



# Ontario Cup Competition Rules

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**New or Revised Ontario Cup Rules for 2016**

## 1.0.... COMPETITION NAME AND DIVISIONS

1.1 The name of the competition shall be the **ONTARIO CUP**, hereinafter referred to as **the competition** .

1.2 The competition shall be divided into the following divisions:

Under 13 Boys	For teams registered as Under 13 Boys
Under 14 Boys	For teams registered as Under 14 Boys
Under 15 Boys Tier 2	For teams registered as Under 15 Boys
Under 15 Boys Tier 1	For teams registered as Under 15 Boys
Under 16 Boys Tier 2	For teams registered as Under 16 Boys
Under 16 Boys Tier 1	For teams registered as Under 16 Boys
Under 17 Boys Tier 2	For teams registered as Under 17 Boys
Under 17 Boys Tier 1	For teams registered as Under 17 Boys
Under 18 Boys	For teams registered as Under 18 Boys
Under 21 Men	For teams registered as Under 21 Men
Men	For teams registered as a Senior Open team
Under 13 Girls	For teams registered as Under 13 Girls
Under 14 Girls	For teams registered as Under 14 Girls
Under 15 Girls	For teams registered as Under 15 Girls
Under 16 Girls	For teams registered as Under 16 Girls
Under 17 Girls	For teams registered as Under 17 Girls
Under 18 Girls	For teams registered as Under 18 Girls
Under 21 Women	For teams registered as Under 21 Women
Women	For teams registered as a Senior Open team

1.3 In the event that there is not a division for a specific Team Age Classification, the team shall be permitted to enter the division for the next highest Team Age Classification, with the exception of the Under 13 Division. **Teams that have an age/gender classification of Under 12 or lower, will not be permitted to enter the Competition** .

1.4 The competition will be played in each of the above divisions providing that there is a minimum of eight entries in the division.

- 1.5 Subject to age restrictions, a female player may play on a team in any one of the above divisions.
- 1.6 Subject to age restrictions, a male player may only play on a team in one of the Boys' divisions or the Men's division.
- 1.7 Requirements for teams entering "tiered divisions" are as follows:

For **Under 16** and **Under 17** Divisions:

- Tier 1** only teams playing in Provincial or Regional Leagues or in District Associations with no teams in Provincial or Regional Leagues, teams which finished in first or second place in the top division of the 2015 District Competitive League.
- Tier 2** teams playing in District Competitive Leagues.

For **Under 15** Divisions in 2016 (Pilot Project):

(Teams playing in a Regional League must play in Tier 1. For 2016, as a pilot project, teams in a District Competitive League, have the option of participating in Tier 1 or Tier 2.)

- Tier 1** team playing in Regional Leagues must play in Tier 1  
teams playing in Competitive District Leagues have the option of playing Tier 1
- Tier 2** teams playing in District Competitive Leagues.

- 1.8 In the event that the league status of a team in a tiered division changes after the Ontario Cup Draw, the team will have the option of deciding whether to remain in the Ontario Cup and not accept the new league position, or to accept the new league position. If the team accepts the new league position, it must withdraw from the Cup and the team's Entry Fee will be refunded.

## **2.0.... MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION**

- 2.1 The Competitions Committee shall be responsible for developing the rules, policies, and procedures governing the competition. The Chair of the Competitions Committee shall be accountable to the Executive Director for the Competition Rules, Policies, and Procedures.
- 2.2 The O.S.A. staff shall be responsible for managing and implementing the operational functions of the competition. The staff shall be accountable to the Executive Director for these operational functions.
- 2.3 Protests shall be managed by the Ontario Cup Protest Committee.
- 2.4 Discipline shall be managed by the Ontario Cup Discipline Committee.
- 2.5 The District Ontario Cup Coordinator, hereinafter referred to as the D.O.C.C., shall be responsible for the operations of the competition within his/her District. The D.O.C.C. shall be accountable to his/her District Association. Each District Association shall appoint a D.O.C.C., failing which, entries (to participate in the competition) from that District shall be rejected.
- 2.6 The Competitions Committee shall be the final decision maker on all issues related to the Competition. Decisions made by the Competitions Committee shall be deemed final and are not subject to an appeal process.

## **3.0.... PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING THE COMPETITION**

- 3.1 Teams must obtain permission from their club to enter the 2016 Ontario Cup.
- 3.2 Teams must register on-line for the **2016 Ontario Cup** by **no later than March 30, 2016 and must include full team identification.**
- 3.3 The entry fee is **\$375.00**, the entry fee can be paid on-line using a credit card. Payment will also be accepted in the form of cheque or money order payable to **The Ontario Soccer Association**. Payment must arrive at the OSA office or a District Association office by no later than **March 30, 2016** prior to the entry deadline. ***If a team has submitted an online Entry before the deadline, but payment has not been received by the OSA Provincial Office or a District Association Office by the Entry Deadline that team will be denied entry into the Competition.***
- 3.4 Teams participating in the Ontario Cup must have two uniforms of different colour at all Ontario Cup games to avoid colour conflicts. These uniform colours will be registered with the O.S.A.
- 3.5 A "Supplementary Entry Fee" will be charged to each Club which has a team qualify for the Ontario Summer Games. (See Rule 17.0)
- 3.6 Each entry form must be approved by the team's Club. When a team or club completes the Online Entry Form and submits it, a copy will be sent to the team's Club. The Club must then complete the online approval process by no later

than April 6, 2016. **A team will not be entered in the Ontario Cup if its Club does not approve the Entry by the April 6, 2016 Club Approval Deadline.**

- 3.7 Entry Fees will not be reimbursed to teams that enter the competition but do not receive club approval.
- 3.8 A Team that has entered the Ontario Cup but withdraws more than three days prior to the Ontario Cup Draw will be charged a \$100 administration fee. If a Team that has entered the Ontario Cup but withdraws less than three days before the Ontario Cup Draw, the team will forfeit its Ontario Cup Entry Fee.

#### 4.0.... **FORMAT FOR THE COMPETITION**

- 4.1 The competition shall be organized in five regions with a series of open draws. The regional breakdown of the District Associations is:

REGION A:	Durham Region, Hamilton and District, Huronia District, Toronto, Niagara, North York, Peel Halton, Scarborough, South-West Regional, York Region
REGION B:	Elgin Middlesex, Essex County, Lambton Kent
REGION C:	East Central Ontario, Eastern Ontario and District, Southeast Ontario
REGION D:	Sault Amateur, Soccer Northeastern Ontario, Sudbury Regional, Soccer North Ontario
REGION E:	Soccer Northwest Ontario

- 4.2 For each division, the competition shall consist of:
  - a) **"single-game knockout"** format only; or
  - b) a combination of **"round-robin tournament"** format and the **"single-game knockout"** format.
- 4.3 For each division using the **"single-game knockout"** format only, a minimum of one team from each Region shall qualify for the **Third Round** (i.e., last 16 teams). Further representation by each Region in the **Third Round** of each division shall be based on the percentage of total entries from that Region for that division.
- 4.4 Regional representation will not be a requirement for divisions using the **"round-robin tournament"** format.
- 4.5 For each division, other than the Under 13, 14, 15 and Under 16 Divisions, using the **"round-robin tournament"** format to qualify eight teams for the **Quarter-Final Round**, in the event that 41 or more teams enter that division, a **Preliminary Tournament Round** shall be played at least two weeks prior to the **Tournament Round** in order to qualify the teams for the **Tournament Round**. For the Under 13, 14, 15 and Under 16 Divisions, using the **"round-robin tournament"** format to qualify teams for the **Quarter-Final Round**, a **Preliminary Tournament Round** shall be played at least two weeks prior to the **Tournament Round** in order to qualify the teams for the **Tournament Round**. The requirement for a Preliminary Tournament Round in these divisions will depend on the number of teams entered.
- 4.6 For each division using the **"round-robin tournament"** format, a minimum of 12 teams must enter that division of the competition. If 8-11 teams enter the division, the **"single-game knockout"** format shall be implemented for that division.
- 4.7 In a **5-team round-robin tournament**, a team travelling in **excess of 300 kilometres** one way to the tournament shall not be drawn as **Team #2** or **Team #5** in the tournament group unless four of the teams must travel in excess of 300 kilometres.

#### 5.0.... **TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 The competition shall be open to all competitively registered youth and senior amateur teams whose clubs are affiliated with The Ontario Soccer Association, hereinafter referred to as the **O.S.A.**
- 5.2 A team may only be entered in the division for which it is registered with the O.S.A. (i.e. team age classification and team gender classification).
- 5.3 Notwithstanding Rule 5.2, if there is no division provided for a specific age/gender classification, the team will be permitted to enter the division for the next highest age division of the same gender with the exception of the Under 13 Division. Teams that have an age/gender classification of Under 12 or lower, will not be permitted to enter the Competition.
- 5.4 A team playing in a Non-Amateur or Professional Soccer League is not eligible to participate in the Ontario Cup.
- 5.5 A team which plays in an amateur league at a higher level than any other offered in Ontario, as determined by The Ontario Soccer Association, may not enter the Ontario Cup.
- 5.6 A team playing in the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) is not eligible to participate in the Ontario Cup.
- 5.7 Each team entered in the competition must have a registered team head coach who has completed the:
  - 1. Respect in Soccer certification; and
  - 2. Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (giving her/him full certification as a Community

Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 or after that date, the **Soccer for Life** course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).

Assistant Coaches registered to the team must also have completed the:

1. Respect in Soccer certification; and
2. Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 or after that date, the **Soccer for Life** course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).

- 5.8 All teams must have a minimum of two team officials listed on the Ontario Cup Entry Form, one of which must be a certified coach.
- 5.9 Each team must have at least one team official registered to the team that is the same gender as the players.
- 5.10 If a team has entered another tournament on the same weekend as an Ontario Cup round for its division, the team shall be denied entry into the competition. (*The O.S.A. Published Rules prohibit a team already entered in the Ontario Cup from entering a tournament scheduled for the same weekend as a scheduled round for its division of the Ontario Cup.*)

## 6.0.... PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

6.1 For the competition, eligibility shall be defined as the following:

- a) A player may only play for the club to which he/she is registered, subject to Competitions Procedure 21.1 c) of the O.S.A. Published Rules and Rule 6.1 c) below.
- b) A player shall be deemed registered for the competition if his/her registration form has been properly registered by his/her District Association (*in accordance with the O.S.A. Published Rules*) before a game in which he/she plays in the competition.
- c) A player shall **NOT** play for more than one team in the competition.
- d) Save for provision of proof to the contrary, a player whose name and signature appears on the teamsheet shall be deemed to have played in the game.
- e) Trial Registration Permit Forms (T.R.P.'s) and Temporary Eligibility Permits (T.E.P.'s) shall not be permitted in the competition.
- f) Each player shall be:
  - i) registered with the team not later than **July 31**
  - or
  - ii) transferred to the team not later than **July 31**, providing the player has not played for another team in the *Ontario Cup* .
- g) **Notwithstanding Rule 6.1 f) and subject to Competition Procedure 21.0, a player may, with permission of his/her club, play for another Club Team within the same Club to which he/she is registered provided the player plays up to a higher level Club Team. A higher level team shall be defined as a team which meets any of the following criteria:**
  - i) Registered in a higher team age classification;
  - ii) Registered in a higher player classification;
  - iii) Registered in a higher team classification
  - iv) Playing in a higher league level, or
  - v) Playing in a higher division of the same league

**Any player playing up to a higher level team in the Ontario Cup must be registered to the Club not later than July 31.**

- h) **Notwithstanding Rule 6.1 g), a player registered to an Under 12 team may not play up to an Under 13 team in the Ontario Cup.**
- i) Subject to **Rule 6.1 c)** , a transferred player shall be deemed registered for the competition if his/her transfer form has been properly registered by his/her District Association (*in accordance with the O.S.A. Published Rules*) before a game in which he/she plays in the competition, provided the player is registered on or before **July 31**.
- j) A player who has been a professional or non-amateur player and who has been reinstated by the Canadian Soccer Association shall be eligible to participate in the competition provided that he/she has been a registered amateur player with his/her Club for a period of **thirty days** prior to the game. The player may not register as an amateur player until his/her reinstatement has been approved by the Canadian Soccer Association.

