



Waterloo Minor Soccer Club
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U15/16/17 TOURNAMENT RULES 2019

**** COACHES PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ****

ELIGIBILITY

Only players from the official house league team lists are allowed to play in this tournament. Call-ups will not be used for the end of season. Players are tied to their house league teams. Players on teams that have been eliminated cannot play on teams advancing to the semi-finals or finals. **Coaches are NOT allowed to recruit players for the teams. Rep/select players are NOT permitted to play in this tournament.**

CONDUCT DURING THE TOURNAMENT

**** *The referee's decision shall be final* ****

Coaches must stay off the field, except when attending to an injury at the request of the referee. Spectators must stay on the opposite side of the field to the coaches and players. Neither coaches nor spectators are permitted to stand either behind or near the goal area. **Coaches must ensure equal participation by all players. All players must be rotated on and off per half.**

It is the responsibility of all coaches to maintain the highest standards of conduct for themselves, their players and supporters in all matches. Failure to do so undermines the referee's authority and the integrity of the game, resulting in a hostile environment for players, the referee, coaches, and spectators. As role models, coaches participating in the end of season tournaments are expected to be supportive of, and to applaud the effort, good play, and sportsmanship of ALL players from either team. By example, all coaches are expected to show that although they are competing in a game, participants at all times have respect for the opponent, referees and spectators. WMSC [Code of Conduct](#) guidelines.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

All players are required to wear shin guards (covered by soccer socks) and may be checked at the start of each game by the referee. Outdoor soccer shoes (no metal cleats) must be worn. Hard casts are not permitted. Players wearing a soft, lightweight, cast will be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player. No item of jewellery is permitted on the field for boys and girls. **(no taping of earrings is allowed)** The referee has final discretion regarding all equipment issues.

LENGTH OF GAMES

Outdoor regular season rules apply. All round robin games will consist of two (2) thirty (30) minute halves with a five (5) minute break at half time. Semi final and final games will consist of two (2) thirty (30) minute halves with a five (5) minute break at half time.

FORFEITS-NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Any team with less than seven (7) players 5 minutes after the scheduled start of play will forfeit that game and a win with a score of 3-0 will be assigned to the opposing team. Teams are to play 11-a-side. If one team has less than 11 players the other team can play with up to a 2 player advantage (eg. 11 vs.9, 10 vs.8).

POINTS AWARDED

All teams will play three (3) games during the round robin. Standings to determine the semi-finalists will be based on the amount of points accumulated during round robin play to be allocated as follows:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss



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STANDINGS- TIE BREAKERS

In the event of a tie on the basis of points at the end of round-robin play, the final standings will be determined based on the following tie-breaking procedure:

1. the winner of head to head competition between the tied teams (applies only when 2 teams are tied)
2. team with the most wins
3. team with the least number of goals allowed
4. team with the highest goal spread (i.e. goals for minus goals against) with a maximum of +5 per game
5. most shut-outs
6. toss of a coin

When more than 2 teams are tied, the tie breaker system will be used starting with #2 until the tie is broken.

OVERTIME IN ELIMINATION ROUND PLAY

All semi-final and final games will consist of two (2) thirty (30) minute halves with a five (5) minute break at half time. If the two teams are still tied at the end of regulation time, sudden death overtime will take place where the team that scores first will win the game. Sudden death overtime will consist of two (2) five (5) minute halves with no break for half-time. If no goal is scored during the overtime, penalty kicks will be used to decide a winner.

PENALTY KICKS

Each coach will select five (5) players to shoot from those who were on the field at the end of the overtime and line them up at centre in the order that they are to kick. The balance of the team will remain on the sideline. The goalie may be substituted for penalty kicks with another player on the field at any time. The teams will alternate shots. If the score is still tied after each team has taken five (5) shots, penalty shots will become sudden death. The teams will alternate shots, with coaches appointing shooters from the balance of his/her team, one (1) at a time as needed until a winner is determined. No player may shoot twice until each player has taken a shot.

SUBSTITUTIONS

There is no limit to the number of substitutions that may be made during a game. Substitutions may only be made at the following stoppages in play, and with the referee's approval. A referee may deny a substitution if time does not allow. It is recommended that all coaches review the substitution rules with the referee prior to the start of each game.

1. On your own possession of a throw-in (or if the team with possession make a substitution). If a team has no substitutes, the other team may substitute on any throw-in.
2. On any goal kick.
3. When a goal is scored.
4. At the beginning of the second half.
5. At the beginning of the first and second half of overtime. Applies to end of season tournament only.
6. For any injured player at the referee's discretion – for the injured player only.

DISCIPLINE

In the case of an assault, the accused is immediately ejected from the tournament and the game sheet report sent to Waterloo Minor Soccer for possible further action. Referees can issue yellow cards for foul language, reckless actions, or any sign of poor sportsmanship. A player accumulating his/her 2nd caution (yellow card) during the course of the tournament receives an automatic one game suspension. A player ejected (red card) during the course of the tournament receives an automatic one game suspension (including semi-final and final games). Any subsequent red card will result in ejection for the rest of the tournament. Any player receiving 3 yellow cards during the tournament will receive the same penalty as a red card. A coaching official ordered from the field for misconduct



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during the tournament receives an automatic one game suspension. When a team official or player is ejected from his/her game, the incident report will be sent to the Discipline Committee for any further disciplinary action.

GAME OFFICIAL ASSAULT

Game Official Assault shall mean deliberate physical contact or attempted physical contact, any type of threats or threatening action, any form of violent conduct or attempted violent conduct towards a Game Official.

WEATHER

Only the referee or the tournament officials (convenors and/or WMSC representatives) are authorized to postpone or cancel a game. A game called in progress after the first half has been completed will be considered complete and the score at termination will stand.

JEWELLERY

There is **no jewellery** permitted on the field for boys or girls (no taping of earrings is allowed). Medic alert bracelets/necklaces may be worn, provided they are taped to the skin to prevent movement. If taped, the taping should be such that the description of the medical problem is clearly visible.