



Ottawa Ice Breaker Tournament – Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct Applies to: Players, Parents/Guardians, Coaches, Team Officials, Match Officials (Referees/ARs), Spectators, and Tournament Staff/Volunteers.

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A. Purpose & Standard

The Ottawa Ice Breaker Tournament & Festival is committed to a safe, respectful, inclusive, and development-focused environment. All participants are expected to demonstrate sportsmanship and respect for opponents, teammates, match officials, volunteers, and tournament staff.

B. Acceptance & Authority to Enforce

Participation in the Ottawa Ice Breaker Tournament & Festival constitutes acceptance of this Code of Conduct.

Authority: Tournament Officials and Field Marshals are authorized to manage the event site and enforce this Code at all times (arrival, warm-ups, matches, and departures). Match Officials retain full authority over match conduct and the Laws of the Game during play.

C. Respect & Inclusion

- Treat everyone with dignity and respect—regardless of ability, background, race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation.
- Discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, or threatening behaviour is not tolerated.

D. Facility & Site Rules (All Participants)

All participants must follow facility requirements and tournament site instructions.



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- Place garbage/refuse in proper receptacles and remove personal items when departing.
- Keep **emergency routes and access points** clear at all times.
- Spectators must remain in designated spectator areas and follow any posted signage and Field Marshal direction.

Hillcrest HS and Franco-Cité Turf Fields

- **No dogs or other animals** are permitted inside OISC turf fields.
- Dogs are not recommended to attend events (noise/crowds may startle animals).
- **No food and no gum** are permitted inside turf fields.
- **No chairs, benches, or canopies** on the turf. They must be on the asphalt around the turf fields and **not within the safety zone** outside the turf.
- Leave the venue clean—remove all refuse when you depart.

E. Players

Players will:

- Compete with integrity and within the Laws of the Game and tournament rules.
- Respect match officials and accept decisions without confrontation.
- Avoid verbal/physical altercations and demonstrate age-appropriate self-control.
- Remain respectful pre- and post-match (including directed acknowledgements/handshakes where appropriate).

F. Coaches & Team Officials

Coaches/Team Officials will:

- Lead by example and promote a positive, learning-focused environment.
- Communicate respectfully with Match Officials, Field Marshals, and Tournament Officials.
- Ensure players understand and follow this Code of Conduct.
- **Be responsible for the conduct of team-affiliated spectators** (parents/guardians/supporters). Tournament staff may direct Coaches/Team Officials to correct spectator behaviour, and failure to do so may result in team-level consequences.

G. Parents/Guardians & Spectators

Parents/Guardians/Spectators will:

- Support all players with positive, respectful cheering.
- Refrain from sideline coaching and instructions that conflict with the coach or disrupt play.
- Not question or confront match officials, players, coaches, or tournament staff.
- Remain in designated spectator areas and respect bench/technical areas.

Not tolerated (examples):

- Abusive, threatening, discriminatory, or harassing language/gestures.
- Entering the field of play without permission (except emergency).
- Confronting match officials or tournament staff.
- Repeated dissent after a warning or attempts to escalate conflict.



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H. Match Officials (Referees/ARs)

Match Officials will:

- Officiate fairly and safely in accordance with Ottawa Ice Breaker Festival and Tournament rules, Ontario Soccer standards and the Laws of the Game.
- Communicate clearly and respectfully with players and Team Officials.
- Report misconduct promptly to the Competition Coordinator / Field Marshal and via the appropriate reporting pathway.

I. Tournament Officials / Field Marshals / Volunteers

Tournament Officials and Field Marshals will:

- Treat all participants impartially and respectfully.
- Enforce tournament rules and this Code consistently.
- Promote a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment.
- Use progressive discipline when appropriate and act immediately in serious situations.

J. Breaches of Conduct & Consequences

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in one or more of the following actions, depending on severity:

- Verbal warning and direction to correct behaviour
- Written warning
- Removal from the field area or venue
- Suspension/expulsion from the tournament or festival
- Reporting to the individual's Club, District Association, League, and/or Ontario Soccer for further action under the applicable discipline process

No sideline appeals: Decisions by Tournament Officials/Field Marshals regarding site conduct are final and are not subject to sideline debate or protest.

K. Reporting Misconduct

Misconduct may be addressed through match official reports and/or written complaints submitted with supporting information, consistent with Ontario Soccer's discipline framework.

Respect the Game.

Respect your Opponents.

Respect the Officials.

Respect the Volunteers.