



North Mississauga Development U8 Festival

September 10, 2016

MINI U8 FESTIVAL RULES

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Each team is responsible for ensuring they are aware of their schedule or any schedule changes. Team Coaches or Managers are responsible for communicating schedules and/or playoff designations to their players. Coaches/managers should check with Festival headquarters, 10 Falconer Dr Unit #12, or field conveners, periodically for any changes or updates.

Unless your scheduled field is not in use, players should only warm up on adjacent field space. Teams must be prepared to play immediately following the end of the previous game.

Once a team has been accepted into the Festival no refund will be issued. However, in the event that the Festival does not have enough teams entered in an age group, all affected teams will be notified and will receive a full refund of their entry fee by cheque.

Please ensure that you have read all the rules and policies of the Festival prior to registering.

2. REGISTRATION

Team registration will take place at the NMSC Club House, which is located at 10 Falconer Dr Unit #12 at the following times:

Tuesday, September 6, 2016	10 am to 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 7, 2016	10 am to 7:30 pm
Thursday, September 8, 2016	10 am to 7:30 pm
Friday, September 9, 2016	10 am to 6:00 pm

Please note, absolutely no registration will be permitted at the field.

The following is what is required when registering:

- A fully completed Festival Team Roster Form
- Authorized player books for all registered players
- No teams will be permitted from outside of the Peel Halton Soccer District area.

3. AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

This Festival is open to registered Development and Recreational U8 Teams in the Peel Halton District only.

All players must be registered with the O.S.A. and with the club for which he or she is playing and have an up to date OSA player book. The player book must be available during the Festival. In the event that the player books are requested and cannot be produced, that player will not be allowed to participate in any further games in the Festival until it is produced. U8 teams may register up to 10 players.

No Guest Players will be permitted to play.

Proof of Age

All teams must complete a team roster and have it signed by the coach. Completed forms must be handed in at registration where it will be verified against the player books. All players listed on the roster must meet the age requirements listed below:

U8 Division: Born January 1, 2008 or later

Number of Players

Teams will be allowed to register a maximum of 10 players. The minimum number of players to start a game is 5. The game shall not continue if a team has less than 5 players. Games will use a 5 v 5 format.

Travel Permits

No teams from outside of Peel Halton will be eligible to participate/

Medical Assistance

Directions and phone numbers to local emergency services will be provided in your registration package.

4. CONTEST RULES

Laws of the Game

All games shall be played in accordance with the OSA Mini soccer rules, with some exceptions:

Substitutions: Unlimited number of substitutions is allowed on the fly.

Offside: No offside calls for U8

Throw-in: No throw-in for U8 (kick-in only)

Home Team Responsibilities

The home team is responsible for providing an alternate colour shirt, if in the opinion of the referee the shirts are similar. The Home team will also supply the game ball. The Home team is the one that appears first on the schedule. I.e. 1 V 2 ó Team 1 is the Home team.

Duration of the Games and Ball Size

For U8 games, the game ball should be size #3.

All U8 teams will play 2 games on Saturday. The games will consist of two halves of 15 minutes each with a 5 minute half time. No semi-finals or final games will be played and no standings will be kept.

There will be a minimum of an hour between each game played by any team.

Game Sheets

Game sheets will be provided to the referee by the Field Marshall. The referee will then present the game sheet to the coaches of each team. The Coach or Manager must sign the game sheet prior to presenting it to the referee. Once signed, give it to the referee before the beginning of each game. On completion of the game the referee must complete the game sheet, including the score, players who scored, and Special Incident Reports. After doing so, the referee must hand the game sheet to the Field Official. All game sheets will be returned to the Festival Headquarters at the end of the day. No record of scores or standings will be kept.

Player Equipment

Players must wear uniforms with numbers on the back and numbers must correspond to numbers/names on the game sheet. Shin guards must be worn by all players.

Substitutions

Unlimited substitution shall be allowed. All substitutions shall be on the fly.

Players ejected by the referee must be replaced by a team substitute.

Severe Weather Conditions

A referee may issue a 2 minute water break halfway through the first half and half way through the second half of any game if severe heat conditions occur.

