

# KNSC Boys Tournament U15-U18

## October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

### **POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES**

These policies, procedures and rules are intended to support those objectives, and every participant, whether player or official or volunteer, is expected to act in a manner that brings credit to the game. Doing so will add to the enjoyment of all participants.

### **PART A: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

#### **1. Team Eligibility & Application to Enter**

Teams must be registered for the current season with their provincial, state or national association. Teams will be accepted to play at the sole discretion of The Tournament.

**Any team withdrawing after September 1 will forfeit its entry fee.**

#### **2. Team Acceptance**

Team acceptance will be given at the sole discretion of The Tournament and only when all of the following is completed:

- 1) Paid the entry fee.
- 2) Approved Permission to Travel

(Note: Travel permits are not required for York Region District clubs.)

#### **3) Age Divisions**

Players must be born on or after January 1st of the following years, no exceptions

Division Birth Year

Under-15 2006

Under-16 2005

Under-17 2004

Under-18 2003

#### **4. Team Rosters**

Players Maximum 18

Dress per Game Maximum 18

Team Officials Maximum 4

#### **5. Call-up & Guest Players**

##### **5.1. Call-ups**

A maximum of 3 Call-up Players are permitted. Call-ups are players (the same birth year or younger) from the same club/academy as the team entered in the Tournament.

##### **5.2 Guest Players**

A maximum of 3 Guest Players are permitted. Guest players from another club/academy must be registered with their provincial, state or national association.

#### **6. Check-in – Players & Team Officials**

Teams must check-in by completing the following steps.

- 1) Enter the tournament roster. Mandatory player information required: Name, Date of Birth, Registration Number, and Jersey Number.
- 2) Enter Team Officials (maximum four). Mandatory information required: Name and Registration Number.
- 3) The current approved roster for the team from their provincial, state or national association.
- 4) Call-up Players the current approved team roster they are registered to.
- 5) Guest Players a Temporary Eligibility Permit for each player as per Ontario Soccer Rules and Regulations or equivalent as per their governing body.

Only players whose names appear on the validated team roster are permitted to play in the Tournament.

No alterations or additions to the original validated roster will be permitted.

Note: Teams from soccer jurisdictions where player books/cards with photo identification are not available must advise The Tournament so that alternative means can be arranged to verify participants.

## **7. On-Field Team Check-in**

1) One (1) hour prior to the team's first game, a team official must report to the Field Convenor to pick up their

approved team roster (kept by the team for the entire tournament), team welcome package.

2) All players and team officials must report to the field convenor at least 45-minutes before their first game presenting the validated team roster form and their official identification.

3) Every player and team official must present a player book/card with their photograph duly authorized by their

provincial, state or national association.

## **9. Field Convenors**

Field Convenors appointed by The Tournament are responsible for:

a) distributing approved team rosters, team packages prior to the team's first game. Convenors will check-in teams by checking team rosters, verifying players/team officials against their photos in their books/cards.

b) Supplying signed Game Sheets to referees.

## **10. Concussion Protocol**

If a player/team official/parent suspects that a player has been concussed/received a head injury, The Tournament recommends that they seek immediate medical attention for proper assessment and treatment.

## **11. General**

The Tournament and/or the York Region Soccer Association will not be responsible for:

a) refunds of entry fees if the tournament is cancelled or abandoned in whole or in part.

b) refunds for any games not played due to the withdrawal or dismissal of a team.

c) expenses including accommodations costs, local travel and parking tickets incurred by teams and families.

The Tournament Committee, reserves the right to resolve all matters pertaining to The Tournament. The KNSC's interpretation of the policies, procedures and rules and all other aspects of the Tournament is final.

## **PART B: RULES OF PLAY**

### **12. Laws of the Game**

All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as observed by FIFA, CS (Canada Soccer) and OS (Ontario Soccer) as well as competition rules set by the KNSC.

### **13. Maximum Guaranteed Number of Games**

U15 & older 2 games/day

### **13. Duration of Games**

Ontario Soccer Operational Procedures, Sec. 8 Competitions, Procedure 5.8 limits maximum playing time per team per day.

Division Time Limit per Team per Day:

U-15 & older 180 minutes

### **14. Game Length**

U15 & older Games will be 2 x 45 minute halves

There shall be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team.

### **15. Game Sheets**

Pre-printed Game Sheets/Cards will be supplied to field convenors.

Note: If a player or team official is not going to participate in a game, a team official must advise the field convenor at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time so they can be stroked off the game sheet. As per Ontario Soccer, all players and team officials whose names appear on a game sheet will be deemed to have participated. No other player or team official not on the approved roster can be added to replace anyone who is removed from the game sheet

## **16. Player Uniforms and Equipment**

The equipment of all players must conform to the Laws of the Game as set out by FIFA. All players must wear a number on the back of their shirt. This number must coincide with the player's name and number as shown on the game sheet. Each player on a team shall have a different number.

If team colors clash, the home team shall be responsible to change colors; the home team being the first team listed in the schedule. At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, a team that does not observe the color change or number requirements of this rule may forfeit the game.

Shin guards are mandatory.

## **17. Game Balls**

Size 5 ball. Game balls will be supplied by The Tournament

## **18. Substitutions**

Unlimited substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play at the discretion of the referee. No substitution shall be allowed for a player ejected from a game.

