the 30-30 rule as directed by Environment Canada. The 30-30 rule should be known and understood by all involved in the game. When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If this time is thirty (30) seconds or less, seek proper shelter. Wait thirty (30) minutes or more after hearing the last thunder before leaving the shelter. If you cannot see the lightning, just hearing the thunder is a good back up rule".

The safety of players, coaches, management and spectators is the primary concern in any weather event that occurs during all matches sanctioned by the CSA. By understanding and following the information below, the safety of everyone shall be greatly increased. Ultimately the Match Official has the final say over delaying or

restarting a match due to weather. Waiting to stop play or not waiting to start play may result in a serious injury or loss of life. Match Officials are expected to act responsibly when dealing with such events during matches that they are controlling.

15.0 Protest and Appeals

- 15.1 A team official should inform the Match Official that the game is 'being played under protest'. The Match Official will record this on the back of the game sheet prior to the beginning of the game. The game shall be played. A team refusing to play will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 15.2 Notice of 'Intention to Protest' must be sent into the YRSL office via email (slongworth@yrsa.ca) within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the game.
- 15.3 Protests must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$400 in the form of a certified cheque or money order within five (5) business days. If the protest is upheld the protest fee will be refunded. An administration fee of \$50 will be charged for each case regardless of the outcome.
- 15.4 Only properly submitted protests will be heard by the Discipline Committee.
- 15.5 No protest pertaining to the decision of a Match Official will be heard.
- 15.6 No protest pertaining to fields conditions, equipment, jersey colours or other appurtenances of the game will be heard.
- 15.7 Appeals of League decisions will be as prescribed in "By-Laws - Appendix A" of the York Region Soccer Association Constitution.

16.0 Discipline

- 16.1 The YRSA will conduct all discipline on behalf of the YRSL and it shall be chaired by a Level 1 discipline certified member and two other panel members. These individuals will be responsible for all disciplinary matters arising from games and competitions organized by the League, and matters pertaining to the administration of the League and its 'Rules and Regulations'.
- 16.2 The League will follow the Discipline by Review (DBR) process for all cases outlined in Ontario Soccer Published Rules.
- 16.3 In cases where Discipline by Hearing (DBH) is mandatory, the appropriate parties will be notified and an administration fee of \$100 will be charged.
- 16.4 All parties have the right to request a hearing (DBH) and such requests will be made together with a \$125 administration fee no later than the day before the next scheduled discipline hearing date.

- 16.5 The League will follow Ontario Soccer Standard Penalties for Misconduct. Each team in the League will be provided a copy of these standards.
- 16.6 Ontario Soccer identification card/player and/or team official book must be presented at all hearings, otherwise there shall be no hearing held and the player shall be considered to have missed the hearing. Failure to appear for a hearing will result in an immediate suspension from all YRSL youth activities along with a \$100 fine to the Club. The accused must then request in writing for another hearing date to be established.
- 16.7 Ontario Soccer identification card/player book must be stamped/marked at the YRSA office for all suspensions as per the deadlines which are stated in the DBR system.
- 16.8 All time suspensions will commence at 12:01am following the notification of the decision. All game suspensions will commence as communicated in the notification of decision.
- 16.9 Players, team coaches and officials whose names appear on game sheets after a suspension has been imposed are deemed to have participated in the game while under suspension and will be recorded as an ineligible player. They will be subject to further disciplinary actions which could include forfeit of game and/or a fine to the Club of up to \$2,000 per occurrence.
- 16.10 Red Cards - a red card will result in an automatic suspension of the next League game unless otherwise notified by the YRSL.

17.0 Discipline By Review

Hearing Dates

Month	Day	Year
May	30	2017
June	7, 13, 20, 28	2017
July	6, 11, 17, 24	2017
August	2, 8, 24, 31	2017
September	TBD	2017
October	TBD	2017

18.0 Indoor and Futsal

- 18.1 Outdoor rules will apply to the YRSL Indoor League, unless otherwise stated.
- 18.2 Team applications, with a club cheque, are due to the YRSL by October 15th of the current year.
- 18.3 Team equipment (cleats etc) is based on the current facility rules.

19.0 Fees and Fines

Description	Section	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	Amount
Team Bond	1.3				\$250
Playing Out Permission/stamped roster	1.4	\$150	\$300 plus forfeit/game fees	\$500 plus forfeit/game fees	
Late team application fee	2.7				\$150
Late withdrawal (after March 1st)	2.8				\$1000 plus fees/bond
Fields	3.1	\$150	\$300	\$500	
Ineligible players	5.4				\$500 and game forfeit
Club failed to prevent spectators' from disrupting a game	3.6	\$300	\$500	\$1,000	
Uncertified coaches on bench	3.7	\$150	\$200 plus Discipline		
Failure to provide players identification for inspection	4.4				Up to \$500 plus discipline hearing
Incomplete game sheet	4.6				\$25
Unofficial game sheet	4.6	\$50	\$100	\$150	Increased by increments of \$50 per each offense
Uniform number does not correspond with game sheet	4.9	\$50	\$100	\$150	Increased by increments of \$50 per each offense
Game defaults/forfeits/no shows/not played	7.10	\$150 plus game fees	\$300 plus game fees	\$500 plus game fees	
Game forfeit with less than 48 hours notice	7.9				\$150
Failure to report a score	9.3				\$25
Failure to submit game sheets	12.7				\$100
Request for DBH - Administration fee	16.4				\$125 (\$75 refundable)
Failure to have identification card/player book at Discipline hearing	16.6				\$25
Protest Fee	15.3				\$400 (\$350 refundable)

Failure to file protest when noted on game sheet	7.13				\$150
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Additional Ontario Soccer infractions will be handled by Discipline