Only in the case when weather or some other act of nature cancels the Tournament prior to its commencement, teams will be refunded up to 1/3 of their tournament registration fee by the NMSC.

Refunds will not be granted for any other reason.

The City of Mississauga leases all fields to the NMSC for the North Mississauga Festival and Tournament. If the City feels that playing on the field may damage the field, the Tournament Committee may be obliged to abide by the City's field policy, and thereby move the games to

another venue (if possible), postpone or cancel the games, shorten the games to ten (10) minutes per half or more.

Undecided games (quarters, semis and finals) will then go to penalty kicks, as per FIFA rules. Games will be stopped during lightning and then continue after the lightning leaves the area (stoppages of play due to lightning will be at the discretion of the referee and onsite field marshal).

Games could be shortened to accommodate the rest of the day's games. Regardless of weather conditions, all teams must be prepared to field a team. It is the responsibility of the team to check in with their field marshal at the scheduled field at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of their game.

5. DISCIPLINE AND PROTESTS

Festival Discipline Rules

- a) The OSA Published Rules on Discipline at Festivals will apply with the following exceptions:

Discipline authority is delegated for player misconduct only. Any misconduct reports for coaches, other team officials or game officials shall be submitted for PHSA within 3 days of the Festival's completion.

- b) The Festival Discipline Committee will use Discipline by Review (and a Discipline by Hearing where necessary or requested).

Discipline Carryover

- a) PHSA will convene a Discipline Hearing for all Special Incident Reports and Dismissal Reports for Coaches, other Team Officials and game Officials. Reports involving individuals from other Districts will be forwarded by PHSA to the appropriate authority, as required.

PHSA will use Discipline by Review on all Dismissal reports for Players who were unable to serve the full Mandatory Minimum sentence at the Festival. PHSA will advise the player's club and regular league of any additional suspension imposed as a result of Festival discipline carryover.

Any player (player's club wishing to request Discipline by Hearing MUST do so before the end of the week following the Festival.

- b) In the event (based on the reports which it reviews) the PHSA Discipline Review Committee determines that additional misconduct has occurred or that a Serious Foul Play or Violent Conduct misconduct warrants more than the mandatory suspension, it shall advise the Player by way of Discipline Hearing Notice that additional charges have been laid and a Hearing has been scheduled.

If a hearing is necessary, it will be conducted before the team's next scheduled game at the NMSC Festival Headquarters, which is located at 10 Falconer Dr Unit #12.

Protests

Any team wishing to protest a game must submit same in writing with \$100.00 cash to the Festival headquarters, 10 Falconer Drive Unit #12, within one (1) hour following completion of the game. **Note: No protests regarding referee's decisions will be entertained.** The Festival committee decision will be final.

Fair Play Code for Spectators

Team Coaches and managers are expected to inform all members of their group of the following:

- I will remember that children play sports for THEIR enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will respect the official's decision; I will encourage the participant's to do the same.
- I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will not avoid the use of inappropriate language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials, or other spectators.

6. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

- A. The Festival Committee will be responsible for team acceptances, Festival format, game scheduling and assignment of referees.
- B. The Festival Committee will be responsible for making decisions regarding combining or cancelling age divisions in the Festival. If an age group is cancelled a full refund will be issued back to the effected registered teams. Once a team is accepted into the Festival, no refunds will be issued.
- C. The Festival Committee will keep scores and standings at the Festival headquarters, 10 Falconer Drive Unit #12. Unofficial standings will be kept at the field locations by the Field Convenors; however, all official decisions regarding standings will be made at the Festival headquarters.
- D. In the event of inclement weather the Festival Committee will have the authority to relocate or reschedule games, change the duration of games. It will also have the right to cancel any game in the qualifying round that has no bearing in deciding the qualifiers for the playoff round. Any game abandoned after the first half (except playoff games) due to inclement weather, will be considered official and complete.
- E. The Festival Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the Festival.
- F. The Festival Committee will be made up of at least 3 persons from the Staff and/or the Board of Directors of the North Mississauga Soccer Club.