



Festival Rules and Regulations

Kingston First Capital Soccer Festival Rules and Regulations, 2018

1.0 Eligibility and Registration Requirements

1.1 All participating teams must be currently registered with their provincial, state or national organization. All teams from outside the Southeastern Ontario Soccer Association (SOSA) MUST provide, no later than one week before the festival date, an authorized travel permit from their governing association. Any team from outside of Ontario must have proof of adequate travel, injury and liability insurance. The Festival Committee and host club will not be liable for injuries to any participant on or off the fields during the tournament.

1.2 All teams must bring with them a copy of their official team roster validated by their governing organization. This should be presented at the tournament registration and kept available by the team at every game during the tournament. Failure to meet this requirement could result in sanctions including dismissal from the tournament and forfeit of the team entry fee.

1.3 No team will be considered officially registered until their entry fee payment, in full, has been received. Any team that withdraws from the tournament after the registration deadline will not be entitled to a refund of their entry fee.

1.4 Team registration will take place on the Saturday morning of the festival at the John Machin Soccer Complex facility building, located at 1307 John Marks Road, Kingston, or the building at Woodbine Park. Please check the Kingston United Soccer Club website at www.kingstonunited.ca for specific hours of registration. A team official must register the team no later than one hour before their first game. Players are not required to be present at registration. The following will be required at registration:

- a fully completed Tournament Roster form
- authorized player books for all players and coaches (or player cards as applicable)
- a copy of the team's official Team Roster validated by the team's governing body (for presentation and inspection only)
- four completed tournament game sheets.

2.0 Team Roster

2.1 Team rosters will be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players for U-9 and U-10 teams, sixteen (16) players, for U-11 and U-12 teams, and four (4) team officials. Players may play on only ONE team during the festival.

2.2 A team may register 'call up' players as long as those players are registered to the same Club as the participating team and are at the same age level as the team. No guest players from other clubs are permitted. All players being called up must have properly validated player ID (book/card) as well as evidence of the club they are registered to.

2.3 The age groups and their corresponding birth dates for the tournament are as follows:

AGE DIVISION	BIRTH YEAR
U-12	2006
U-11	2007
U-10	2008
U-9	2009

2.4 Player and coach ID documents (books, cards) must be available at each game the team plays. A player or team official without proper documentation will not be eligible to participate.

3.0 UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER

3.1 Under normal conditions, every game will be played at its scheduled time and location. If inclement weather conditions or unusable field conditions occur, the location and kick-off time may be changed. The referee, or Tournament Committee, will make the final call on weather related issues, according to their own rules. Under no circumstances may teams withdraw from the playing field area during game play, until the referee advises them to do so.

3.2 If a game is abandoned, Festival officials will rule on that game's status. The Festival Committee reserves the right to shorten the length of any game and/or revise the schedule of games in an effort to ensure that all games are played. Further, if necessary due to inclement weather, the Festival Committee may cancel any game.

3.4 Neither the Kingston United Soccer Club, nor the Tournament Committee, will be responsible for any expenses incurred by teams, players or parents, in the event of cancellation of the festival in whole or in part.

3.0 Game Abandonment

A team which is unable to field at least five players (U-9 and U-10), or six players (U-11 and U-12) within ten minutes of the official start time will force abandonment of the game unless the team can provide the Festival Committee with a satisfactory reason for the lateness. The offending team may be liable for a fine of \$100 payable within 30 days. There will be no refund of entry fees due to abandoned games.

5.0 Protests

All protests must be in writing and submitted with a \$100 cash bond to the Tournament Control Centre, within 30 minutes of the finish of the game to which the protest relates. The Tournament Discipline Committee will rule on all protests and the cash deposit will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.

All referees' decisions are final. No protests will be allowed based on referee decisions.

6.0 Home Team

The team listed first on the schedule shall be considered the home team. The home team shall provide a suitable game ball for each home game. If there is a colour clash with team jerseys it will be the home team's responsibility to change colours. Each team should have two sets of jerseys in anticipation of possible colour clashes.

7.0 Festival Format

7.1 All U-9 and U-10 teams will play four twenty-five (25) minute games on the Festival day. U-11 and U-12 teams will play four thirty (30) minute games on the Festival day. The number of minutes played by a team per day will not exceed the maximum, as per OSA Rules, of 100 minutes for U-9/10 teams and 140 minutes for U-11/12 teams.

7.2 As per OSA developmental guidelines, no scores or standings will be kept and no trophies or medals will be awarded based on results.

7.3 Substitutions are allowed at any stoppage in play with the approval of, and at the discretion of, the referee.

7.4 U-9 and U-10 teams will play 7v7 with a size 4 ball. U-11 and U-12 teams will play 9v9 with a size 4 ball.

7.5 For U-9 and U-10 games there will be **no offside** rule. U-11 and U-12 games **will** use the offside rule. U-9 and U-10 games will use 'kick-ins' rather than throw-ins. U-11 and U-12 will use throw-ins.

8.0 Spectator/Team/Coach Positioning

Coaches must stay within the technical area that extends one yard either side of the team bench and one yard for the side line. Coaching outside of this area will not be permitted. Only team officials are allowed in this area. Team officials are reminded that they are not allowed on the field of play without the referee's permission. A **MAXIMUM** of four team officials are permitted on the bench (Coaches, trainers, etc).

Parents and other fans are not allowed in this area and must remain on the opposite side of the field from the players' benches. This rule will be strictly enforced. No exceptions. Spectators must remain at least two metres back from the touchline at all times.

9.0 Discipline

9.1 If a player receives a red card, he/she will be ejected and automatically suspended for the next game. A red card for violent conduct will result in a three game suspension. If a player receives two yellow cards during the same game he/she will be ejected and suspended for the next game. Three yellows during the tournament will result in a one game suspension. If a team official is asked to leave the field of play, he/she will automatically receive a next game suspension. All suspensions will be reported to the team's home District Association and to the Ontario Soccer Association (and/or appropriate provincial association).

9.2 Any team official, parent or spectator of a team who is ejected from the field for unruly or abusive behaviour will automatically be ejected from the remainder of the festival.

10.0 Equipment

Shin pads and proper uniform attire are mandatory. 'Hard' casts, even if wrapped, are not permitted. Referees have final determination over issues involving potentially 'unsafe' equipment (eyeglasses, 'soft' casts, etc.).

11.0 Game Sheets

Both teams must submit their completed game sheets to the referee prior to kick-off. Players' uniform numbers must correspond to numbers/names on the game sheet.

12.0 Tournament Committee

14.1 The Festival Committee will be responsible for team acceptances, festival format, game scheduling, and assignment of referees.

14.2 The Festival Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the festival.

14.3 The Festival Committee reserves the right to rule on all matters pertaining to the festival, including interpretation of the forgoing rules and regulations.

14.4 The Festival Committee reserves the right to change the format of the festival due to unforeseeable circumstances.

14.5 The Kingston United Soccer Club will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the Festival is cancelled or shortened.