6.2 An ineligible player shall be defined as one or more of the following:

- a) a player who does not conform with one or more of the requirements in **Rule 6.1** ;
- b) a player who plays during a time period in which he/she is suspended;
- c) a player who plays when he/she requires an *International Transfer* ;
- d) a player who plays under an assumed name;
- e) a player who plays for a team of a Club with which he/she is not registered except for 6.1 a); and
- f) a player who is not registered or is improperly registered.
- g) a player who is registered to a team in the OPDL.

6.3 Each player and team official shall be identified on the teamsheet, in accordance with the following procedures:

- a) *Ontario Cup teamsheets* shall be available online at [www.ontariosoccer.net](http://www.ontariosoccer.net) for all teams to download and print prior to the competition. Each team must print three copies of the teamsheet for each game, only one of which must include signatures of all players and team officials participating in the game. Each team must also print one copy of the online "Teamsheet - Referee Report".
- b) If an *Ontario Cup teamsheet* is not available prior to the start of the game, a *substitute teamsheet* may be used. The following information must be included on a *substitute teamsheet* :
  - division
  - game number
  - date of game
  - kick-off time
  - venue (location of game)
  - name of Home Team
  - name of Visiting Team
  - for each player, his/her:
    - name
    - O.S.A. Registrant Number
    - signature
    - jersey (sweater) number
    - name and signature of coach
    - name and signature of manager
    - name and signature of assistant manager
    - name and signature of assistant coach
- c) A representative of each team shall, no later than **20 minutes** prior to the kick-off time, hand to the referee all three copies of his/her team's teamsheet along with the "Teamsheet - Referee Report".
- d) The teamsheet shall list all eligible players (including potential substitutes) and up to **five** team officials.
- e) One copy of teamsheet must be signed by **all** players and team officials.
- f) After checking the teamsheets for proper completion, the referee shall hand one copy of both teamsheets to a representative of each team. The signed copy of the teamsheet shall remain with the referee.

6.4 a) In each game of the competition, a team shall be permitted to dress and play up to **18** players.

b) Only the **18 "dressed" players** and the **five** team officials included on the teamsheet may sit on the team bench or in the area designated for that team.

c) Unlimited substitution shall be permitted but can only be made during the following stoppages in play,

- \* *when a goal is scored*
- \* *at a goal kick*
- \* *on possession throw-ins*
- \* *at the beginning of the second half*
- \* *at the referee's discretion, for an injured player*

6.5 Each player/team official must produce his/her O.S.A. Registration Book before being eligible to participate in a game of this competition, subject to the following:

- a) In games up to, and including, the quarter-final round and including the tournament rounds, one representative from each team shall inspect the Player Registration Books of the players on the opposing team. It shall be the responsibility of the team representative to notify the referee of any discrepancy **prior to the game**. The referee **shall** record such discrepancies in his/her report to the O.S.A.
- b) In games played in the **Semi-Final Round, Cup Final Round** and the **Ontario Summer Games**, the O.S.A. representative(s) shall inspect the Player/Team Official Registration Books of both teams. In such cases, the O.S.A. representative(s) may declare a player ineligible to play in the game.
- c) Notwithstanding **Rule 6.5 a)** above, in extenuating circumstances where the books are not present at the start of the game, the Player/Team Official Registration Books may be checked at any time prior to the beginning of the second half. In such cases, it shall be the responsibility of the (opposing) team

representative to notify the referee of any discrepancy **immediately after the Player Registration Books have been checked**; and the referee **shall** record such discrepancies in his/her report to the O.S.A.

- d) Notwithstanding **Rules 6.5 a) and 6.5 c)** above, a player, whose name is included on the teamsheet but is not present at the time when the Player Registration Books are checked by the (opposing) team representative, shall not play in the game until after his/her Player Registration Book has been checked (by the opposing team representative) in his/her presence and he/she has signed the teamsheet. In such cases, it shall be the responsibility of the (opposing) team representative to notify the referee of any discrepancy **immediately after the Player Registration Book has been checked**; and the referee **shall** record such discrepancy in his/her report to the O.S.A. **A player that arrives after the start of the second half shall not be eligible to participate in the game.**
- e) When a team representative has reported a player eligibility discrepancy to the referee (*in accordance with Rules 6.5 a), 6.5 c), and 6.5 d), above*), the referee shall have the player complete the section on the reverse side of the teamsheet (regarding "**player eligibility**" ), in which the player must write his/her date of birth and signature.

## **7.0....SCHEDULING AND RESCHEDULING OF GAMES PLAYED UNDER "SINGLE-GAME KNOCKOUT" FORMAT**

- 7.1** The home team's D.O.C.C. shall be responsible for scheduling the game:
- a) **ten** days prior to the scheduled date; or
  - b) **five** days prior to the scheduled date, in the case when a team's game is scheduled to be played within **ten** days of its previous Ontario Cup game.
- 7.2** If the home team's D.O.C.C. is unable to provide a suitable venue by the required deadline, as stipulated in **Rule 7.1** , the away team shall become the home team and its D.O.C.C. shall become responsible for providing, within **72** hours, a suitable venue. In such cases, the team originally scheduled as the home team will still be responsible for paying the full match official fees.
- 7.3** In the event that a scheduled game cannot be played at the scheduled venue because of *unplayable field conditions (as determined by the referee or the facility manager)* , it may be moved to an alternate venue provided that the field conditions of the alternate venue are acceptable to the referee and provided that the game commences within 30 minutes of the originally scheduled kick-off time.
- 7.4** In the event that a scheduled game cannot be completed on the designated date because of unplayable field conditions, it shall be rescheduled to be played on a date determined by the O.S.A. The home team's D.O.C.C. may be responsible for providing, within **72** hours, a suitable venue for the rescheduled game.
- 7.5** If the home team's D.O.C.C. is unable to provide a suitable venue by the required deadline, as stipulated in **Rule 7.4** , the away team shall become the home team and its D.O.C.C. shall become responsible for providing, within **72** hours, a suitable venue for the rescheduled game.
- 7.6** If a team has at least **three** players competing on the Ontario Provincial Team or the National Team for Canada or another country, on the same day as a scheduled Ontario Cup game, the game shall be rescheduled if:
- a) the Provincial/National Team duty is a player development camp, or game(s) arranged by, or on behalf of, Provincial or National authorities for that team;
  - b) the team advises its D.O.C.C. of the schedule conflict at least **ten days** prior to the scheduled game; and
  - c) the D.O.C.C. notifies the O.S.A. within **24 hours** after being notified by the team.
- 7.7** For games played under the "**single-game knockout**" format, the following divisions shall have their games scheduled for:
- a) **SATURDAY:**
    - Under-13
    - Under-14
    - Under-15
    - Under-16
    - Under-18
    - Under-21
  - b) **SUNDAY:**
    - Under-17
    - Men
    - Women

with the exception of rescheduled games, Semi-Finals and Finals.

- 7.8** Notwithstanding **Rule 7.7** , when a team travels by air (*subject to the approval of the O.S.A.* ) to a game played under the "**single-game knockout**" format,:
- a) in a division subject to **Rule 7.7 b)** , the game shall be scheduled to be played on Saturday and the Sunday shall be scheduled as the "*rain date*"; and
  - b) in a division subject to **Rule 7.7 a)** , the Sunday shall be scheduled as the "*rain date*" .
- 7.9** Except for the *Ontario Summer Games Round, Semi-Final Round* , and *Cup Final Round* , the kick-off time cannot be scheduled:
- a) before **11:00 a.m.** or after **5:00 p.m.** for games played under the "**round-robin tournament**" format on a Saturday or Sunday, and before 4:00 p.m or after 9:00 p.m.. for games played on Friday; or
  - b) before **11:00 a.m.** or after **6:00 p.m.** for games played under the "**single-game knock-out**" format
  - c) In extreme weather condition situations refer to rule 16.6.8
- 7.10** Notwithstanding **Rule 7.9** ,:
- a) in a game played under the "**single-game knockout**" format, where the Visiting Team must travel in excess of 300 kilometres one way, the kickoff time cannot be scheduled before **1:00 p.m.** or after **3:00 p.m.** unless the Visiting Team requests otherwise. Such requests must be made in writing and be received by the O.S.A. no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday following the previous round;
- 7.11**
- a) A team or its Club shall be informed about the time, date, and location of its game(s) by the D.O.C.C. of its District Association.
  - b) The D.O.C.C. shall provide this information at least *five days* prior to the game.
  - c) Failure by a D.O.C.C. to fulfil the requirements of **Rule 7.11** shall not constitute grounds for an appeal or protest.

## **8.0.... TEAM NO-SHOWS AND TEAM WITHDRAWALS**

- 8.1** If a team fails to appear at its scheduled Ontario Cup game in the "**single-game knockout**" format:
- a) the team's Club shall:
    - i) forfeit its Ontario Cup entry fee
    - ii) pay the applicable match officials' fees and travel expenses
    - iii) pay a penalty of **\$600.00** to the O.S.A.; and
  - b) the manager and the coach of the team may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 8.2** If a team fails to appear at its scheduled Ontario Cup game in the "**round-robin tournament**" format:
- a) the team's Club shall:
    - i) forfeit its Ontario Cup entry fee
    - ii) pay the applicable match officials' fees and travel expenses
    - iii) pay a penalty of **\$1,100.00** to the O.S.A.; and
  - b) the manager and the coach of the team may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 8.3** If a team is unable to fulfil its scheduled Ontario Cup game in the "**single-game knockout**" format but,
- a) has notified its D.O.C.C., **five or more days** prior to the scheduled game, that it is withdrawing from the competition, the team's Club shall:
    - i) forfeit its Ontario Cup entry fee
    - ii) pay a penalty of **\$350.00** to the O.S.A.; or
  - b) has notified its D.O.C.C. **four or less days** prior to the scheduled game that it is withdrawing from the competition, the team's Club shall:
    - i) forfeit its Ontario Cup entry fee
    - ii) pay a penalty of **\$500.00** to the O.S.A..
- 8.4** If a team is unable to fulfil its scheduled Ontario Cup game in the "**round-robin tournament**" format but,
- a) has notified its D.O.C.C., **twenty one or more days** prior to the scheduled tournament weekend, that it is withdrawing from the competition, the team's Club shall:
    - i) forfeit its Ontario Cup entry fee

- ii) pay a penalty of **\$600.00** to the O.S.A.; or
  - b) has notified its D.O.C.C. **twenty or fewer days** prior to the scheduled tournament weekend that it is withdrawing from the competition, the team's Club shall:
    - i) forfeit its Ontario Cup entry fee
    - ii) pay a penalty of **\$850.00** to the O.S.A.
- 8.5 Notwithstanding 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 or 8.4, teams withdrawing from or failing to appear at a scheduled Ontario Cup game may not be accepted into the Ontario Cup the following year, pending a review by the Ontario Cup Committee.
- 8.6 Notwithstanding 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 or 8.4, a team withdrawing from or failing to appear at a scheduled Ontario Cup game where it is required to travel over 1000km one way will be fined an additional 50% of the applicable penalty outlined in 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 or 8.4.
- 8.7 Teams must produce the minimum number of required players (7) in order for them to be considered as fulfilling their scheduled game.