## **19. Determining Group Winners**

Each team will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and zero points for a loss. At the end of the preliminary round, the group winner shall be the team with the most points. If teams are tied on points, the following criteria shall be used to determine the winner:

- a) Most wins
- b) Winner of the game between the two teams tied (applies to 2-way ties only)
- c) Best goal differential (i.e. goals for minus goals against)
- d) Fewest goals against.
- e) Most goals scored.

To calculate the points and goal differential in a group of five (5) teams where all other groups are four (4): divide total points and goal differential by 4 and multiply the result by 3.

## **20. Forfeited Games**

If a game is forfeited, the non-offending team shall be awarded a win and a 2-0 score in group standings; the offending team a loss with a 0-2 score.

If a team is dismissed from the Tournament for any reason, its games and all entry fees shall be forfeited without recourse to appeal, and the matter may be reported to the governing body of the team involved.

### **21. Failure to Show**

A team needs a minimum of seven (7) players and the game shall be started if a team has at least that number of players. Teams shall be allowed a 15-minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before they are considered to have failed to show. In the event of a failure to show, the offending team shall forfeit that game.

### **22. Game Abandoned by Referee**

The KNSC shall review the circumstances of any game abandoned by the referee. Whether a game abandoned results in a forfeit will be determined by The Tournament.

The finding and decision of The Tournament shall be final and not subject to any appeal. The matter may also be referred to the home district of the team(s) involved for disciplinary action.

### **23. Extraordinary Weather**

In the event of severe weather conditions (e.g., continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat or poor field conditions), The Tournament may:

- a) Relocate and/or reschedule any game.
- b) Reduce the scheduled duration by up to 50 percent.
- c) Cancel any preliminary game that has no bearing in determining group winners.
- d) Consider a game complete if 50 percent or more of the game was played when abandoned by the referee due to the extraordinary weather conditions.
- e) If less than 50 percent of a game is complete when abandoned by the referee a 1-1 score shall be entered regardless of the score when the game was halted.
- f) Abandon all or part of the Tournament.

Note: Permit issuers (City, School Board, College, University, private facilities) retain the right to cancel fields at their sole discretion.

#### **23. 1 In the Event of Lightning**

Canada Soccer policy is to halt play as soon as thunder is heard. "More people are struck before and after a thunderstorm than during one...When considering resumption of any athletics activity wait at least thirty (30) minutes after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder before returning to the field." (Canada Soccer, July 17, 2017)

## **24. Discipline**

The Tournament is guided by Ontario Soccer Procedure 7.0 – Discipline at Tournaments and uses a DBR (Discipline by Review) or DBH (Discipline by Hearing) system as appropriate directly after the game in which the misconduct was reported.

DBR offences have automatic penalties and cannot be appealed. Any player ordered from the field of play by the referee for misconduct shall receive an automatic one game suspension and shall sit out his/her next scheduled game. This includes players who receive two cautions in a single game. Note: Yellow Cards are not cumulative.

In cases of violent conduct or ejection of a team official, immediately following the game, and before the next scheduled game, they must attend a hearing before a Discipline Panel. The Panel may, where justified, suspend any person dismissed during, or after, a game, from all further participation in the Tournament. Such dismissals shall be reported to the team's home district or association for discipline.

If the Panel is unable to deal with an offence in a satisfactory manner after the game in which alleged misconduct occurred:

- a) The offender shall not be permitted to participate any further in the Tournament;
- b) Within 48 hours after the completion of the tournament, The Tournament must forward the Match Official's report, together with any other reports, to the York Region Soccer Association (YRSA).

Anyone player disputing his/her ejection from a game may request a hearing. Such request must be made in writing accompanied by a \$100 hearing fee in cash. The person requesting a hearing must notify the field convenor of his/her intentions within 30 minutes of the conclusion of said game, and then attend a hearing at a location determined by The Tournament.

All team officials are entirely responsible for the behavior of spectators associated with their team.

### **24.1 Match Official Assault**

In a case of Match Official Assault, the offender shall be immediately suspended from all soccer related activities, pending a hearing an Ontario Soccer Discipline Hearing Panel (or equivalent for non-Ontario teams).

- a) The match official shall submit his/her report to the District Association in which he/she resides and to Ontario Soccer;
- b) The Tournament shall immediately after the completion of the Tournament notify YRSA;
- c) Within 24 hours after receipt of notification of the Match Official Assault, YRSA shall notify the District Association (or provincial, state or national federation) with which the offender's

club/academy is affiliated who will in turn notify the accused, the club/academy of the accused and the league which he./she plays, that the accused is suspended from all soccer related activity until being dealt with by an Ontario Soccer Discipline Hearing Panel.

## **25. Protests**

Protests must be made in writing by the team manager or coach and must be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 in cash. Protests must be received by The Tournament within one hour of the conclusion of the game being protested, and those making the appeal must attend a hearing at a location determined by The Tournament. If a protest is successful, the protest fee shall be returned. No one may protest a game in which his/her team has not participated.

A referee's in-game decision cannot be appealed.

## **26. Arrival Time for Tournament Finals**

All players and team officials playing in the final game must report to the field convenor 45-minutes before kick-off and presenting the approved tournament roster and player/team official.