



## Ottawa Ice Breaker Outdoor Festival

### Festival Dates

#### Girls

- U-9 and U-11 Teams: Saturday, May 24, 2025
- U-10 and U-12 Teams: Sunday, May 25, 2025

#### Boys

- U-9 and U-11 Teams: Saturday, May 31, 2025
- U-10 and U-12 Teams: Sunday, June 1, 2025

### Festival Rules and Procedures

#### *Age and Eligibility*

The Ice Breaker Mini Soccer Festival is open to teams with players born in the following years:

- Under-9: Born on or after January 1, 2016
- Under-10: Born on or after January 1, 2015
- Under-11: Born on or after January 1, 2014
- Under-12: Born on or after January 1, 2013

Any exceptions must be approved by the Festival and Tournament Organizing Committee (FTOC) prior to the team's roster being finalized.

#### *Gender Inclusivity*

The Ottawa Ice Breaker Festival is committed to creating an inclusive, respectful, and equitable environment. In accordance with Ontario Soccer and Canada Soccer policies, players may participate in the division that matches their gender designation as registered with their governing body (e.g., club, district, or provincial association).

Discrimination or harassment based on gender identity or expression will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the tournament.



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### ***Errors or Omissions***

Any errors or omissions in this document may be addressed at the discretion of the Festival and Tournament Organizing Committee (FTOC).

### ***TOC Decisions***

All decisions made by the Tournament Organizing Committee (TOC) regarding rules, team placement, and scheduling are final. TOC decisions are not subject to appeal except through appropriate governing bodies.

### ***Acceptance of Teams***

The TOC reserves the right to accept or decline any team application to ensure a balanced, inclusive, and enjoyable event.

### ***Division Structure***

Based on registrations received, the TOC may combine, split, or tier divisions to create a competitive and fun experience for all teams. Teams may be placed in higher or lower tiers, and in rare cases, may be offered a refund if no appropriate placement is available.

### ***Game Format***

- U9 and U10: 7v7 Mini Soccer
- U11 and U12: 9v9 Intermediate Mini Soccer

### ***Roster sizes***

- U9 and U10 (7v7) Minimum 10- Maximum 14
- U11/U12 (9v9) Minimum 12- Maximum 18

### ***Game Duration***

- **U9/U10:** 2x15 minutes + 5-minute halftime (Total: 30 minutes)
- **U11/U12:** 2x20 minutes + 5-minute halftime (Total: 40 minutes)



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### ***Number of Games***

Each team is scheduled to play a minimum of three (3) games. The TOC reserves the right to adjust this number in special circumstances.

### ***Field and Ball Specifications***

- **Field Size:** Mini fields for U9/U10, Intermediate fields for U11/U12 (per Ontario Soccer guidelines)
- **Ball Size:** Size 4 for all age groups

### ***Scores and Standings***

No scores or standings are kept, in line with Ontario Soccer Festival Guidelines.

### ***Team and Player Registration***

Teams must present the following at registration:

- Club name
- Player list with age group, full name, birth date, and OS registration number
- Team staff list with OS registration numbers

Teams may register Thursday evening or 60 minutes before their first game. Out-of-region teams may register on game day with documentation.

### ***Proof of Insurance***

Out-of-province teams must supply proof of injury and liability insurance.

### ***Substitutions***

Unlimited substitutions are allowed with the Referee's consent. Players with visible blood must leave the field until cleaned and cleared to return.

### ***Conduct and Discipline***

All participants and supporters must conduct themselves respectfully. Misconduct will be dealt with per Ontario Soccer discipline regulations. The TOC and Festival Discipline Committee (FDC) may impose penalties including ejection and reporting to the Eastern Ontario Soccer (EOS).



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- Yellow cards may be issued to U9/U10 players and, at the referee's discretion, **may** result in a 5-minute temporary expulsion.
- U11/U12 players receiving a yellow card serve a 5-minute penalty; red carded players are expelled but may be substituted.
- A third yellow card will result in a suspension from further participation in the tournament
- Red card appeals require a \$200 cash bond and must be submitted within 15 minutes of game end.

### ***Protests***

Protests are only accepted for non-judgment issues. A written protest with a \$200 cash deposit must be submitted within one hour of the game. The FTDC's decision is final.

### ***Team No-Shows or Withdrawal***

Failure to appear may result in expulsion from the festival without refund. Valid reasons may be considered by the FTOC. Minimum player requirements:

- U9/U10: 5 players
- U11/U12: 6 players

Failure to field the minimum due to injuries or cards results in game suspension without refund.

### ***Weather Conditions***

Games may be delayed, relocated, or cancelled due to weather. Games interrupted after 75% of playtime may be considered complete. Electrical storms require immediate suspension.

### ***Check-In***

Teams must check in with Field Marshals 30 minutes before their first game. Teams registering on-site must do so 60 minutes prior to their first match and provide any outstanding documentation.



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### ***General Liability***

OISC, the TOC, and EOS are not liable for costs incurred due to cancellations. If the Festival is cancelled entirely, partial refunds will be issued where possible.