## 9.0....MATCH OFFICIALS

- 9.1 A referee and two assistant referees shall be appointed to **each** Ontario Cup game, except for the Semi-Finals and Cup Finals where a fourth official will also be assigned.
- 9.2 In the event that one or both of the appointed assistant referees are not present at the game or unable to act,:
- a) the referee may recruit "**registered O.S.A. match official(s)**" to serve as assistant referee(s);
  - b) if no "**registered O.S.A. match official(s)**" is/are available, the referee shall recruit "**club referee assistant(s)**" to serve as assistant referee(s);
  - c) the game **shall** still be played.
- 9.3 In the event the appointed referee is not present at the game or is unable to act,:
- a) 1. the senior assistant referee, providing that he/she is qualified (as per O.S.A. Published Rules) to referee that level of game, shall assume the duties of referee;
  - 2. a replacement assistant referee shall be recruited, in accordance with **Rule 9.2** ;
  - 3. the game **shall** still be played or continued; or
  - b) 1. if the "**senior assistant referee**" is not qualified (as per O.S.A. Published Rules) to referee that level of game, a "**registered O.S.A. match official**" (who is qualified to referee that level of game) may be recruited to referee the game;
  - 2. the game **shall** still be played or continued; or
  - c) in the event that a) and b) above are not applicable, the game **shall only** be played, or continued, if both teams agree to play, or continue, the game with the assistant referee or some other person serving as the referee.
- 9.4 With the exception of *Senior level games, the Ontario Summer Games, Semi-Finals* , and *Cup Finals* ,:
- a) the D.O.C.C. shall be responsible for **ensuring** that the match officials are appointed to all games in which one of his/her District Association's teams is the home team;
  - b) the District Referee Coordinator (hereinafter referred to as the D.R.C.) is responsible for **appointing** the match officials to all games in which one of his/her District Association's teams is the home team; and
  - c) the D.R.C. shall ensure that all appointments are completed no less than 72 hours prior to game start time, and are assigned on The Ontario Soccer Association's electronic assigning system.
- 9.5 For games in the *Men's, Women's, Under 21 Men, Under 21 Women, Ontario Summer Games, Semi-Finals* , and *Cup Finals* ,:
- a) the O.S.A. Manager of Match Official Development or assigned designate shall be responsible for **appointing** the match officials to all games and will ensure that all appointments are completed no less than 72 hours prior to game start time, and are assigned in The Ontario Soccer Association's electronic assigning system. All assignments must meet the Assigning and Game Fees Protocol Document and Ontario Cup Assigning Chart.
- 9.6 Except as specified in **Rules 9.2 b) and 9.3 c)** , all match officials officiating Ontario Cup games shall be a registered Match Official in good standing with The Ontario Soccer Association.
- 9.7 With the exception of Semi-Final or Final Games, Match Officials must arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the

game. For Semi-Final or Final Games, Match Officials must arrive a minimum of 1 hour prior to kick-off and report to the on-site Match Official Coordinator.

9.8 Dress Code for Ontario Cup Semi Finals and Finals competition is "business casual". Track suits, halter tops, sweats and jeans are not permitted.

9.9 The "**Match Officials Fees**" shall be paid in accordance with the following:

- a) For games played in the *Ontario Summer Games* and the *Semi-Final Round*, the O.S.A. shall be responsible for paying the "**Match Officials Fees**" and any approved (by the O.S.A.) expenses to the Match Officials.
- b) At the *Cup Final Round*, the Match Officials shall be paid and a suitable memento of the occasion shall be presented to each Match Official. The O.S.A. shall be responsible for paying any approved (by the O.S.A.) expenses to the Match Officials.
- c) For other games played under the "**single-game knockout**" format, the "**Match Officials Fees**" shall be paid, prior to the commencement of the game, by the Home Team to the Match Officials. If the home team is unable to provide a suitable venue by the required deadline, the away team shall become the home team and will provide a suitable venue. In such cases, the team originally scheduled as the home team will still be responsible for paying the full match official fees.
- d) For other games played under the "**round-robin tournament**" format, the "**Match Officials Fees**" shall be paid by each participating team to the **Tournament Host Organization** prior to the commencement of the tournament round. The **Tournament Host Organization** shall be responsible for paying the "**Match Officials Fees**", upon completion of the Match Officials' duties after the game, including the submission of the teamsheets and all misconduct reports, and his/her attendance at any *discipline hearing(s)*.
- e) The "**Match Officials Fees**" shall be:

**Under-13 Divisions:**

Referee	\$45.00
Each Assistant Referee	\$30.00

**Under-14, Under-15 and Under-16 Divisions:**

Referee	\$55.00
Each Assistant Referee	\$40.00

**Under-17 and Under-18 Divisions:**

Referee	\$65.00
Each Assistant Referee	\$45.00

**Under-21 Divisions:**

Referee	\$70.00
Each Assistant Referee	\$45.00

**Men and Women's Divisions:**

Referee	\$70.00
Each Assistant Referee	\$50.00

- f) In the Semi-Finals and Finals only, a Match Official is entitled to a *travel allowance* of **0.45 cents per kilometre (return trip)** for each kilometre. When possible and practical, the Match Officials shall travel in one vehicle, in which case only the driver is entitled to the *travel allowance*. As per the OSA Match Official Development Department Expense Policy, car pooling is mandatory and will be enforced.
- g) In the Semi-Finals and Finals only, for travel over 200 kilometres one way, a Match Official shall be entitled to a *meal allowance* of **\$10.00**. This allowance must be claimed on the Official Expense Claim as per 9.9 a).
- h) If for any reason, the game is not played, each Match Official present shall be paid one half of his/her "**Match Official Fee**" and the full applicable allowances/expenses, in accordance with **Rules 9.7 a), b), c), d), and e)**.

9.10 In Tournament Rounds, Ontario Summer Games, Semi-Final Rounds, and Cup Finals, the teamsheets, and misconduct reports must be completed by the Referee immediately after the game and submitted to the Event Coordinator at the game. The Referee shall also be required to attend the discipline hearing of any player dismissed during the game who requests a hearing. Such hearing shall take place within 30 minutes after it is requested and no later than one hour after the game.

9.11 With the exception of 9.10 above, the teamsheets and misconduct reports must be mailed by the referee to the O.S.A. within 24 hours after the conclusion of the game. Failure to do so shall result in the referee being referred to his/her District Association for discipline. (If a copy of the discipline summary form cannot be given to a team at the game for any reason, that copy should be mailed along with the other reports to the O.S.A.)

9.12 The Match Officials and the District Referee Coordinator shall have other duties which are specified in the **Policy Document** called: "**Ontario Cup Rules For Match Officials**".

## 10.0....DURATION OF PLAY

10.1 For games played under the "**single-game knockout**" format, the *duration of play* shall be:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Regulation Time</i>	<i>Overtime</i>
Under-13	two periods of 40 minutes	No Overtime
Under-14	two periods of 40 minutes	No Overtime
Under-15	two periods of 45 minutes	No Overtime
Under-16	two periods of 45 minutes	No Overtime
Under-17	two periods of 45 minutes	No Overtime
Under-18	two periods of 45 minutes	No Overtime
Under-21	two periods of 45 minutes	No Overtime
Men	two periods of 45 minutes	No Overtime
Women	two periods of 45 minutes	No Overtime

10.2 For games played in the **Ontario Summer Games** , the *duration of play* shall be:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Regulation Time</i>	<i>Overtime</i>
Under-15 (Summer Games Round-Robin)	two periods of 35 minutes	No Overtime
Under-15 (Summer Game Semi-Final Round)	two periods of 35 minutes	No Overtime
Under-15 (Summer Games Final Day)	two periods of 45 minutes	No Overtime

10.3 Except for games applicable to **Rule 10.2** , for games played under the "**round-robin tournament**" format, the *duration of play* shall be:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Regulation Time</i>	<i>Overtime</i>
Under-13	two periods of 30 minutes	No Overtime
Under-14	two periods of 35 minutes	No Overtime
Under-15	two periods of 35 minutes	No Overtime
Under-16	two periods of 40 minutes	No Overtime
Under-17	two periods of 40 minutes	No Overtime

10.4 Notwithstanding **Rule 10.3** :

- a) in a 4-team or 6-team group in an Under 17 division, if **each** team does not play its **first** Saturday game because of unplayable field conditions (See **Rule 16.5 1. b** ) , the entire schedule of games will be played on the Sunday (as per **Rule 16.5** ) , in accordance with the following abbreviated game duration times:

<i>Division</i>	<i>3 Games In A Day</i>	<i>Overtime</i>
Under-17	two periods of 30 minutes	No Overtime

- b) in a 3-team or 5-team group in an Under 17 division, if **any** team does not play its **first** Saturday game because of unplayable field conditions (See **Rule 16.5 2. b** ) , the entire schedule of games will be played on the Sunday (as per **Rule 16.5** ) , in accordance with the following abbreviated game duration times:

<i>Division</i>	<i>4 Games In A Day</i>	<i>Overtime</i>
Under-17	two periods of 25 minutes	No Overtime

- c) in a 3-team or 5-team group in an Under 17 division,:
- if the entire schedule of Saturday games cannot be played because of *unplayable field condition* but, if **every** team has played at least one of its Saturday games (See **Rule 16.5 2. a** )

10.5 The referee shall be the sole judge of the amount of time played and his/her decision on this matter **shall NOT** be subject to appeal or protest. Allowance shall be made in either period for all time lost through substitution, the transport from the field of injured players, time-wasting or other cause, the amount of which **shall** be a matter for the discretion of the referee.

10.6 In accordance with **Rule 10.1 and 10.2** , if the game is tied at the end of **Regulation Time** , a winner shall be determined by "**the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark**" , in accordance with the current edition of the

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- 10.7 In games played under the "**round-robin tournament**" format at the **Ontario Summer Games** and at the **Ontario Cup Tournaments**, the "**drawing of lots**" may be necessary as part of the *tie-breaking procedure* to determine the *Group Winner*, in accordance with **Rule 18.0**. In this event, the Match Officials from the last tournament game would officiate this procedure. Such procedure should commence within **20 minutes** after the last game.
- 10.8 In the event that a game cannot be played for the full duration of time, the game shall be considered complete if at least 75% of the game has been completed. This rule will not apply if the game does not run its full duration because the referee has abandoned the game as a result of the actions of one or both teams; and in such a case, the Ontario Cup Discipline Committee shall determine the status of the game. As the sole judge of the amount of time played, the referee shall report how much time had lapsed before the game was terminated.
- 10.9 In the event that Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be played to conclusion in a game which requires a winner, then the winner of the game will be decided by the "**drawing of lots**". This rule will not apply if the kicks from the penalty mark do not run the full duration because the referee has abandoned the game as a result of the actions of one or both teams; and in such a case, the Ontario Cup Discipline Committee shall determine the status of the game.

