



Ottawa Ice Breaker" Soccer Tournament Rules and Procedures

Tournament Dates

Girls Tournament: May 24–25, 2025

Boys Tournament: May 31–June 1, 2025

Tournament Rules and Procedures (Aligned with Ontario Soccer Tournament Regulations)

Errors or Omissions

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

Age and Eligibility

The Icebreaker Tournament is sanctioned for the following age groups:

- **U13** – Born on or after January 1, 2012
- **U14** – Born on or after January 1, 2011
- **U15** – Born on or after January 1, 2010
- **U16** – Born on or after January 1, 2009
- **U17/U18** – Born on or after January 1, 2007

Players must present valid Ontario Soccer (OS) player cards or digital passports. Guest players must comply with OS Temporary Eligibility Permit requirements. No overage or "playing down" is permitted.

Gender

Players may compete in the division aligned with their registered gender designation, in accordance with OS and Canada Soccer policy. Discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated.

Team Entry & Documentation

All teams must:

- Provide player cards or digital passports or an official roster with photos for all players. In Ontario, this is known as a TRR.
- Submit official OS team rosters (including guest players)
- Carry proof of insurance and, if outside EOS jurisdiction, valid travel permits

Tournament Format & Structure

- Minimum 3-game guarantee
- The tournament will divide teams into two separate divisions (Tier 1 Ice and Tier 2 Snow).
- Each division will have a preliminary round and play off round where numbers permit.
- Some age groups may be in an "open" division which is followed by a playoff bracket.



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- Based on enrollment and the make up of teams some divisions will be as a seeding “open” division followed and divided into Tier 1 Ice and Tier 2 Snow divisions.

Point System (Ice Jam):

- Regulation win: 3 pts
- Shootout win: 2 pts
- Shootout loss: 1 pt
- Regulation loss: 0 pts
- All tied preliminary games (after regulation play) go directly to a shootout (3 shooters).
- All tied Semi-final and Final games (after regulation play) go directly to a shootout (5 shooters).

Preliminary round Tiebreakers: Head-to-head → Wins → GF → GA → Shutouts → Coin toss (or penalties if schedule permits (this will be the decision of the FTOC and is NOT appealable). Teams will be provided information regarding this potential asap.

Game Details

- Ball Size:** Size 5 (FIFA approved).
- Game Duration:** 40-minute games with a 5-minute half time.
- Players Per Team:** Max 20 per game.
- Substitutions:** Substitutions as per FIFA rules and are Unlimited at the referee’s discretion. Teams are not permitted to substitute players to slow the restart of a game and “waste time”.
- Additional Substitutions:** May be made at a throw-in by the team in possession only. If the team in possession requests as substitution, the opposing team may also make substitution(s).

Roster Sizes

Minimum 16. Maximum 20

Guest Players

- Max 6 guest players
- No more than 3 from outside the club the team is registered to.
- Must be registered at an appropriate competition level in a Sanctioned Ontario Soccer Club or Academy.
- Must have OS Temporary Eligibility Permit if from another club.

Game Sheets & Referee Procedures

- Field Marshalls provide game sheets to the referee prior to the game.
- If teams want to request an identification check of players it must be completed 10 minutes prior to the game’s scheduled kick-off.
- Referees will hold onto the game sheets during the game.



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- Referees complete and submit all reports, including OS Caution/Dismissal forms and Special Incident Reports.
- Once the game sheets are completely filled in after the game they MUST submit them to the assigned Field Marshal.
- If a field marshal cannot be found the referee must immediately take the game sheet to the Competition Coordinator at the site’s main operations tent.

Conduct & Discipline

- Teams and Coaches are responsible for team & spectator behaviour.
- Tournament discipline in accordance with OS bylaw Section 12.
- Red cards result in an automatic 1 game suspension.
- Discipline not served in tournament may be reported to EOS or the team’s governing body.

Code of Conduct

Protests

Note: Referee discretionary decisions are not subject to Protest.

Protest Procedure

- \$200 cash deposit required within 20 minutes of game end and 40 minutes before the next game for all team’s involved.
- Only non-referee judgment decisions matters may be protested.
- Festival and Tournament Discipline Committee decisions are final.

Minimum Player Requirement

- A minimum of 7 players is required to start or continue a match.
- Failure to field a team may result in default (2-0 loss) and possible tournament expulsion.
- Any team defaulting a match may not directly benefit from the default.

Weather & Unplayable Conditions

- Games may be delayed, relocated, or shortened
- No play during lightning
- If 75% of game completed before abandonment, result stands
- Shootouts or coin toss may be used if tie remains

Tournament Check-In

- All local teams: Thursday prior to event.
- Traveling teams: 60 minutes before first match at competition centre at the location of the game (not at the field where the first game is to be played). Location of the competition centre will be identified for teams at all sites.



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Tournament Authority

- The Festival/Tournament Organizing Committee (FTOC) will oversee all rule interpretation and enforcement.
- No appeal from FTOC decisions unless otherwise directed by EOS or Ontario Soccer.

General Disclaimer

The Ottawa Internationals SC, Tournament Committee, and EOS accept no liability for costs incurred due to weather or cancellation. Refunds will be issued to the extent possible.

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