

The SCARDESO
(Scarborough Development Soccer, established 2005)
RULES AND REGULATIONS – 2013

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1. MEMBERSHIP

Application

- a) Submission of applications including a registration fee by clubs to enter teams to play in the SCARDESO outdoor program each year shall be made by April 30th, or such earlier or late date as may be determined the SCARDESO Executive provided that dates are published by January 31st of said year.
- b) Any team withdrawing from the SCARDESO outdoor program on or before April 30th will be refunded the full amount of the application fee. Any team withdrawing from May 1st up to and including Victoria Day will be refunded one-half of the application fees. Any team withdrawing after Victoria Day will forfeit its entire application fee.

Meetings

- c) All participating teams shall send at least one Team Official to all Meetings regarding the program. Failure to do so may result in a **\$25 fine** to the club. NOTE: This is at least one "Team Official" not a "club" representative.

2. REGISTRATION

Players

- a) All Players shall be registered through approved OSA registration. Players do not need an OSA Registrant book to play in a SCARDESO game, however a Player shall be in possession of his/her OSA Registrant book to play in any tournament sanctioned by OSA including the Mini-Robbie Soccer Festival.
- b) A Player shall be registered at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start time of any game. .
- c) Maximum Roster Size: No limit.
Maximum number of Players on the Game Sheet: **U7-10 U8-10 U9-12**
Maximum number of underage Players named for any one game: No more than three (3) U-7 players may be included on the Game Sheet of any U-8 team, and no under aged players allowed on the U9 Roster.
- d) Any Player whose name appears on a game sheet is deemed to have played in that game. The game sheet shall include either the number of the Player's OSA Registrant book, or the Player's OSA registration number with his/her club.
- e) All rules and regulations, as set out the OSA Administration guide and OSA Published Rules

regarding the signing and transfer of players, shall apply.

f) Ages are computed as of January 1st in the current year, and SCARDESO is organized for U-7 U-8 and U-9 players:

- Under 7 players are born January 1, 2006 or later
- Under-8 players are born January 1, 2005 or later.
- Under-9 players are born January 1, 2004 or later.

g) Use of unregistered players shall be subject to disciplinary action by the SCARDESO. (See General Rule 9 (e)).

Team Officials

h) All Team Officials, i.e., coach, assistant coach or manager (“Trainer” is not a recognized team official in respect of OSA insurance) must be registered with the Scarborough Soccer Association (“SSA”) before participating in any game. A Team Official shall be registered at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start time of any game, and must be in possession of his/her OSA registrant book complete with verified photograph.

i) Every Team Official must be screened by his/her club as required by OSA’s Volunteer Screening Policy, and SSA must verify the screening before a coach, assistant coach, or manager can be registered as a Team Official.

j) A maximum of four (4) carded Team Officials may participate in any game from the players’ side of the field. A Club Head Coach or Technical Director who is properly carded by the OSA may participate in games from the players’ side of the field in addition to the maximum four (4) carded Team Officials.

k) The Team Officials of one team may check the Team Official books of the opposing team up till fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published starting time of the game.

l) Any Team Official whose name appears on a Game Sheet is deemed to have participated in that game, even if the signature space is blank.

m) One (1) copy of the SCARDESO Rules and Regulations shall be supplied to each team entered, and the Rules and Regulations shall be posted on the SCARDESO page on the SSA website (www.ssasoccer.net).

n) Every team shall submit a Team Official Registration Form, as supplied by the SCARDESO, complete with proper photographs and a copy of the coaching certification of each team coach no later than May 31st of each year. Failure to submit a properly completed Team Official Registration Form, required photographs and a copy of certifications.

o) Coach Qualification and Certification.

Any Coach associated with a team shall have OSA or equivalent certification:

- Under-7: All Coaches must have at least OSA Community Youth One (“Children’s Course”) FUNDamentals, Respect in Soccer & MED.
- Under-8: All Coaches must have at least OSA Community Youth One (“Children’s Course”) FUNDamentals, Respect in Soccer & MED.
- Under-9: All Coaches must have at least OSA Community Youth Two (“Youth Course”) or Learning to Train, Respect in Soccer & MED.