### **11.0....HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 11.1 The Home Team shall be designated on the draw chart and shall be responsible for the following at all games, except for the games in the tournament round, Semi-Finals, and Cup Finals:
- a) the provision of nets and corner flags;
  - b) properly lined fields;
  - c) the provision of a suitable game ball which shall be a Size 5 Ball for all divisions;
  - d) the reporting of the game result to its D.O.C.C. within four hours after the conclusion of the game;
  - e) the payment of all expenses in staging the game including, but not limited to,:
    - "**Match Officials Fees**" ;
    - if for any reason the game is not played, 50% of the "**Match Officials Fees**" plus the full travel and meal allowances (if applicable) to each match official present; (NOTE: The home team may claim reimbursement of these amounts from the O.S.A.)
    - facility rental
    - damages to the facility
    - security expenses (if necessary)
- 11.2 The Visiting Team must wear its registered main colours and if the colours of the two teams are similar (as judged by the referee), the Home Team must wear alternate colours. The Visiting Team is only permitted to wear alternate colours to its main colours, providing that such colours are not similar to the colours worn by the Home Team. Only jersey colours will be considered a conflict and therefore, the team would only be required to change its jerseys. ( *NOTE: The main colours and alternate colours of each team have been registered with the O.S.A. )*
- 11.3 Except for games in the *Tournament Round*, *Ontario Summer Games*, *Semi-Final Round*, or the *Cup Final Round*, the Home Team may charge an admission to its Ontario Cup game. Ten percent of the *gross gate receipts* shall be payable to the Home Team's District Association; and the Home Team may retain the balance of the gate receipts.

### **12.0....TRAVEL ASSISTANCE**

- 12.1 Each Club whose team is required to travel more than *200 kilometres one way* to play in an Ontario Cup game in one of the following rounds:
- *Tournament Round*
  - *Third Round*
  - *Quarter-Final Round*
  - *Ontario Summer Games*
  - *Semi-Final Round*
  - *Cup Final Round*

may apply to the O.S.A. for a *travel grant*, in accordance with the following policies and procedures:

- a) claims for reimbursement shall be submitted using the Ontario Cup Travel Grant Application Form available to download off the OSA website. Each form must be completed in its entirety.
- b) an expense claim must be accompanied by receipts
- c) an expense claim submitted after *October 31, 2016* will not be accepted.

12.2 The amount of the grant shall be based on the following rates:

- a) for a team which travels *by road* , the grant to the Club shall be *27 cents per kilometre* return trip for one vehicle only;
- b) for a team travelling over 1000 km one way which travels *by air* and which has received approval (*in advance* ) from the O.S.A. to travel *by air* , the O.S.A. will:
  1. make the travel arrangements;
  2. provide funding for *60%* of the air travel expense for a maximum of *18 persons* ;
  3. if the team also is required to travel *by road* after the flight, provide a grant toward the cost of ground transportation, subject to O.S.A. approval, *in advance* ;
- c) for a team which is required to *stay overnight* , the grant to the Club shall not exceed *\$150.00* ;

12.3 For games involving teams from *Sault Ste. Marie* **Rule 12.2** shall **NOT** be in effect and the following special grants shall be in effect:

- a) for a team travelling from *Region B* (Elgin Middlesex S.A., Essex County S.A., and Lambton Kent S.A.) to *Sault Ste. Marie* , there will be a *flat grant of \$600.00* for travel and accommodation expenses;
- b) for a team travelling from *Sault Ste. Marie* to a game played in *Region B* , there will be a *flat grant of \$600.00* for travel and accommodation expenses;
- c) for a team travelling from *Region A* (Durham Region S.A., Hamilton and District S.A., Huronia District S.A., Toronto S.A., Niagara S.A., North York S.A., Peel Halton S.A., Scarborough S.A., South-West Regional S.A., and York Region S.A.) or from *Region C* (East Central Ontario S.A., Eastern Ontario and District S.A., and Southeast Ontario S.A.) to *Sault Ste. Marie* , there will be a *flat grant of \$800.00* for travel and accommodation expenses; and
- d) for a team travelling from *Sault Ste. Marie* to a game played in either *Region A* or *Region C* , there will be a *flat grant of \$800.00* for travel and accommodation expenses.

Notwithstanding **Rules 12.1 b) and c)** , a Club may apply for these special grants *in advance* of the game.

12.4 For games involving teams from *Timmins* **Rule 12.2** shall **NOT** be in effect and the following special grants shall be in effect:

- a) for a team travelling from *Region B* (Elgin Middlesex S.A., Essex County S.A., and Lambton Kent S.A.) to *Timmins* , there will be a *flat grant of \$900.00* for travel and accommodation expenses;
- b) for a team travelling from *Timmins* to a game played in *Region B* , there will be a *flat grant of \$900.00* for travel and accommodation expenses;
- c) for a team travelling from *Region A* (Durham Region S.A., Hamilton and District S.A., Huronia District S.A., Toronto S.A., Niagara S.A., North York S.A., Peel Halton S.A., Scarborough S.A., South-West Regional S.A., and York Region S.A.) or from *Region C* (East Central Ontario S.A., Eastern Ontario and District S.A., and Southeast Ontario S.A.) to *Timmins* , there will be a *flat grant of \$700.00* for travel and accommodation expenses; and
- d) for a team travelling from *Timmins* to a game played in either *Region A* or *Region C* , there will be a *flat grant of \$700.00* for travel and accommodation expenses.

Notwithstanding **Rules 12.1 b) and c)** , a Club may apply for these special grants *in advance* of the game.

## 13.0....PROTESTS

- 13.1 With the exception of games played at the **Ontario Summer Games** , each protest arising from a game in the competition shall be sent in accordance with the following policies and procedures:
- a) *by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday following the game* , the *protesting club* shall advise the O.S.A. Provincial Office by:
- telephone (905) 264-9390 or
  - fax (905) 264-9445 or
  - e-mail ontariocup@soccer.on.ca or
  - in person
- (Please note that the O.S.A. is not responsible for protest sent by fax or e-mail that are not received by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday)*  
*(In the event that a game has been rescheduled and is not played on a weekend, the protesting club shall advise the O.S.A. Provincial Office by 12:00 p.m. two days following game)*
- b) *within **TWO** days (Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays excepted) of the conclusion of the game being protested* , the *protesting club* shall send:
- the written protest to the O.S.A. Provincial Office (7601 Martin Grove Road, Vaughan, Ontario, L4L 9E4 ) by:
    - **registered mail or registered courier service,**
    - **hand delivery,**
    - **fax to (905) 264-9445 or**
    - **e-mail to ontariocup@soccer.on.ca**
- that it is protesting the game and provide the following information:
- name of *protesting club*
  - date of game
  - game number
  - division
  - name of *club's team*
  - name of *opposing team*
  - rule(s) which were violated
  - additional information to support protest
  - name and position (within club) of person advising the O.S.A.
- to the O.S.A. Provincial Office accompanying the protest, a protest fee in the amount of **\$500.00**  
***(if letter of protest is faxed or e-mailed, the fee must be received within five response days after the receipt of the e-mail or fax)***
- c) ***in cases of disputed delivery date regarding protests submitted by hand delivery, fax or e-mail, it is the responsibility of the protesting Club to prove which date the protest was received at the O.S.A. Provincial Office.***
- 13.2 If the terms of **Rule 13.1** are not met, the protest shall be declared *to be out of order* .
- 13.3 The *protesting club* must provide evidence to substantiate the protest.
- 13.4 Upon receiving the initial notification of the protest (*in accordance with Rule 13.1 a* ) , the O.S.A. staff shall notify the D.O.C.C. (or an alternate person in that District Association) of the *opposing team's club* about the nature of the protest. The D.O.C.C. (or the alternate person) shall advise the *opposing team's club* about the nature of the protest.
- 13.5 Upon receiving the written protest, (*in accordance with Rule 13.1 b*) , the O.S.A. staff shall provide the opposing team's club with a copy of the Protest.
- 13.6 Protests shall be dealt with by the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* .
- 13.7 After the protest is received, the hearing will be scheduled and the date and time will be communicated to all parties.
- 13.8 Officials from both clubs/teams and both D.O.C.C.'s have the right to send written submissions to the O.S.A. Provincial Office regarding the protest. Such submissions shall be considered by the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee*. Additional information will be considered providing it arrives **two hours** prior to the scheduled meeting of the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* .
- 13.9 All written submissions being considered by the Committee will be disclosed to both the protesting team and the opposing team prior to the hearing.
- 13.10 The *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* , in reviewing the protest, shall consider all written submissions including:
- the written protest from the *protesting club*
  - any submissions received *in accordance with Rule 13.8*
  - the referee's report
  - any other submissions received
- and shall render a decision based on the evidence presented and there shall be no further appeal of any kind

against its decision(s).

- 13.11** Notwithstanding **Rule 13.8** , at its discretion, the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* may convene a *protest hearing* at which officials from both clubs/teams, the match officials, or other persons may be required to attend. There shall be no further appeal of any kind against its decision(s).
- 13.12** In the event a team is found to be in *contravention of the competition rules* as a result of a protest, the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* has the authority to:
- decide, on the basis of the evidence provided, which team (if any) will be declared the winner of the game; and
  - levy a fine against an *offending team* to a maximum of \$1,100.00 per game .
- 13.13** Protests will not be entertained if the issue is, according to the laws of the game, at the discretion of the referee (i.e. field conditions)

## 14.0....RULE CONTRAVENTION WITHOUT PROTEST

- 14.1** Notwithstanding **Rule 13.0** , the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* may:
- reverse a game result of a team
- for that team's *contravention of a competition rule(s)* , even if a protest has not been lodged correctly, or lodged at all, providing the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* makes such decision *by no later than the Monday preceding the next game of that team* . The *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* may also:
- fine a team
  - take any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Committee

## 15.0....DISCIPLINE

### 15.1 Jurisdiction

- 15.1.1** The *Ontario Cup Discipline Committee* shall be responsible for handling all cases of reported misconduct with the Ontario Cup, except for:
- match official assault**
  - physical assault or attempted physical assault of a youth aged player by a team official or administrator
  - immediate discipline of players at games played in Tournament Rounds
- 15.1.2** It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that its Players and Team Officials are aware of the Ontario Cup Discipline rules and of the discipline systems used at different levels of the competition

### 15.2 Discipline Systems

- 15.2.1** Ontario Cup Discipline shall be rendered in accordance with the **Discipline by Review (D.B.R.)** system for all Misconduct Types listed in **15.6.1** and some sections in **15.6.2**
- 15.2.2** All other misconduct shall be referred to the *Ontario Cup Discipline Committee* and discipline shall be rendered in accordance with the **Discipline By Hearing (D.B.H.)** system with penalties as specified in **OSA Discipline Policy 9.0**
- 15.2.3** At **Tournament Rounds**, an *Ontario Cup Tournament Discipline Hearing/Review Panel* shall be appointed by the District Association in which the tournament is being played and shall use the **Discipline by Review (D.B.R.)** system to review all cases of **player** misconduct reported by a match official, **except for**:
- match official assault**
  - misconduct by a **player** which occurred in his/her team's last game in the tournament, unless the player requests a Discipline Hearing;
  - misconduct which falls under the **Discipline By Hearing (D.B.H)** System ;
- and shall render discipline in accordance with the mandatory suspensions, as specified in **15.6.1**

