

# **Pembroke Kings Sports Invitational Soccer Tournament**

## **PLAYING RULES**

### **1.0 GENERAL RULES**

#### **1.1 ELIGIBILITY**

All participating teams **MUST** be currently registered with the Ontario Soccer Association. All other teams will be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. A player can play for only **ONE** team during the Tournament regardless of division. All teams must present an authorized travel permit (OSA Rules Section 7 Policy 14.0) from their governing body.

A team will not be allowed to play if they fail to provide an authorized travel permit. Participating teams are required to complete the Team Game Sheet provided and to bring five (5) copies of the completed game sheet when registering their team.

Player and Team Management books or cards must be presented at the time of registration. Books or cards shall conform to OSA Rule Section 5 Policy 14.0. Improperly completed books or cards could be rejected at time of registration making the player ineligible to play. Player books or cards must be available at each game, and in the event of a dispute concerning player eligibility, the Tournament Committee's decision shall be final.

The Committee and the host club will not be liable for any injuries to any participant in the Tournament on or off the fields. All teams must carry and supply proof of personal injury liability insurance while participating in the event.

In the event a team wishes to register a player who normally plays on an equivalent or lower level team in the same club, an authorization form must be completed by the club, certifying that the player is eligible and authorized to participate. The player's registration book identifying age must be presented to the Tournament Committee at registration. Each team will be allowed a maximum of 3 players (guest players) who are not a regular player on the team. All players who are not regular players on a team must be marked clearly as guest players on the Team Game Sheet.

#### **1.2**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel any division due to lack of registered teams. Teams will be given the option of playing up one division if they wish to remain in the Tournament.

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### **1.3**

Any team withdrawing after July 14th but before August 01 will forfeit 50% of registration fee. After August 01 there will be no refund for teams withdrawing from the Tournament unless approved by the Tournament Committee.

### **1.4**

The Pembroke Soccer Club, the Tournament Organizing Committee, the Tournament Discipline Committee and the SNE will not be responsible for any expenses that are incurred by any team or any person if the Tournament is cancelled in whole or in part.

## **2.0 ROSTER**

Team rosters will be limited to eighteen (18) players. Mini Soccer will be limited to U10 and U11 divisions. Mini-team rosters will be limited to fourteen (14) players.

## **2.1 COACHES**

All competitive team coaches will be required to have their Level III Coaching Certificate. This will not apply to recreational team coaches.

### **3.0**

Each team **MUST** have their coach or team representative check in at the Tournament headquarters 1 hour prior to playing their first game to register their team. Be prepared to show Player and Team Management books or cards for all players, and a complete team game sheet must be available. It is the team coach's or team representative's responsibility to **CHECK THE MASTER SCHEDULE FOR THEIR NEXT GAME IN THE EVENT OF DELAYS OR LAST MINUTE CHANGES DUE TO CANCELLATIONS.**

## **4.0 WEATHER**

a) Due to the possibility that severe thunderstorms may occur during the Tournament, it is necessary that attending teams understand the procedures to be followed. Coaches and their teams must present themselves to a Tournament official in the vicinity of their playing field at the scheduled time, regardless of weather conditions, or they will forfeit the game. In the event of conditions that may be hazardous to the players and spectators, the referee or the Tournament Committee will suspend play until conditions are such as to permit a safe continuation of the schedule. Only the referee and/or Tournament Committee are authorized to postpone a game.

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b) During the round-robin series, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten the length of any game in an effort to ensure that all games are played. Further, if necessary due to extreme weather conditions, the Committee may cancel any game that does not have a bearing on the final standing of any group.

c) Should a game in progress be terminated due to weather conditions after the first half of play has been completed, the game shall be considered complete and the score at termination shall stand.

## **5.0 FORFEITS**

a) If a team is unable to field seven (7) players (5 players for mini-soccer) ten (10) minutes after starting time, the game shall be forfeited unless the offending team is able to present an explanation that the Tournament Committee accepts as reasonable for its late time of arrival.

b) If a team forfeits its last game of the round-robin series, all games played by the team in the Tournament shall be eliminated and all of their opponents will receive a 1-0 victory and three (3) points, regardless of the actual game scores. The offending team shall be assessed a \$100.00 fine which shall be payable within thirty (30) days. In the event the fine is not paid, the appropriate district association and the Ontario Soccer Association shall be notified of the team's performance and appropriate disciplinary action shall be taken.

## **6.0 TOURNAMENT STANDINGS**

a) The round-robin standing will be determined by the following criteria:

Points will be awarded:

Win - 3 points

Tie - 1 point

Loss - 0 points

Standing of teams will be established by points awarded according to the above scheme.

b) If, at the end of the round-robin series, there is a tie, the winning teams will be identified according to the following criteria:

1) the winner of the game between the two teams,

2) the team with the most wins,

3) the team with the better goal differential, (i.e. goals for minus goals against) to a maximum of a five (5) goal differential per game,

4) the team with the most goals for,

5) the team with the least goals against,

6) FIFA penalty kicks

c) For divisions in which there are four (4) teams, each team will play all the other teams once (three (3) games). The top two (2) teams will advance to the Final.

d) For divisions in which there are five (5) teams, each team will play all the other teams once (four (4) games). The top two (2) teams will advance to the Final.

e) For divisions in which there are six (6) teams, (two (2) groups A and B of three (3) teams each), each team will play the three (3) teams in the other group (three (3) games).