3. GAMES PLAYED AS SCHEDULED

a) All games shall be played as scheduled unless:

At the discretion of the referee, cancellation is necessary due to inclement weather or unplayable field conditions, and such games shall not be rescheduled.

SSA Weather Policy for Fields

Posted on Website

If not posted by 4:00pm then proceed to fields

Referees will make the following calls:

High Rain Periods: If it has been raining for several days and fields are water logged, rain after 4pm will result in fields being closed.

Lightening: If you see lightening the game is stopped and you need to wait for 30 minutes to make sure there is not another strike. If there is lightening during the 30 minutes that you are waiting, then the game is cancelled.

Extreme Heat: If there is extreme heat games are still played but Referees must allow for extra water breaks. Depending on the degree of heat there may be several during the game.

- I) A game is cancelled at the discretion of the SCARDESO, no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled games.
 - II) A game is cancelled at the discretion of an official responsible for the operation and maintenance of the field with the authority to close the field to soccer use, and such game shall be rescheduled at the sole discretion of the SCARDESO program.
- b) Any game that has to be rescheduled shall be rescheduled by the SCARDESO at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the originally scheduled date and kick-off time and then played within fourteen (14) days provided an appropriate field is available The SCARDESO shall notify the Referee Co-ordinator and the coaches of the two teams involved.
 - c) NO team official or club representative is allowed to reschedule or attempt to reschedule a game.
 - d) A team that fails to show up for a scheduled game shall be subject to **a fine of \$100 plus full official's fee.** This is not an optional program, you must show up for scheduled games.

4. SPECIFIC RULES FOR PLAY

The U-7 and U-8 teams shall play 5 v 5, including the Goalkeeper.

The U-9 teams shall play 7 v 7 soccer in accordance with the OSA Rules for Mini-Soccer as amended, and the FIFA Laws of the Game.

.For greater clarity the following apply, and where there is a discrepancy between the OSA and FIFA rules, and these rules, these rules take precedence.

Law 1 – The Field of Play

The field and goal dimensions as outlined below shall be considered as desirable guidelines. Failure to conform to the recommended field and goal dimensions shall not be the subject of protest.

- Field Markings: distinctive lines no more than five (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of six (6) yards is marked around it.
- Goal Area: 5 yards from the inside of each goal post, and 5 yards into the field of play.
- Penalty Area: 10 yards from the inside of each goalpost, and 10 yards into the field of play.
- Penalty Mark: 8 yards from the midpoint between the goal posts. An arc of a circle with a radius of six (6) yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.
- Corner Flag Posts: at least 5 feet (1.2 m) high.
- Corner Arc: 1 yard

- Goal: Conform to FIFA except that the maximum distance between the posts is sixteen (16) feet, and the maximum height to the underside of the cross bar is six (6) feet. Goals may be smaller than the maximum.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size four (4).

Law 3 – The Number of Players:

- Each U7, U8 team consists of not more than five (5) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A maximum of ten (10) players can be dressed for a game and entered on the game sheet. (See also section 2 regarding players.)
- Each U9 team consists of not more than seven (7) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A maximum of twelve (12) players can be dressed for a game and entered on the game sheet. (See also section 2 regarding players.)
- Substitutions: unlimited substitution at any stoppage in play under the discretion of the referee, and the referee shall be advised of all substitutions.
- Number of Players to Start or Continue a Game: A grace period of fifteen (15) minutes shall be allowed in the event that a team has less than five (5) players at the scheduled kick-off time. For U7 and U8 this number is four (4) players. A team forfeiting games without notification, or failing to appear at a game, shall be subject to **a fine to their club of \$100 plus full official's fee** (\$20 in 2009). A team that forfeits three (3) or more games may be suspended from further play in the SCARDESO, and shall be subject to discipline. If at any time during the game the number of players available to play for a team drops below five (5), a player or players may be added to that team from the opposing team.
- Replacement of Ejected Players: players ejected may be replaced, and so a red card does not result in a team playing with fewer than seven (7) players, U9 or five(5) U 7or 8.