**(Note: Except for Match Official Assault or physical assault/attempted physical assault of a youth registered player by a team official or administrator, there shall be no discipline rendered for team officials or administrators at a Tournament Round )**

- 15.2.4** At the **Ontario Summer Games, Semi-Finals or Cup Finals**, a *Discipline Hearing/Review Panel* shall be appointed by the *Ontario Cup Discipline Committee* and shall use the **Discipline by Review (D.B.R.)** system to review and render discipline in **all** cases of reported misconduct occurring in these rounds, **except for**:

- a) **match official assault**
- b) misconduct which falls under the **Discipline By Hearing (D.B.H) System** ;
- c) *caution(s)*

and shall render discipline in accordance with the mandatory suspensions, as specified in **15.6.1**

### 15.3 Reporting and Review of Discipline

- 15.3.1 Within one day after the conclusion of a **Tournament Round**, the *Tournament Host Organization* shall mail the following items to the O.S.A. Provincial Office:
- teamsheets for all games
  - misconduct report for each incident of misconduct by a player, team official, administrator, or match official
  - *Ontario Cup Discipline Summary Form* for all games
  - Minutes of all *Discipline Hearings* conducted at the tournament
  - the *Request For Hearing Fee(s)* for any hearings conducted at the tournament
  - the *Tournament Discipline Summary Report* for each team which participated in the tournament, including the number of tournament games from which each player was suspended.
- 15.3.2 The *Ontario Cup Discipline Committee* shall review all cases of reported misconduct and shall render discipline in accordance with the mandatory penalties, as specified in **Rule 15.6.1** , after taking into consideration the number of games suspended at the tournament, as reported by the *Tournament Host Organization* , in accordance with **Rule 15.3.1**, or the number of games suspended at the Ontario Summer Games, Semi-Finals or Cup Finals
- 15.3.3 In the event that (based on the reports which it reviews) the *Ontario Cup Discipline Committee* decides that additional misconduct has occurred or that a Serious Foul Play or Violent Conduct misconduct warrants more than the mandatory suspension, it shall advise the person (either directly or through his/her Club) that additional charges are being laid and that a *Discipline Hearing* is being scheduled in accordance with the following procedures:
- 1) the discipline hearing shall be heard by an *Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing Panel* prior to the next round being played
  - 2) the accused shall receive at least 48 hours notice of the hearing and the hearing shall proceed with or without the attendance of the accused or his/her representative
  - 3) if the *Discipline Hearing Panel* finds the accused guilty of the reported misconduct, discipline shall be rendered in accordance with **OSA Discipline Policy 9.0**

### 15.4 Request for Discipline Hearing

- 15.4.1 An accused **Player** subject to **Discipline by Review** has the right to request a **Discipline Hearing**:

a) In **Tournament Rounds, Semi-Finals, Cup Finals** and the **Ontario Summer Games**, such request, and subsequent hearing, must adhere to the following procedures:

- 1) the request may pertain to any game including Semi-Finals, Cup Finals and Ontario Summer Games, except the last game of the player's team in a Tournament Round. Requests pertaining to the last game of the player's team in a Tournament Round shall be made in accordance with Rule 15.4.1 b).
- 2) the *Request For A Hearing* must be made **in writing**
- 3) the request must be submitted within **30 minutes** after the conclusion of the game in which the player committed the alleged misconduct
- 4) a **\$50.00 Request For Hearing Fee** must be included with the request
- 5) the *Discipline Hearing* must convene within **30 minutes** after receipt of the request.
- 6) the player must attend the hearing. The referee must attend the hearing if requested by the discipline hearing panel
- 7) the player may not participate in any soccer activities until the decision of the *Discipline Hearing Panel* has been communicated

b) for **all other games**, such requests must adhere to the following procedures:

- 1) the accused or his/her Club's representative must advise the O.S.A. of the intent to request a hearing by one or more of:
  - telephone to (905) 264-9390
  - fax to (905) 264-9445
  - e-mail to ontariocup@soccer.on.ca
  - in person at the *O.S.A. Provincial Office*

**by no later than 3:00 p.m. on the first Monday** following the game in which the alleged misconduct occurred

- 2) the *Request For A Hearing* must be forwarded in writing, by *registered mail, certified mail, trace mail, or courier service* **within one day of the conclusion of the match** in which the alleged misconduct occurred, to the *O.S.A. Provincial Office*
- 3) a **\$50.00 Request For Hearing Fee** must accompany the *Request For A Hearing*
- 4) the *Discipline Hearing* shall be heard by an *Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing Panel* prior to the next round being played
- 5) the accused person shall receive **48 hours notice of the hearing** and the hearing shall proceed with,

or without, the attendance of the accused person or his/her representative

c) If the *Discipline Hearing Panel* finds the player to be **guilty** of the reported misconduct, the mandatory discipline shall be rendered, in accordance with [Rule 15.6.1](#)

If the *Discipline Hearing Panel* finds the player to be **not guilty** of the reported misconduct, the player shall be refunded his/her **\$50.00 Request For Hearing Fee** .

**15.4.2** An accused **Coach or other Team Official** subject to **Discipline by Review** has the right to request a **Discipline Hearing**:

a) In **Semi-Finals, Cup Finals** and the **Ontario Summer Games**, such request, and subsequent hearing, must adhere to the following procedures:

- 1) the request may pertain to any game including the last game of the team
- 2) the *Request For A Hearing* must be made **in writing**
- 3) the request must be submitted within **30 minutes** after the conclusion of the game in which the coach or team official committed the alleged misconduct
- 4) a **\$50.00 Request For Hearing Fee** must be included with the request
- 5) the *Discipline Hearing* must convene within **30 minutes** after receipt of the request
- 6) the coach or team official must attend the hearing. The referee must attend the hearing if requested by the discipline hearing panel
- 7) the coach or team official may not participate in any soccer activities until the decision of the *Discipline Hearing Panel* has been communicated

b) for **all other games** (*including tournament rounds*), such requests must adhere to the following procedures:

1) the accused or his/her Club's representative must advise the O.S.A. of the intent to request a hearing by one or more of:

- telephone to (905) 264-9390
- fax to (905) 264-9445
- e-mail to ontariocup@soccer.on.ca
- in person at the *O.S.A. Provincial Office*

**by no later than 3:00 p.m. on the first Monday** following the game in which the alleged misconduct occurred

2) the *Request For A Hearing* must be forwarded in writing, by *registered mail, certified mail, trace mail, or courier service* **within one day of the conclusion of the match** in which the alleged misconduct occurred, to the *O.S.A. Provincial Office*

3) a **\$50.00 Request For Hearing Fee** must accompany the *Request For A Hearing*

4) the *Discipline Hearing* shall be heard by an *Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing Panel* prior to the next round being played

5) the accused person shall receive **48 hours notice of the hearing** and the hearing shall proceed with, or without, the attendance of the accused person or his/her representative

c) If the *Discipline Hearing Panel* finds the coach or team official to be **guilty** of the reported misconduct, the mandatory discipline shall be rendered, in accordance with [Rule 15.6.2](#)

If the *Discipline Hearing Panel* finds the coach or team official to be **not guilty** of the reported misconduct, the player shall be refunded his/her **\$50.00 Request For Hearing Fee** .

**15.4.3** Failure to request a *Discipline Hearing*, in accordance with [Rule 15.4.1](#) or [Rule 15.4.2](#) shall mean that any suspension levied under the *Discipline By Review (D.B.R.) System* may **NOT** be appealed to the O.S.A. or any other organization.

### **15.5 General Discipline Rules**

**15.5.1** In all cases of **match official assault**, the accused shall be **immediately suspended from all soccer activities**, the report shall be referred to O.S.A., and discipline shall be handled by an *O.S.A. Discipline Hearing Panel*, in accordance with the O.S.A. Published Rules.

**15.5.2** In cases where a team official or administrator is reported by a Match Official, or if charges are laid by the police, for Physical Assault or Attempted Physical Assault of a youth registered player, the team official or administrator in question shall be **immediately suspended from all soccer activities** and discipline shall be handled by an *O.S.A. Discipline Hearing Panel*, in accordance with O.S.A. Published Rules

**15.5.3** In a case of *mistaken identity*, the accused person must prove to the *Discipline Hearing Panel* at a *Discipline Hearing* that he/she was incorrectly identified and must identify and prove the **correct identity** of the player/team official who actually committed the reported misconduct; and in such case the player/team official will not be suspended but the player/team official who actually committed the reported misconduct shall be disciplined, in accordance with [Rule 15.6.1](#) or [15.6.2](#)

**15.5.4** Cautions shall be recorded in the O.S.A.'s Ontario Cup Discipline database. The accumulation of cautions shall only apply to the Ontario Cup competition.

### **15.6 Mandatory Penalties**

**15.6.1 a) Players** (*only Players may be disciplined at Tournament Rounds*): For the Misconduct Types found on Table 5 of

[section 9.0 of the Published Rules](#) and occurring in Ontario Cup games, discipline shall be rendered under the *Discipline by Review* system and the mandatory penalties as outlined in Table 5 shall apply. Where suspensions in Table 7 of [section 9.0 of the Published Rules](#) are quoted as a range, application of a suspension within the range is required and the misconduct will be dealt with under the *Discipline by Hearing* system.

b) If the match official's report indicates that a charge of 1.16A is justified, the Review Hearing Panel will deal with the player under 1.16 and forward the report to the Ontario Cup Committee for further disciplinary action at a subsequent hearing. If the match official's report indicates that there was intent to injure i.e. types 1.19A and 1.21A, the Review Hearing Panel will deal with the player under types 1.19 and 1.21 and forward the reports to the Ontario Cup Committee for further disciplinary action at a subsequent hearing.

c) For the Misconduct Types found on Table 6 of [section 9.0 of the Published Rules](#) and occurring in Ontario Cup games, discipline shall be rendered under the *Discipline by Hearing* system and the mandatory penalties as outlined in Table 6 shall apply. This discipline shall be referred to the O.S.A. and handled by an O.S.A. Discipline Hearing Panel.

**15.6.2** a) **Coaches and other Team Officials** (Coaches and other Team Officials will not be disciplined at Tournament Rounds) : For the Misconduct Types found on Table 7 of [section 9.0 of the Published Rules](#) and occurring in Ontario Cup games, discipline shall be rendered under the *Discipline by Review* system and the mandatory penalties as outlined in Table 7 shall apply. Where suspensions in Table 7 of [section 9.0 of the Published Rules](#) are quoted as a range, application of a suspension within the range is required and the misconduct will be dealt with under the *Discipline by Hearing* system.

