



Durham Adult Soccer League Rules - 2018

OSA League and Club Administration Requirements:

All games will be conducted under Ontario Soccer Association Rules and FIFA Laws of the Game, supplemented by the following:

1. Eligibility

- a) All players must be registered with the club and on an Official Team Roster which the captain should bring to every game
- A player who is suspended is considered ineligible
 - A team found to be guilty of using an ineligible player at any time, shall forfeit the game to their opponents. The Captain and/or Vice-Captain of any team found to have played an ineligible player will be suspended for a minimum of 3 games for a first offense. More serious offenses will result in longer suspensions.

Where a Captain (or team representative) has concern as to the eligibility of an opposing player, he should approach the opposing Captain (or team representative) to request an inspection of the team roster to ensure the suspected unregistered player is included. That player can be requested to provide photo proof of identity / eligibility. If the team roster is unavailable or the player unable to provide proof of eligibility to the satisfaction of the opposing Captain then the player in question should not play in the game.

Note: Referees are not permitted to determine who is eligible to play or not; their role is simply to record what transpires on a SPECIAL INCIDENT report and forward to the League.)

- b) Where a team does not anticipate fielding a full team, properly registered players from another team will be permitted, to a maximum of 14 players. These players *must* be listed on the game sheet at the start of the game and the players not expected to play must be crossed off the game sheet.
- c) Players seriously injured and no longer able to play for the remainder of the season may request to be deregistered from the league and request a refund by sending an email to the President and Registrar. Refunds are at the discretion of the board, and the club may require a medical certificate to support a refund request. Refunds, if approved, will be pro-rated based on the remaining games in the season, and minus the non-refundable DRSA registration costs.
- d) Team Captains may request a new player from the league waiting list if there is one or may attempt to fill the roster spot themselves. This process will require the captain requesting a pro-rated registration fee from the league. Any replacement player cannot play until they have been registered with the league and the captain receives confirmation of this fact.

No new registrations are permitted after August 31.



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2. Equipment

- a) All players should be dressed in the league issued identical uniforms - shirts, socks and shorts. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain or Representative to ensure that any registered player without their normal uniform wear a shirt or uniform that closely resembles the team colors. If such clothing cannot be provided to the satisfaction of the opposing captain (not the referee), the player is not eligible to play that game.

Note: Black or white shorts and black or white socks are the only alternate colours permitted.

- b) Both teams shall provide AARSC approved game sheets to the referee prior to kickoff.
- c) The home team will supply the game ball.

3. Duration of Play

All games will consist of two 45-minute halves; Games not commencing on time may be reduced in length to 2 equal halves of at least 35 minutes.

Halftime will be 5 minutes.

Note: Should a game in progress be terminated due to weather conditions after 60 minutes of play has been completed, the game shall be considered completed and the score at termination shall stand. If the game does not reach 60 minutes, one attempt will be made to reschedule the game, giving at least one week's notice. Any team refusing to play shall forfeit the game. If both teams refuse to play, a score of 00 will be entered and both teams will record a loss (0 points).

4. Disciplinary Action

All players are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner. As a member of the Ontario Soccer Association, discipline will be defined based on Section 9.0, Table 5

More serious infractions will be referred to the Durham Region Soccer Association (DRSA) for a hearing.

- a) All incidents will be handled per OSA rules.
- b) Any player who is witness to an incident may be called to give evidence at a DRSA or OSA hearing. Those players must attend the hearing in person.

Note: A player who receives a red card for violent conduct, serious foul play or abusive language towards an official may be required to attend a DRSA disciplinary hearing. Players may also be subjected to an automatic suspension or fine. Players will be suspended indefinitely for failure to attend scheduled hearing

In addition to any penalties determined by the DRSA – a player will be immediately suspended as follows:

Yellow Cards:

- 1st and 2nd yellow cards – no action
- 3rd Yellow card – 1 game suspension
- 4th Yellow card – no action
- 5th Yellow card – 2 game suspension
- 6th and subsequent yellow cards – 3 game suspension

2 Yellow Cards in same game

- 1st Occurrence – 1 game suspension
- 2nd Occurrence – 3 games suspension
- 3rd Occurrence – 5 games suspension

Red Cards

- 1st Dismissal – 1 game suspension
- 2nd Dismissal – Banned for remainder of the season or 5 games, whichever is longer.



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5. Protests

In case of a dispute, the President must be contacted within 48 hours of the end of the disputed game and the written protest accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee. A hearing will be held by the Board of Directors and scheduled as soon as feasible (within 2 weeks) and all parties called, must attend in person.

If the protest is not upheld, the fee will be forfeited. Protests regarding referee's decisions will not be considered.

6. Points and Team Standings

Points will be awarded as follows: Win 3 points / Tie 1 point / Loss 0 points

Trophies / Prizes are awarded to the first-place team in each division Seasonal Standings are determined by the following criteria

In case of a tie for the following criteria will apply in the order listed:

- Points
- Head to Head results
- Fewest total red cards
- Fewest total yellow cards
- In the unlikely event there is still a tie a coin toss will decide. **The tie-breaking rules listed above also apply to the**

Playoffs.

Red and Yellow cards carry over from the regular season for suspension purposes, but not for Cup tiebreaking purposes.

7. Failure to Show and Forfeited Games

Teams should be present at the scheduled field, with 7 players ready to play and corner flags and nets up with completed game sheets given to the referee at least 15 minutes in advance of their scheduled start time. Teams not complying will be so noted on the game sheet for possible disciplinary action.

Should a team be unable to field 7 players (including the goalie) within 15 minutes of the scheduled kickoff time or become unable to field 7 players at any time thereafter, then that team shall forfeit the game and a score of 3-0 will be recorded in favour of the opposing team. If both teams fail to field a minimum of 7 players, then a score of 0-0 will be entered and both teams will record a loss (0 points).

8. Rain Policy

All fields are leased to the Ajax Adult Recreational Soccer Club by the Town of Ajax and Town of Whitby. Often due to poor weather or other circumstances, the fields must be closed; usually this is done by 4pm.

Games are played only if in the opinion of the referee field conditions are safe; games will be stopped during lightning or other hazardous weather conditions and then continue once it is safe for play to resume. Stoppage of play due to weather will be at the discretion of the referee. The OSA suggested 15minute lightning rule will apply.



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9. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions will be allowed during a game, but may only be made in the following stoppages in play, with referee permission:

- Kick-offs
- Goal kicks.
- On own throw-in.
- On other team throw-in ONLY IF they are making a substitution
- For an injured player at the referee's discretion.

No substitution will be allowed for a player ordered from the field by the referee.

10. Use of alcohol, smoking, litter

Alcohol is not permitted on Town property in the vicinity of the fields and surrounding areas as per Town By-laws. Smoking is not permitted by within 20 feet of the field of play or player benches. All captains and players should dispose of accumulated litter in the proximity of player "benches" and surrounding areas.