Law 4 – The Player's Equipment

- Conform to FIFA. NOTE: No jewellery of any kind is permitted, except that medic alert bracelets may be worn if taped and with the message showing. No headbands and no sweatbands are permitted. Shirts must be tucked in.

Law 5 – The Referee

- The District Referee Co-ordinator appoints referees. (Visit Scarborough Referees Association www.ssra.ca for information about the activities of referees in this district.)

Law 6 – The Assistant Referee:

- Assistant referees are **not** assigned to SCARDESO games.

Law 7 – Duration of the Match

- For U7 & U8 the match shall be divided into two (2) halves of 20 minutes each, with a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.
- For U9 the match is divided into two (2) halves of 25 minutes each, with a half-time interval of five (5) minutes. NOTE: If the temperature is extremely high, the referee at his/her discretion may signal a water break, or several water breaks and the time taken shall not be included in the playing time of the game.

Law 8 – The Start and Re-start of Play

- Conform to FIFA, with the exception that opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

- Conform to FIFA. All of the ball must cross the touchline and the goal line.

Law 10 – Method of Scoring

- Conform to FIFA. All of the ball must cross the goal line for a goal to be scored.

Law 11 – Offside

- No offside, BUT referees may call offside and award an indirect free kick if players take up positions well behind the play, and if players move into offside positions considerably behind the second last defender. The intent of this is to begin to make players aware of their position on the field in relation to the opposing team, nothing is learned when players “cherry pick” close to the opposing goal.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- Conform to FIFA. Note: Slide tackles are part of the game and referees will judge the fairness according to the Laws of the Game.

Law 13 – Free Kicks

- Conform to FIFA, i.e., both indirect and direct free kicks are awarded. Opponents must be at least six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play.
- A player taking a free kick within his/her own Penalty Area shall kick the ball into play beyond the Penalty Area. The ball shall be in play when it has passed outside of the Penalty Area, and the free kick shall be re-taken if the ball does not pass beyond the Penalty Area.
- U7 & U8: No Direct Free Kicks all are Indirect including in penalty area

Law 14 – Penalty Kick

- Conform to FIFA, except that the penalty mark is eight (8) yards from the goal line, and the penalty arc is six (6) yards.
- All opponents shall be outside the Penalty Area and not less than six (6) yards from the ball until it has been kicked.
- U7 & U8 No penalty Kicks

Law 15 – The Kick-in

- A kick-in is the method for re-starting play when the ball has completely crossed the touchline, whether on the ground or in the air. A kick-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball, and is taken at the point where the ball crossed the touchline. The player taking the kick-in shall face the field of play and kick the ball from on or behind the touchline. The ball will be in play immediately after it enters the field of play. Defending players shall stand at least 2 yards from the player making the kick-in. If the player making the kick-in plays or touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, a free-kick shall be awarded to the opposing team. A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick-in.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick

- Conform to FIFA. If the ball does not pass beyond the Penalty Area, the goal kick will be re-taken.
- For U7 & U8's: When the Goalkeeper has the ball in his/her hands, or at a goal kick, the opposition players are to retreat to approximately the ½ way line until the ball is touched by another player other than the goalkeeper

Law 17 – The Corner Kick

- Conform to FIFA, with the exception that opponents must be at least six (6) yards from the ball until it has been played.

5. GENERAL RULES

Game Sheets, and Player and Team Official Identification

- a) A team official of the home team shall provide the Game Sheet as supplied by the SCARDESO. Failure to comply shall result in **a fine of \$25** to the club for each offence. A game sheet should also be collected from the away team.
- b) All teams shall supply to the game official a complete list of players and team officials on the game sheet provided, showing the full names of all players and team officials participating in the game along with their OSA registrant number and Player's jersey number. Failure to fully and accurately complete the Game Sheet shall result in **a fine of \$25** to the club per Game Sheet. The completed Game Sheet including the signatures of all team officials shall be handed to the referee prior to the start of the game. A facsimile of the SCARDESO Game Sheet is acceptable.