### **15.7 Suspensions Levied by the Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing/Review Panel**

**15.7.1** On misconduct being proved to its satisfaction, the *Ontario Cup Discipline Committee* shall have the power to order the offender:

- a) **to be suspended from all or any specific soccer activity for a stated period of time;**
- b) **to be suspended for a specific number of games in the Ontario Cup competition; and**
- c) **to be fined and/or bonded (with or without suspension).**

**15.7.2** An Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing Panel may only suspend an accused from **all soccer related activity** when a finding of guilty is rendered for one or more of the OSA Misconduct Types listed in OSA Discipline Policy 9.4.1

**15.7.3** In the case of "**suspensions for a stated period of time**" ,:

a) The "**beginning date**" of a suspension shall be the **Wednesday** following the Discipline Hearing in which the coach, player, team official was found guilty.

b) It is the **responsibility of the player/team official's Club** to:

1. check with the District Association and/or the team's League to find out what the suspension is (*i.e. the "beginning date" and "expiry date"*); and
2. bring the player's Player Registration Book, or the coach's Coach Registration Book, to the Club's District Association, in order for the "**discipline page**" of such book to be updated by the District Association (i.e., the **suspension period** must be recorded in the book).

**15.7.4** In the case of "**suspensions for a specific number of games**" ,

a) A player suspended for a specified number of games shall serve such suspension in the Ontario Cup competition (i.e. shall be suspended from a specific number of Ontario Cup games) until the player's team has concluded its participation in that year's Ontario Cup. After a team has concluded its participation in that year's Ontario Cup, the player's remaining number of suspended games shall be served in his/her team's league, league cup, and league playoff games.

b) For each player who has a remaining number of suspended games to be served after his/her team has concluded its participation in that year's Ontario Cup, the O.S.A. shall transfer the suspended games (still to be served) to the team's league and the O.S.A. (for Provincial, Regional and Multi-Jurisdictional District Leagues) or District Associations (for its District Leagues) shall designate the specific games in that league from which the player will be suspended.

c) It is the **responsibility of the player/team official's Club** to:

1. check with its Club's District Association and/or the team's League to find out what the suspension is (*i.e. the specific games from which the player is suspended*); and
2. bring the player's Player Registration Book, or the coach's Coach Registration Book, to the Club's District Association or the team's League (only if the League is responsible for handling its own discipline),

in order for the "**discipline page**" of such book to be updated by the League (ie., the **specific games from which the player/coach is suspended** must be recorded in the book by no later than the second Tuesday after the game in which the offence occurred.

- 15.7.5 If the player/team official's team plays in a *Provincial League* , *Regional League* , or *Multi-Jurisdictional District League* , the O.S.A. shall enter the data in the Soccer Discipline System database **by no later than the Monday** preceding the **suspension** . The team's League and District Association are required to check the Soccer Discipline System database for suspensions levied against their players or team officials.
- 15.7.6 If the player/team official's team plays in a *District League* , the league's District Association shall advise it about the **suspension period or suspended games** levied to the player or team official **by no later than the Tuesday** preceding the **suspension period** . The District Association shall then enter the suspension information into the Soccer Discipline System database.
- 15.7.7 **By no later than the Monday preceding any suspensions**, a listing of all suspensions (resulting from misconduct in the **Ontario Cup** ) shall be entered in the Ontario Cup Discipline database by the O.S.A. The suspension is e-mailed to the team contact after obtaining a game number for the Ontario Cup, the corresponding league or District.
- 15.7.8 Any suspended games transferred to a League shall be indicated in the Ontario Cup Discipline database by the O.S.A. For *Provincial Leagues*, *Regional Leagues* , and *Multi-Jurisdictional District Leagues* , the league shall indicate game numbers for the suspended games transferred to it. For *District Leagues* , the District Association shall indicate the game numbers for suspended games transferred to it.

#### 15.8 **Fines, Bonds and Penalties**

- 15.8.1 In the event a team, including team officials, contravenes the *competition rules* as contained herein, the **Ontario Cup Committee** and/or the **Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing/Review Panel** , has the authority to levy fine(s) against the offending team, up to a maximum of **\$1,100.00** per game.
- 15.8.2 A club representative required to attend a discipline hearing for one of its players, coaches or administrators who fail to appear at the hearing will be fined \$200.00 for non appearance.
- 15.8.3 If a game is abandoned due to the action(s) of its players, coaches, administrators or spectators and such actions are warranted as invalid reason(s) for abandoning the game, the Ontario Cup Committee may declare a team ineligible to enter the Ontario Cup in the subsequent year and the team will be fined in accordance with [Discipline Policy 9.0](#) Table 9
- 15.8.4 Bonds may be levied at the discretion of the Ontario Cup Discipline Committee for a specified period of time and purpose. No interest will be paid on any bond levied.

#### 15.9 **Forfeiture of Game**

- 15.9.1 In cases of severe team misconduct, the Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing Panel has the authority to **reverse a game result of a team** .

### 16.0....ONTARIO CUP TOURNAMENTS

- 16.1 For the following divisions, the competition will begin with the "**round-robin tournament**" format and then, the tournament group winners will play under the "**single-game knockout**" format.

<i>Under 13 Boys</i>	<i>Under 13 Girls</i>	<i>Under 14 Boys</i>	<i>Under 14 Girls</i>
<i>Under 15 Boys Tier 1</i>	<i>Under 15 Girls</i>	<i>Under 16 Boys Tier 1</i>	<i>Under 16 Girls</i>
<i>Under 17 Boys Tier 1</i>	<i>Under 17 Girls</i>		

- 16.2 The locations and dates of the tournaments shall be finalized after the *Cup Draw* on **April 18, 2016** .

In the event that any of the groups are unable to play at the designated location, the O.S.A. may assign the group to another *tournament host organization* and play the games at another location.

- 16.3 Based on the total number of team entries in a division, a tournament group will be comprised of one of the following:

- ' 3 teams
- ' 4 teams
- ' 5 teams
- ' 6 teams

16.4 The number of games to be played on a Saturday and Sunday for an Under 17 division are as follows:

Teams in Group	Saturday Games	Sunday Games
3 teams	2	2
4 teams	2	1
5 teams	2	2
6 teams	2	1

In the Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 divisions, there will be 4 teams in each group. The number of games played on each day are as follows:

Teams in Group	Friday Games	Saturday Games	Sunday Games
3 teams	One game in two out of the three days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)		
4 teams	1	1	1

16.5 Notwithstanding **Rule 16.4** , in the event that the referee or the facility manager declares that the *field conditions are unplayable* and there is **no alternate field** on which to play the games, the *Tournament Host Organization* may reschedule the unplayed games to be played on the Sunday, in accordance with the following policies:

1) in a 4-team or 6-team group in an Under 17 division:

a) if each team has played at least one game,:

- i) the games played shall count in the standings;
- ii) the remaining (Saturday) game(s) shall be re-scheduled to be played on the Sunday; and
- iii) the *duration of play* for all games played on Sunday shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.3** ;

b) if none of the Saturday games are played, or if one or more teams have not played their first game,:

- i) any games played shall be struck from the record;
- ii) the entire Saturday schedule shall be re-scheduled to be played on Sunday; and
- iii) the *duration of play* for all games played on Sunday shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.4 a)** .

2) in a 3-team or 5-team group in an Under 17 division:

a) if each team has played at least one game,:

- i) the games played shall count in the standings;
- ii) the remaining (Saturday) game(s) shall be re-scheduled to be played on the Sunday;
- iii) the *duration of play* for all (Saturday) games played on Sunday shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.3** ; and
- iv) the *duration of play* for all (Sunday) games played on Sunday shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.4 b)** .

b) if none of the Saturday games are played, or if one or more teams have not played their first game,:

- i) any games played shall be struck from the record;
- ii) the entire Saturday schedule shall be re-scheduled to be played on Sunday; and
- iii) the *duration of play* for all games played on Sunday shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.4 b)** .

3) in a 3-team or 4-team group in an Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 or Under 16 Division:

- a) if each team has played at least one game,:
  - i) the games played shall count in the standings;
  - ii) the remaining (Saturday) game(s) shall be re-scheduled to be played on the Sunday; and
  - iii) the *duration of play* for all games played on Sunday shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.3** ;
- b) if none of the Friday games are played, or if one or more teams have not played their first game,:
  - i) the games played shall count in the standings;
  - ii) the remaining Friday game(s) shall be re-scheduled to be played on Saturday; and
  - iii) the *duration of play* for all games played on Saturday shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.3** ;
- c) if all the Friday games are played, but none of the Saturday games are played, or if one or more teams have not played their second game,:
  - i) the games played Friday shall count in the standings; any games played Saturday shall count in the standing;
  - ii) the remaining Saturday game(s) shall be re-scheduled to be played on Sunday; and
  - iii) the *duration of play* for all games played on Sunday shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.3** .
- d) if one or more teams have not played their first game, or if none of the Friday games are played, and none of the Saturday games are played:
  - i) the games played shall count in the standings;
  - ii) the remaining game(s) shall be re-scheduled to be played on Sunday, provided teams do not play more than two games on the Sunday
  - iii) any games that cannot be played because it would be a third game for a team, shall be rescheduled to a date and venue determined by the O.S.A. before the next round.; and
  - iv) the *duration of play* for all games played shall be in accordance with **Rule 10.3** ;

**16.6 Scheduling Games Played Under The "Round-Robin Tournament" Format**

**16.6.1** The schedule shall be a generic schedule prepared by the O.S.A. prior to the *Ontario Cup Draw* . The schedule shall identify the *order of games* for teams designated as *Team #1, Team #2, Team #3, Team #4, and Team #5* (if necessary) in each *Tournament Group* .

**16.6.2** At the *Ontario Cup Draw* , the following shall be determined (*by a draw*) for each team:

- the group
- the other teams in the group
- the city/town where the games will be played
- the team number (*eg., Team #1, Team #2, etc.* )
- the location of the group in the overall draw chart for the division

**16.6.3** The *Tournament Host Organization* for each Group shall schedule the times and field locations for the games, providing that:

- i) the *team numbers* (as drawn at the *Ontario Cup Draw* ) are not altered
- ii) the *order of games* (as per the generic O.S.A. schedule) is not changed;
- iii) the first game on Saturday or Sunday does not kick-off before **11:00 a.m.**; the first game on Friday does not kick-off before **4:00 p.m.**;
- iv) the last game on Saturday or Sunday does not kick-off after **5:00 p.m.**; the last game on a Friday does not kick-off after **9:00 p.m.**; and
- v) each team has at least **90 minutes** between the end of its game and the beginning of its next game.

