

OTTAWA ST. ANTHONY ITALIA SOCCER PROGRAM



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13th Annual Ottawa St. Anthony International Soccer Challenge Tournament Rules 2009

These rules apply to the following Divisions:

- Under 10 (U10) - players born in 1999 or later
- Under 11 (U11) - players born in 1998 or later
- Under 12 (U12) - players born in 1997 or later
- Under 13 (U13) - players born in 1996 or later
- Under 14 (U14) - players born in 1995 or later
- Under 15 (U15) - players born in 1994 or later
- Under 16 (U16) - players born in 1993 or later
- Under 17 (U17) - players born in 1992 or later
- Under 18 (U18) - players born in 1991 or later
- Under 21 (U21) - players born in 1990 or later
- Men
- Women

1. LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be played in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules. Mini soccer (7 aside) for U10 and U11 divisions shall be played in accordance with the rules of the Ontario Soccer Association.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a) All teams must be competitive teams currently registered with their District, Provincial or State Association.
- b) All teams from outside the jurisdiction of the E.O.D.S.A. must have the appropriate Permission to Travel forms authorized by their governing Association.
- c) All teams may register and dress eighteen (18) players for each game (fourteen (14) for mini-soccer). A team roster must be submitted and only those listed may play. Players are not allowed to register with more than one team or to change teams during the tournament.
- d) All players must have a current player registration card with photograph and be registered with their team through their District, Provincial or State Association. All players must be born on or after January 1st of the appropriate year for the age group in which their team is entered.
- e) Registration cards may be inspected at any time during the tournament.
- f) Teams and players unable to provide acceptable registration documents will not be allowed to play in any tournament game.
- g) Teams are allowed to register a maximum of 3 guest players from another team within the same club and/or a maximum of 3 guest players from another club, provided they meet the age eligibility requirements.

3. DURATION OF GAMES

- a) Length of games will be:
 - U10 and U11 preliminary round and semifinal; 25 minute halves. The final; 30 minute halves.
 - U12 and U13 preliminary round and semifinal; 30 minute halves. The final; 35 minute halves.
 - U14 and U15 preliminary round and semifinal; 30 minute halves. The final; 40 minute halves.
 - U16 to Men's and Women's preliminary round and semifinal; 30 minutes halves. Final; 45 minute halves.
- b) Games will be scored: three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie.
- c) In the event of inclement weather, poor field conditions, or unforeseen circumstances, the tournament committee shall have the authority to change the above format as follows:
 - i) Relocate and/or reschedule any game
 - ii) To reduce the scheduled duration of any game
 - iii) Cancel games in preliminary rounds, which have no bearing in deciding group winners.

4. TIE-BREAKING AND OVERTIME RULES

- a) In the event of teams being tied in preliminary round standings, the following procedure will be used to declare group winners:
 - i) Winner of game between tied teams (two teams only tied)
 - ii) Most wins during preliminary round
 - iii) Goal difference (goals scored minus goals against)
 - iv) Most goals scored
 - v) Least goals against
 - vi) Best of five penalty kicks by five players from each team
 - vii) Alternate penalty kicks by balance of team until decision has been reached.
- b) In the event of tied games in Quarter-final, Semi-final or final rounds the following procedure will be used to declare winners:
 - i) Two ten (10) minute sudden-death periods of overtime
 - ii) Best of five penalty kicks by five players from each team
 - iii) Alternate penalty kicks by balance of team until a decision is reached.

NOTE: *Only players on the field at the end of the period will be eligible to take penalty kicks.*

5. FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITED GAMES

- a) A team shall be allowed a fifteen-minute grace period from the scheduled kick-off time if there are less than seven players present before the game is awarded to their opponents.
- b) If a team forfeits a game, their opponents will be awarded a win and given 3 points and the game will stand at a 3-0 score.



- c) A team forfeiting a game will be subject to a \$100 fine and will be reported to their District Association and the O.S.A.

6. DISCIPLINE:

- a) All Misconduct Reports will be dealt with by the Discipline Chair in accordance with OSA Published Rules. Where permitted, requests for hearing will be accepted within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. In accordance with OSA published rules all decisions made by review are final. All Decisions made by hearing can be appealed to the Eastern Ontario Soccer Association.
- b) Any player red-carded by the referee will be minimally suspended from the next game. The Tournament Discipline Committee will review the referee report and the appropriate suspension will be rendered in accordance with Table 10 (Standard Fees, Fines, Bonds, and Penalties) of the Ontario Soccer Association's Published Rules.
- c) A coaching official ordered from the field for misconduct during the tournament receives an automatic one game suspension.
- d) Players or team officials ejected from his/her final game will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action.
- e) Players receiving a red card have the right to request a hearing within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. The request must be accompanied by the appropriate fee (\$100.00).

7. UNIFORMS

Teams must wear numbers on the back of their shirts. Each player shall have a different number, which coincides with the player's name, and numbers as shown on the game sheet. **In the event that team colors clash, the home team will normally change uniforms. If there is disagreement one of the two teams will change uniforms at the field convener's request.** Home team is the first team on the schedule. All player equipment is subject to the referee's approval.

8. SCHEDULING AND REFEREEING

Scheduling and refereeing will be the responsibility of the tournament committee.

9. SUBSTITUTION

- a) No limit to the number of substitutions to be made during games. but substitutions can only be made at the following times and upon proper notification to the referee/linesman:
 - i) When a goal is scored
 - ii) At a goal kick
 - iii) At the beginning of the first and second half of overtime
 - iv) On own throw in (only for games in preliminary rounds)
 - v) At the referee's discretion or in the event of injury



- b) No substitution will be allowed for a player ordered from the field by the referee. Any player or team official ordered from the field by the referee shall be suspended for the next game. The Tournament committee may require the player or team official to appear before a discipline hearing.

10. PROTESTS

All protests must be in writing and delivered to the Tournament Headquarters as designated by the Tournament Committee, together with a non-refundable cash fee of \$100 within one (1) hour of the completion of the game to which the protest relates. The referee is the sole timekeeper of each game. No protest of a referee's decision will be entertained. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.

11. GENERAL

- a) Game sheets must be handed to the referee prior to each game. The referee and one official from each team must sign game sheets.
- b) The tournament committee and the host club, the Ottawa St. Anthony Italia Soccer Club will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part. Entry fees are not refundable once a team has been accepted unless the tournament in whole is cancelled, in which case the entry fee will be refunded.
- c) The tournament committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.
- d) Harassment or intimidation of the referees will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with this could result in team officials and/or the team being suspended from further tournament play. A written report will be sent to the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association and the district or league in which the team is registered.
- e) The tournament committee and the host club, the Ottawa St. Anthony Italia Soccer Club will not be liable for any injuries sustained by any participant in the tournament on or off the field.