Note: Player registrant numbers are either (a) the number from the OSA Registrant book, or (b) the Player's OSA registration number obtained from the club registrar.

- c) The Home Team, the first named team on the schedule, must give the referee a stamped envelope to mail in the Game Sheet. The SCARDESO will provide stamped envelopes to each team at the Coaches' Meeting prior to the first games of the season. Failure to provide the envelope may result in **a fine of \$25** assessed to the club. Only 1 envelope should be used per game.
- d) Only players and team officials participating in the game may have their names entered on the Game Sheet. Any player or team official whose name appears on a Game Sheet is deemed to have participated in that game.
- e) Team officials shall carry the OSA Team Official Registrant books to all games and shall make them available to the opposing team officials, fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the game. **This is mandatory.** Failure to comply may result in **a fine of \$25** to the club for each offence.
- f) Players for whom the books or club registration number are not provided are deemed ineligible but team officials have until the end of half time to produce the players books or numbers in which case those players are eligible to play in the remainder of the game after not participating in the first half.
- g) If a Coach has a complaint about eligibility of a player from opposing team during a game, he must request the referee **at half time** to record his complaint on the game sheet. He may follow up by contacting the league office and asking about his concerns.
- h) A team using an ineligible player shall be reported to the Discipline Chairperson. The team official(s) involved and their club shall be subject to discipline in accordance with OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures. In addition, **a fine of \$100** shall be levied against any team that uses an ineligible player and the team and the officials may be subject to further discipline.

Team Uniforms and Player Equipment

- i) Teams shall provide each player with an identical shirt with a different number on the back and shall declare the uniform colours on the team registration form.
- j) The goalkeeper shall wear a contrasting shirt, which also shall be different from the opposing team and the referee.
- k) The first named team on the schedule shall be the home team. When uniforms are similar, the home team shall change to a colour distinct from the opposing team and the referee. NOTE: Teams are not expected to have alternate uniforms; coaches must have pinnies / bibs that can be used to differentiate teams when uniforms are similar.
- l) Shin guards are mandatory at all times.

Field Preparation

- m) Both teams for U7 & U8 will supply 1 net and 2 corner flags for each game. The home team U9, shall be responsible for providing corner flags, nets and game ball (size 4). Failure to comply may result in **a fine of \$25** to the club for each offence.

Referees

- n) All games shall be officiated by a properly qualified referee. If the assigned game official does not show up, and a properly carded official is available, the game shall be played with that referee officiating. If the assigned game referee does not show up and a properly carded official is not available, the team officials shall mutually agree upon a game official or officials and the game shall be played.
- o) **The referee fee is \$25 per game, \$12.50 per team**, and payable in cash before the start of the game. If one team does not show up, the referee will send a report to the SCARDEO office for reimbursement. The team not showing for the game will be responsible for the **FULL** game fee of \$25.00.

Team Officials are Responsible for behaviour of Players and Spectators



p) The Team Staff and Players

Team Officials are responsible for their players and spectators at all times – before, during and after games. Team staff and players shall conduct themselves in a proper manner in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

Any player or team official impeding, harassing or otherwise intimidating a game official(s), player(s) or team official(s) shall be subject to severe disciplinary action, including **a fine to the club of up to \$500 *** at the discretion of the SSA Discipline Panel as well as the suspension of the coach for up to one month.

*** (Under OSA Policies a fine under \$200 does not require a Hearing. If a team's staff, parents or spectators is the subject of a Referee Special Incident report, the District will have no hesitation in meting out such fines to teams through their Clubs to ensure the SCARDES0 Game Officials are treated with respect.)**

q) Team's Parents / Spectators

Should a team's parent(s) or spectator(s) be the subject of a Game Official Incident Report for ANY abusive, harassing or intimidating behaviour/actions **the Club will be subject to a fine up to \$500 *** at the discretion of the SSA Discipline Panel as well as the suspension of the coach for up to one month.