**16.6.4** Notwithstanding **Rule 16.6.3 iii** ,:

- a) when there is/are teams which must travel in excess of *700 kilometres one way* , the kick-off time for the Sunday games may be scheduled before **11:00 a.m.**;
- b) when there is/are teams which must travel in excess of *300 kilometres one way* , the kick-off time for the Sunday games may be scheduled before **11:00 a.m.**, **providing** that the *Tournament Host Organization* and all participating teams agree to the scheduling of earlier kick-off times;

- c) when some, or all, of the scheduled games for Saturday have been moved to Sunday (because of *unplayable field conditions* on Saturday), the kick-off time for the Sunday games may be scheduled to begin before **11:00 a.m.**
  - d) when some, or all, of the scheduled games for Friday have been moved to Saturday (because of *unplayable field conditions* on Friday), the kick-off time for the Saturday games may be scheduled to begin before **11:00 a.m.**
- 16.6.5** The *Tournament Host Organization* shall enter on the *Ontario Cup website* , by no later than **May 18, 2016**, the following:
- 1. the schedule of times and locations for each game of the *Tournament Group* it is hosting
  - 2. the site details of all fields being used to host the *Tournament Group*
- 16.6.6** The O.S.A. shall be responsible for publishing on the O.S.A. website, all other *Ontario Cup competition information* .
- 16.6.7** *Format of the Six Team Round Robin Tournament*
- In a **six team** round robin tournament group , two groups of three will play a round robin tournament on Saturday. The top team in each group of three will play-off on Sunday to determine which team will advance to the next round of the Cup. The second place teams and the third place teams will also play-off to determine group placings. If a play-off game on Sunday is tied after regulation time, there will be a *maximum of two periods of ten minutes of overtime* or until the first goal is scored. If the game is still tied after extra time, then the game will be decided by the taking of "*Kicks from the Penalty Mark* " in accordance with the *FIFA Laws of the Game*.
- 16.6.8** *Field Conditions are Unplayable*
- a) In the event that some or all games of a tournament group cannot be played due to the referee or the facility manager declaring that *the field conditions are unplayable* , the unplayed games shall be rescheduled to a date and venue determined by the O.S.A. before the next round.
  - b) Every attempt should be made to complete the entire schedule of games of a tournament group, including:
    - i) implementation of **Rule 16.5** ;
    - ii) moving the games to an alternate location where *the field conditions are playable* ;
    - iii) if **Rule 16.5** is implemented, then **Rule 7.9** can be waived on the Sunday;
    - iv) the *5:00 p.m. kick-off deadline* in **Rule 7.9** can be waived on the Saturday;
    - v) changing or delaying the scheduled kick-off times to adapt the schedule so that it can be completed;
    - vi) if all teams and the *Tournament Host Organization* agree, waive **Rule 16.6.3 ii** ; and
    - vii) if all teams and the *Tournament Host Organization* agree, waive **Rule 16.6.3 v**.
- 16.7** If a team does not appear at any one of its scheduled games at a *Tournament* or, if a Club withdraws its team from the Ontario Cup prior to its participation in a *Tournament Round* , the team's Club shall be fined, in accordance with **Rules 8.2 or 8.4** .
- 16.8** Notwithstanding 6.7, in a 4- team tournament in the Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 or Under 16 divisions, if a team drops out by the Tuesday before a *Tournament* , the schedule will be revised to a 3-team single round robin. The team numbers will be revised so that the host team or most local team will be *Team #2* . The other two teams will be allocated to *Team #1* and *Team #3* positions and that position will be determined by the number they are closest to. If a team withdraws from the tournament after the Tuesday, the schedule will not change and games involving the withdrawn team will be cancelled.
- 16.9** If a team has at least **three** players competing on Ontario Provincial Team or the National Team for Canada or another country, on the same day as a scheduled Ontario Cup game, the game shall be rescheduled if:
- a) the Provincial/National Team game is an official competition game for that team;
  - b) the team advises its D.O.C.C. of the schedule conflict at least **ten days** prior to the scheduled game; and
  - c) the D.O.C.C. notifies the O.S.A. within **24 hours** after being notified by the team.
- 16.10** The *duration of play* at games in the *Tournament Round* shall be in accordance with **Rules 10.3, or 10.4** , depending on the conditions which apply.
- 16.11** The *Tournament Host Organization* shall be responsible for the following:
- a) the provision of nets and corner flags on all fields used in the tournament;
  - b) properly lined fields;
  - c) the provision of a suitable game ball which shall be a Size 5 Ball for all divisions;

- d) the reporting of the game results to the D.O.C.C. within four hours after the conclusion of the tournament;
  - e) the posting of the game results on the Ontario Cup website as soon as possible after each game;
  - f) the collection of the *match official fees* from each team prior to the commencement of the tournament;
  - g) the payment of the *match official fees* to the referee and referee assistants after the completion of all duties by the *match officials* ;
  - h) the payment of all expenses in staging the game including, but not limited to,:
    - facility rental
    - game balls
    - damages to the facility or equipment
    - security expenses (if necessary)
    - St. John's Ambulance or other medical services (if provided)
  - i) the *Chair of the Tournament Host Organization's Local Organizing Committee (L.O.C.)* shall serve as the **O.S.A. Representative** at the tournament;
  - j) the *Tournament Host Organization's District Association* shall appoint the *Ontario Cup Tournament Discipline Hearing/Review Panel* ;
  - k) the *Tournament Host Organization's District Association's District Referee Coordinator* shall appoint the *Match Officials* to officiate the games in the tournament;
  - l) shall supervise the competition, control the schedule, implement the *competition rules* , act as an information resource for the teams, and generally, host the participating teams; and
  - m) provide *special events* , especially for teams which require *overnight accommodation* .
- 16.12** Travel assistance to attend a tournament shall be in accordance with **Rule 12.0** .
- 16.13** Protests of games played in a tournament shall be dealt with by the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* , in accordance with **Rule 13.0** .
- 16.14** *Discipline*
- a) The **immediate** discipline for misconduct occurring in a tournament shall be dealt with by the *Ontario Cup Tournament Discipline Hearing/Review Panel* (appointed by the **District Association** of the *Tournament Host Organization* ), in accordance with **Rules 15.1.2, 15.2, and 15.3** .
  - b) In addition to the **immediate** discipline rendered at the tournament, all misconduct occurring in a tournament shall be dealt with by the *Ontario Cup Discipline Committee* , in accordance with **Rules 15.1.1, 15.2, 15.5, 15.6, and 15.7** .
- 16.15** Prior to the commencement of the tournament, each team shall pay, to the *Tournament Host Organization* , 50% of the *match officials fees* **IN CASH** for all of the games to be played during the tournament.
- 16.16** *Late For Game Rule*
- 16.16.1** A grace period of *fifteen minutes* will be given to each team that is late for the scheduled kick-off time of its game.
- 16.16.2** If a team is more than *fifteen minutes* late for any game in the tournament, it will be *disqualified from the tournament* .
- 16.16.3** In the event that a team is *disqualified from the tournament* , all games involving that team shall be *declared null and void* .
- 16.16.4** In the event that a team is late for a game and that game is forfeited, that team may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- 16.17** The verification of *Player Eligibility* is the responsibility of the representative of the *opposing team* , in accordance with **Rules 6.5 a), 6.5 c), 6.5 d), and 6.5 e)** .
- 16.18** In the event that two or more teams are tied for first place in a *Tournament Group* , the higher standing shall be determined in accordance with **Rule 18.0** .
- 16.19** In the event that **wild card teams** are selected for play in the next round, the second place team in each group will be identified and the following procedure will be applied
- a) the second place team which has the best goal difference average (determined by finding the goal difference ("*goals-for*" minus "*goals-against*") and dividing the difference by the number of games played) will be selected, failing which:

- b) the team which, in the "drawing of lots", draws the higher placing, in accordance with **Rule 18.2**.

## 17.0....ONTARIO SUMMER GAMES

The Ontario Summer Games is a multi-sport competition which is held every other year, and therefore, the following rules only apply in a Summer Games year. The Ontario Summer Games will be held in 2016 in Mississauga, Ontario.

*Modelled after the Canada Summer Games and the Olympic Games, the **Ontario Summer Games** will be a festival of sport, providing the athletes much more than "just sports". Many cultural, community, and social events are planned, making it a truly exciting experience for all athletes.*

*For this reason, all soccer teams entering the competition must be prepared to participate in all events, including the **Opening Ceremony** and the various social activities.*

*The 16 soccer teams (8 boys' teams and 8 girls' teams) will be accommodated near the Games site. The teams will be provided ground transportation and meals during the period they are at the Games. The teams will arrive on Thursday. All teams will depart on Saturday or Sunday afternoon.*

*Living at the **Athlete's Village** and attending the various ceremonies and social events will enable the participants (ie., players and team officials) to really experience the "**Games atmosphere**".*

*The **Ontario Summer Games** is much more than the **Ontario Cup**. In addition to the extra benefits, it is imperative that the team coaches and managers are aware of the extra responsibilities (such as attending the Games' events) in addition to playing the soccer games. The team officials are also responsible for the conduct of the players, on and off the field. In fact, the **Games Host Society** has the authority to expel an individual player, a group of players, or an entire team from the **Games** due to misconduct "off the field" and if this happens, those individuals would be disqualified from the **Ontario Cup**.*

*The teams **MUST** stay until eliminated from the competition. Any team which leaves early will be financially responsible for **ALL ACCOMMODATION AND MEAL EXPENSES** for the period of time they are absent as well as penalties for withdrawal from the Ontario Cup.*

*In addition to the "Ontario Cup Team Entry Fee" which you have already paid, each team shall be responsible for paying an "**Ontario Summer Games Participant Fee**". The fee is a requirement of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. There are no other fees, such as "Match Officials Fees", to pay. For the meals, accommodation, and special events you will receive, the Participant Fee is well worth it.*

### 17.1 Responsibilities of Team and Club Entered in Summer Games Divisions of Ontario Cup

#### 17.1.1 Each team entered in the Ontario Cup's Summer Games Divisions shall, if it qualifies for the Ontario Summer Games:

1. participate in the **Ontario Summer Games**;
2. pay the "**Ontario Summer Games Participant Fee**" to the O.S.A. Provincial Office;
3. have each of its players and team officials complete the *Ontario Summer Games Participant Registration Form* and submit such forms to the O.S.A. Provincial Office;
4. have its players and team officials stay in the **Games' Athletes Village** until the team is eliminated from the competition. In the event that the team's players and team officials depart prior to the team being eliminated from the competition, the team shall be **financially responsible for all accommodation and meal expenses** for the period of time they are absent;
5. have its players and team officials participate in the **Opening Ceremonies** in the appropriate dress code, as stipulated by the **Games' Organizing Committee**;
6. participate in all scheduled games of the **Ontario Summer Games'** soccer competition (ie., Ontario Cup);
7. have its players and team officials participate in any other scheduled special events; and
8. have its team officials ensure good conduct by the team's players both, on and off the field for the entire period the team is at the **Ontario Summer Games**.
9. have a Police Check for each of its Team Officials. Team officials who do not have this Police Check will either not be allowed to travel to any of the "vulnerable sectors" such as change rooms, bathrooms, residences, etc. or in extreme cases, if a head coach or team manager does not complete the Police Check, that individual will be escorted if required to visit any portion of the described "vulnerable sectors."

#### 17.1.2 Where participation is required in any of the above conditions, it shall mean a **minimum of 75% of all team**

(ie., players and team officials).

**17.1.3** For failure to comply with **Rules 17.1.1 and/or 17.1.2** the team's Club shall be fined **\$500.00 for each incidence of violating the rule.**

**17.2 Competition Format**

**17.2.1** Upon completion of the *Tournament Round* , the eight remaining teams in the **Summer Games Divisions** shall qualify to play in the **Ontario Summer Games** . In the event that one of the qualifying teams elects "*not to participate in the Ontario Summer Games*" , that team shall be disciplined in accordance with **Rule 8.4** , and the *Runner-Up Team* in the *Qualifying Tournament* shall be eligible to replace it. If the *Runner-Up Team* elects not to participate as a *replacement team* in the **Ontario Summer Games**, the O.S.A., at its discretion, may select another team to participate in the **Games**.

**17.2.2** For each division, the teams will be divided into two groups of four teams each, in accordance with the *Ontario Cup Draw* .

**17.2.3** Each group will play a "*round-robin tournament*" format (ie., each team will play each other team in the group once).