The semi-finals will be conducted as follows:

1st Place Group A versus 2nd Place Group B

1st Place Group B versus 2nd Place Group A

The winners of the semi-final games will advance to final.

f) For divisions in which there are eight (8) teams (two (2) groups A and B of four (4) teams each), each team will play the teams in their group (three (3) games). The semifinals will be conducted as follows:

1st Place Group A versus 2nd Place Group B

1st Place Group B versus 2nd Place Group A

The winners of the semi-final games will advance to final.

g) For divisions in which there are ten (10) teams, (one (1) Group A of four (4) teams, two (2) Groups B and C of three (3) teams each); for the Group A of four (4) teams, each team will play the teams in Group A once (three (3) games); for the two (2) Groups B and C of three (3) teams, each team will play the three (3) teams in the other group (three (3) games). The winner of the Group A of four (4) will advance. The best two (2) teams overall from the six (6) teams in the B and C groups will advance. One (1) wild card team will be identified from the remaining seven (7) teams according to their points earned and using the tie-breaking rules above as necessary. The semi-final series will be conducted as follows:

1st Place Group A versus Wild Card

1st Place overall Group B/C versus 2nd overall place Group B/C

In the event that the wild card team comes from Group A, the semi-final series will be altered as follows:

1st Place Group A versus 2nd place overall Group B/C

1st Place overall Group B/C versus Wild Card

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h) For divisions in which there are 12 teams, (three groups A, B and C of four (4) teams each), each team will play the teams in their group (three (3) games). The winner of each group will advance. One wild card team will be identified from the remaining nine (9) teams according to their points earned and using the tie-breaking rules above as necessary. The semi-final series will be conducted as follows:

1st Place Group A versus Wild Card  
1st Place Group B versus 1st Place Group C

In the event that the wild card team comes from Group A, the semi-final series will be altered as follows:

1st Place Group A versus 1st Place Group B  
1st Place Group C versus Wild Card

## **7.0 CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT**

a) Decisions: The referee's decision in matters concerning the application of the rules of the game, and the decision of the Tournament Committee regarding conduct of the Tournament shall be final and with no appeal rights.

b) Discipline: All player discipline will be dealt with according to OSA rules under the Discipline By Review System. All suspensions shall be accordance with OSA policy. The Discipline Committee, consisting of a Chair and 2 other members, will review the Referee's Report and render suspensions as appropriate according to OSA rules. All team official/coach discipline will be dealt with according to OSA rules under the Discipline By Hearing System.

c) Behavior: The Tournament Committee relies upon the coaches and team officials to set an example of conduct and sportsmanship and to exercise all the necessary control over their players and associated parents and spectators. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to eject ANY person (player, coach, team official, parent or spectator) exhibiting inappropriate behavior from the immediate playing areas.

## **8.0 PROTESTS**

All protests must be in writing and submitted to the Tournament Headquarters (as designated by the Tournament Committee) together with a cash fee of \$50.00 within one hour of the game to which the protest relates. The referee is the sole time-keeper of the game and no protests on the referee's decision shall be entertained. Fees will be refunded only where a protest is upheld. Protests shall only be accepted by the committee when submitted by the team coach or the individual who was the team representative at the time of registration. The coach or team representative will be the only ones with the right to be heard, unless agreed to by the committee.

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## **9.0 SUBSTITUTION**

Unlimited substitutions by both teams shall be allowed at the following times with the approval of the referee.

- 1) on goal kicks,
- 2) after a goal has been scored,
- 3) at the beginning of the second half,
- 4) on throw-ins when initiated by the attacking team.

**Note:** that in the event of an injury, substitution will be allowed for the injured player only. If someone other than someone on the playing field attends the injured player, the injured player must be substituted, but may return on his or her team's next substitution.

## **10.0 POSITION OF TEAMS**

Teams (players and coaches) will take up positions on opposite sides of the field. All players and coaches shall restrict their movement to an area along the touchline and within ten (10) yards of either side of the centre line. All players, coaches and spectators shall remain two (2) yards back from the touchline.

## **11.0 PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

Each team should have two sets of different coloured jerseys. In the event of a conflict of jersey colours, the first team listed on the schedule shall be required to change. The goalkeeper's jersey must be distinct from those of his team, the opposing team, and the referee. Shinguards are mandatory. All jerseys must have sleeves.

### **11.1 BALL SIZE**

U12 and under will use a size 4 ball

U13 and up will use a size 5 ball

## **12.0 LINESMEN**

The Tournament Committee for round robin games will provide linesmen for divisions 15 & up. For all semi and final games linesmen will be provided, where possible.

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### **13.0 DURATION OF GAMES**

The duration of games in minutes will be as follows:

Age Round Robin Semi-final Final

U10 40 40 40

U11 50 50 50

U12 50 50 50

U13 50 50 50

U14 50 50 50

U15 60 60 60

U16 60 60 60

U17 60 60 60

U18 60 60 60

U19 60 60 60

In all games, each team shall be entitled to a five-minute rest period at half time. The referee is the only timekeeper of the game. There also must be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team.

Should any of the semi-final or final games end in a tie, the game shall be decided by penalty kicks taken in accordance with the regulations laid out in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

### **14.0 CAUTIONS/EJECTIONS**

a) Cautions/Yellow Cards - If a player receives two (2) cautions during the Tournament, the circumstances surrounding the cautions will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. If the Committee deems the cautions to be of a serious nature, a one (1) game suspension may be handed down. The suspension will be carried out by the offending individual during his team's next game.

b) Ejections/Red Card - If a player or a team official is ejected from a game, an automatic one (1) game suspension shall be invoked against the offending individual. The suspension will be carried out by the offending individual during his teams next game. The Committee reserves the right to impose a longer suspension if deemed necessary.

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