- r) All team officials and players shall confine themselves to the bench area, which shall be deemed to be an area ten (10) metres long commencing five (5) metres and finishing fifteen (15) metres from the centre line. Both teams shall be on the same side of the field.
- s) All spectators shall be confined to the opposite side of the field from the players and team officials. Players, team officials or spectators shall not stand behind either Goal Line. Where there are team benches and viewing stands on the same side of the field, spectators shall remain in those viewing stands and may not stand along the sideline during the game. For the safety of Players, Coaches, and spectators all persons must be at least two (2) metres or 5 feet from the touchline during games.

Games Abandoned

- t) The SCARDESO Discipline Committee shall deal with any game abandoned by a game official, except for weather or field conditions. A team found guilty of causing abandonment shall be subject to discipline in accordance with OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures. In the event that both teams are found guilty, both teams shall be subject to discipline in accordance with OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures.

League Standings

- u) No standings shall be maintained.

League Cup

- v) No Cup shall be contested.

Protests

- w) No protests pertaining to the decision of the game official shall be entertained.

Appeals

- x) Appeals are not relevant to the SCARDESO as no standings are kept.

Mandated Participation in Programs and Activities

- y) The SCARDESO may organize events and activities for players, coaches and parents with regard generally to player development. The SCARDESO may set mandatory participation levels, and may levy fines at its discretion if teams fail to participate as required.

6. FEES AND FINES

The fees and fines payable by teams are summarized below for convenience and reference; in the case of a conflict between this summary section and the specific sections elsewhere in this document the specific section shall take precedence.

Schedule of Fees and Fines

| No. | Description | Type | Amount |
|----------------|--|------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 a | Registration | Fee | \$375 for 2013 |
| 1 b | U-7 teams | Fee | \$225.00 |
| 1 d | League meetings – at least one team official must attend=Mandatory | Fine | \$25 |
| 3 d 4 Law 3 | No show for a game | Fine | \$100 plus official's fee |
| 5 a | Any team fails to provide game sheet | Fine | \$25 |
| 5 b | Fail to fully complete game sheet – either home or away | Fine | \$25 |
| 5 f | Use ineligible player | Fine | \$100 + discipline as per OSA |
| 5 k | Home team does not provide nets, corner flags and size 4 game ball | Fine | \$25 |
| 5 m | Referee fee | Fee | \$12.50 per team |
| 5 p | Player or team official impeding, harassing or otherwise intimidating a game official, player(s) or team official(s) | Fine | Up to \$1000 + discipline as per OSA |
| 5 q | Cause abandonment of game | | OSA discipline |
| 7 c | Hearing fee | Fee | \$50 |

7. DISCIPLINE

- a) Any player receiving a red card or three (3) yellow cards during the season shall be subject to the Discipline by Review system as outlined in the OSA Policies and Procedures.
- b) Any coach who is cited by a game official for inappropriate conduct shall be subject to the Discipline Review system as outlined in the OSA Policies and Procedures
- c) Any player / team official has the right to request a hearing, which request must be submitted in writing within three (3) days of the incident and must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$50 hearing fee.
- d) All Discipline cases in SCARDESO will be brought before the District Discipline panel and Discipline will be carried out in accordance with OSA Published Policies. The SSA shall publish a list of regularly scheduled dates to review all the discipline reports and to hold any requested hearings.
- e) All suspensions shall be based on games within the SCARDESO and SSA is required to record the suspension in the player's book or team official's book.
- f) A player / team official may be accompanied at a hearing by a club or other team official. An

adult must accompany all players at any hearing.

- g) The player's OSA Player book or OSA club registration number or Team Official's books must be presented at a hearing, when requested by the Discipline Committee.
- h) All suspensions shall be for a specific game(s) as determined by the Discipline Committee at the review or hearing.
- i) In all cases of referee assault, the Discipline Hearing shall be heard before the Scarborough Soccer Association Discipline Committee.

8. OTHER MATTERS

All matters not included in these Rules and Regulations shall be judged in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Ontario Soccer Association.