**17.2.4** At the end of the "*round-robin tournament*" , the group standings shall be based on:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss

If two or more teams are tied in the standings, the higher standing shall be determined by **Rule 18.0** .

**17.2.5** The winner of each group will advance to the *Gold Medal Game* .

**17.2.6** The second place team in each group will advance to the *Bronze Medal Game* .

**17.2.7** Each game in the Round-Robin shall consist of *two periods of 35 minutes each* . Gold and Bronze Medal Games shall consist of *two periods of 45 minutes each*.

**17.2.8** There shall be no overtime in the "*round-robin tournament*" games.

**17.2.9** In the *Gold Medal Game* and the *Bronze Medal Game* , in the event that the score is tied after regulation time, the winner of the game shall be determined by "***the taking of kicks from the penalty mark***" , in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game.

**17.3** The schedule of games for the **Ontario Summer Games** shall be the responsibility of the O.S.A. In the event that some or all games are not played, the unplayed games shall be rescheduled by the O.S.A.

**17.4** The *Match Officials* for the **Ontario Summer Games** shall be appointed by the *O.S.A. Manager of Match Official Development* or his/her *designated appointee* .

**17.5** The *Match Officials Fees*' shall be paid for by the O.S.A., in accordance with **Rules 9.7 a) and 9.7 b)** .

**17.6** Discipline shall be handled by the appointed *Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing/Review Panel* , in accordance with **Rules 15.1, 15.2, 15.4, 15.5.3, 15.6, and 15.7** .

**17.7** Protests shall be handled by the representatives of the *Ontario Cup Protest Committee* , in accordance with **Rule 17.11** .

**17.8** In accordance with **Rule 6.5 b)** , **thirty minutes before each game**, the O.S.A. Representative(s) shall inspect the Player Registration Books (P.R.B.'s) of the players on both teams. In such cases, the O.S.A. Representative(s) may declare a player ineligible to play in that game.

**17.9** The **Ontario Summer Games Organizing Committee** shall be responsible for the following:

- a) the provision of nets and corner flags
- b) properly lined fields;
- c) the provision of suitable Size 5 game balls
- d) the provision of security
- e) the provision of dressing rooms and washrooms
- f) the reporting of the game results to the news media;
- g) the provision of accommodation and meals to the players and team officials of all 16 teams;

- h) the provision of medical treatment for all participants;
  - i) the provision of *special events* , including the **Opening Ceremony** and social activities.
- 17.10 Representatives of the **Competitions Committee** shall be present at the **Ontario Summer Games** and shall be responsible for:
- supervision of the competition
  - all final decisions pertaining to the competition format, schedule, and implementation of rules
  - protests
  - discipline, in conjunction with the *Ontario Cup Discipline Hearing/Review Panel*

#### 17.11 **Protests**

Protests at the Ontario Summer Games must be submitted in accordance with the following procedures:

a) *within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game being protested* , the *protesting club* shall submit:

- the written protest to the O.S.A. Representative at the competition
- a protest fee in the amount of **\$500.00**

b) the O.S.A. Representative shall notify the opposing team that the game has been protested and shall advise it about the details and grounds on which the protest is based

c) the O.S.A. Representatives shall convene a **Protest Hearing** *within one hour after the receipt of the protest*

d) both teams shall be invited to send a representative(s) to the **Protest Hearing** and the O.S.A. Representative(s) may invite other persons to provide testimony at the **Protest Hearing** .

e) the **Protest Hearing Panel** shall consist of a minimum of three persons which shall consider all testimony and reports presented to them; and shall render a decision; and there shall be no further appeal of any kind against its decision(s).

f) in the event that a team is found to be in contravention of the *competition rules* as a result of the protest, the **Protest Hearing Panel** has the authority to:

- decide, on the basis of the evidence provided, which team (if any) shall be declared the winner of the game; and/or
- levy a fine against an *offending team* to a maximum of \$1,100.00 per game.

### 18.0....TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

18.1 For games played under the "*round-robin tournament*" format at the *Ontario Summer Games* and in *Tournament Rounds* , the *Tournament Group winners*, the *Tournament Group Runners-Up* , and the *other placings in the standings* shall be determined by the following formula:

i) The team standings shall be based on:

3 points for a win  
1 point for a draw  
0 points for a loss

ii) If two teams accumulate the same number of points, the higher standing shall be awarded to:

- a) the team winning the match(es) between the tied teams, (The team with the most points accumulated in Head to Head matches; please note in a three or six team group, an aggregate Goal Difference between two teams is not used to determine a Head to Head winner) failing which:
- b) the team with the highest **goal difference** (determined by deducting the "*goals against*" from the "*goals for*" ), failing which:
- c) the team with the most goals scored, failing which:
- d) the team which, in the "*drawing of lots*" , draws the higher placing, in accordance with **Rule 18.2** .

iii) If three, four, or five teams accumulate the same number of points at the completion of the round-robin tournament format, the team position standings shall be determined by the following:

- a) **the team with the highest goal difference (determined by deducting the "*goals against*" from the "*goals for*" ) in matches between the teams concerned shall have the highest**

**standing.** If all teams have the same goal difference then proceed to **18.1 iii) b**. If some teams remain tied for goal difference but some positioning has been determined, the positioning that has been determined stands, and the remaining teams tied for goal difference proceed to **18.1 iii) b** to determine the remaining positioning.

b) **the team with the most goals scored in all matches between the teams concerned shall have the higher standing.** If all teams have the same goals scored then proceed to **18.1 iii) c**. If some teams remain tied for goals scored but some positioning has been determined, the positioning that has been determined stands, and the remaining teams tied for goals scored proceed to **18.1 iii) c** to determine the remaining positioning.

c) **the team with the highest goal difference (determined by deducting the "goals against" from the "goals for" ) in all group matches shall have the highest standing.** If all teams have the same goal difference then proceed to **18.1 iii) d**. If some teams remain tied for goal difference but some positioning has been determined, the positioning that has been determined stands, and the remaining teams tied for goal difference proceed to **18.1 iii) d** to determine the remaining positioning.

d) **the team with the most goals scored in all group matches shall have the higher standing.** If all teams have the same goals scored then proceed to **18.1 iii) e**. If some teams remain tied for goals scored but some positioning has been determined, the positioning that has been determined stands, and the remaining teams tied for goals scored proceed to **18.1 iii) e** to determine the remaining positioning.

e) the team which, in the "drawing of lots", draws the higher placing, in accordance with **Rule 18.2**.

Note: Head to Head is not considered if three or more teams are tied.

**18.2** In the event that two or more teams are still tied after applying criteria a), b), and c) of **Rule 18.1**, the "drawing of lots" shall be handled as follows:

- 1) the name of each team will be placed on a small piece of paper;
- 2) each team name will be placed in a bowl or similar object;
- 3) the first team to be drawn from the bowl shall be awarded the "higher group standing";
- 4) the next team to be drawn from the bowl shall be awarded the next highest placing;
- 5) if applicable, the remaining team shall be awarded the next highest placing.

**18.3** **Rule 18.2** shall be implemented **within 20 minutes** following the final game of the *Tournament Round* for that *Tournament Group* or the final game of the *Ontario Summer Games Group*. The *match officials* of the final game shall conduct the "drawing of lots".

**18.4** Each team involved in the "drawing of lots" has the right, at its discretion, to have a team representative present when the draw is made. The draw shall still be conducted in accordance with **Rule 18.3** even if a team representative for each team is not present.

## **19.0....ONTARIO CUP FINALS**

**19.1** In the event that a player/team official is dismissed in the cup final or is suspended from the cup final, that player/team official may or may **NOT** receive his/her medal during the **Trophy/Medal Presentations** after the game at the discretion of the Competitions Committee. If the player/team official is not permitted to participate in the **Trophy/Medal Presentations** he/she shall receive his/her medal at a later time.

**19.2** Both finalists teams in an Ontario Cup Final shall participate in the Trophy/Medal Presentations which are held after the game.

**19.3** If a team does not participate in the **Trophy/Medal Presentations**, without a valid reason, it shall be severely disciplined, in accordance with **Rules 15.7 and 15.8**.

## **20.0....NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**20.1** The National Club Championships shall be played at the following locations:

Under-14 Boys and Girls	-	Moncton, New Brunswick
Under-16 Boys and Girls	-	Lethbridge, Alberta
Under-18 Boys and Girls	-	Vaughan, Ontario

Men and Women - St. John's, Newfoundland

20.2 The Ontario Cup Winners in each of the following divisions shall participate in the National Club Championships.

Under-14 Boys	- shall play in Under 14 Boys National Club Championships
Under-14 Girls	- shall play in Under 14 Girls National Club Championships
Under-16 Boys Tier 1	- shall play in Under 16 Boys National Club Championships
Under-16 Girls	- shall play in Under 16 Girls National Club Championships
Under-17 Boys Tier 1	- shall play in Under 18 Boys National Club Championships
Under-17 Girls	- shall play in Under 18 Girls National Club Championships
Men	- shall play in Men's Challenge Cup National Club Championships
Women	- shall play in Women's Jubilee Trophy National Club Championships

20.3 In the event that an **Ontario Cup Winner** in one of the following divisions:

Under-14 Boys Division  
Under-14 Girls Division  
Under-16 Boys Tier 1 Division  
Under-16 Girls Division  
Under-17 Boys Tier 1 Division  
Under-17 Girls Division  
Men's Division  
Women's Division

does not participate in the **National Club Championships** , its Club shall be fined **\$1,500.00**.

20.4 A player who has been registered as a professional player or a non-amateur player and who has been reinstated, but subsequently re-registers as a professional player or a non-amateur player, shall not be eligible to play in the *National Club Championships* .

20.5 Each player shall be either a:

- \* Canadian citizen
- \* landed immigrant
- \* refugee claimant

20.6 Each player shall be:

a) registered with the team not later than **July 31**

or

b) transferred to the team not later than *July 31*, providing the player has not played for another team in the *Ontario Cup* .

20.7 No team shall register previously unregistered players after qualifying for the National Championships.

20.8 Each team must have one member of the team staff complete the CCES E-learning online education. For teams participating in the Under 18, Men's or Women's divisions, the team captain must complete the CCES E-Learning online education. These online education modules focus on the anti-doping program, including information about banned substances and methods, the sample collection process, and the whereabouts program. A copy of the CCES certificate must be submitted to the Canadian Soccer Association prior to the National Championships.

20.9 Any team travelling to a National Competition is responsible for 40% per person of the cost of return airline tickets and 100% of hotel accommodation and meals.

Expenses paid by The Ontario Soccer Association for travel will only cover the following team party: 18 team members, and shall not be less than 60% of the travel cost. The O.S.A. will not pay for accommodation or meals.

The team shall be responsible for all other expenses incurred.

20.10 The Ontario Soccer Association will make all necessary arrangements. Teams should be prepared to travel at least

one day ahead of the dates on which games are to be played. Increases in fares, service charges or other expenses incurred as a result of a request for change in time, date or duration of travel must be paid by those requesting the changes, otherwise no changes will be permitted.

## **NEW OR REVISED ONTARIO CUP RULES IN 2016**

**Rule 3.8**  
**Rule 6.1 b)**  
**Rule 6.1 h)**  
**Rule 6.3 d)**  
**Rule 6.4 b)**  
**Rule 7.6**  
**Rule 9.9 e)**  
**Rule 18.1 iii)**