

ROYALS FC TOURNAMENT



Tournament Rules

Windsloe Charlottetown Royals FC

1. TEAM ROSTERS

All players must be a member of the registered club for which they play or a PEISA transfer and must be listed on the game sheet of the first game played in the tournament. No additional players may be added to the roster after the first game. No player may play with more than one team during the tournament.

2. GENERAL RULES OF PLAY

Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) rules are followed, except where overridden by these tournament rules. For age classes U15 and above, it will be 11 v 11; U13 will play 9 v 9 for Premier and First and Second Divisions; U11 will play 7 v 7. Tournament games are scheduled using a round robin format and played on the regulation size fields and goals. U11 and U13 use a retreat line. Players must wear shin pads to be allowed on the playing field. Players wearing braces/casts will be subject to the CSA rule concerning casts and braces. Please note that the nets on **Field 5 and Field 7 are smaller than standard size.**

3. SUBSTITUTIONS

During a game, there is no limit on substitutions. The number of substitutions permitted at one time shall be at the referee's discretion.

4. FORMAT

| Age category | Ball size | Field size | Line up | Duration of play |
|--------------|-----------|------------|---------|------------------------|
| U11 | 4 | 75x50 | 7 v 7 | Two 25 minutes halves. |
| U13 | 4 | 80x60 | 9 v 9 | Two 30-minute halves. |
| U15/U18 | 5 | Full size | 11 v 11 | Two 35-minute halves. |

There is no overtime in semi or final games. In semi-final and championship games, if teams are still tied after the regulation time is complete, the winner will be determined by penalty kicks taken from the penalty spot (5), in accordance with CSA rules. If still tied after the 5 penalty shots, it will go shot for shot with the remaining players on the field until a winner is determined.

5. WEATHER

a). During the group games, because of deteriorating weather conditions, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten the length of any game to ensure that all games are played. Further, if necessary, the committee may cancel any game which does not have a bearing on the final standings of any group, because of these adverse weather conditions.

b). Should a game in progress be terminated due to weather conditions after the first half of play has been completed, the game shall be considered complete and the score at termination shall stand. If a game is suspended prior to the completion of one half, the Tournament Committee may reschedule the game or may cancel the game and use shoot-out procedures to determine a winner. Teams are responsible for checking with the Tournament Committee for rescheduling information.

c). WCRFC cannot be held responsible for the inability to complete games due to weather. We reserve the right to adjust the schedule as required.

d) Thunder and Lightning: When the Tournament Committee or ref sees lightning, the ref will summon EVERYONE off the field. A count will then begin from the time you see lightning counting down from thirty (30) minutes. Each flash of lightning or thunder will cause the timer to be reset.

6. DIVISION RANKING OF TEAMS

Teams are ranked by total points. The winning team for the game will receive three points. For tied games, each team receives one point. Goal differentials are kept for possible use in tie-breaking rules.

7. TIE-BREAKING FORMULA (used in order until a winner can be determined)

- A. Head-to-head competition results between two teams (only if two teams are tied)
- B. Goal differential (maximum goal differential is six per game)
- C. Least points based on cards (Yellow is 1 point, Red is 3 points)
- D. Penalty kicks (minimum of five per team)

8. CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS

One red card, two yellow cards in a game or three yellow cards over the course of the tournament results in a one-game suspension. Two red cards or four yellow cards results

in tournament suspension. A red card for violent conduct or serious foul play will cause ejection from the tournament. These red cards will be passed along to the provincial association for possible further disciplinary action. In U11 play, red cards will only be issued for violent conduct or serious foul play. If any spectator or parent is found offending or acting inappropriately toward any official, referee, player, or other parent, a red card will be issued directly to the head coach of the team they are supporting.

9. APPEALS

A disciplinary committee will be established consisting of one Tournament Director or his/her delegate and two other persons (Club President/Vice President, Technical Director, Referee-in-Chief, etc.) who do not have conflict of interest to deal with any situations brought before the tournament organizers. The procedure shall be as follows: Any team official may file a protest. The protest must be filed within one hour of any incident giving rise to the protest. The protest shall be in writing, outlining the particulars of the protest and be accompanied by a \$50 cash payment. If the protest is upheld, the money will be refunded. Protests involving a referee's decision will not be entertained. Abuse of referees will not be tolerated. Such abuse will be subject to potential disciplinary action.

10. OFFICIAL GAMES

A match will be considered official if, at any time into the second half, a match is terminated due to the weather. Should a match be terminated for any reason other than weather, the Tournament Committee will review the referee's report and any other pertinent information to render a decision. Regardless of the weather conditions, coaches and teams must be at the field and ready to play at least 30 minutes before a scheduled game. Only the referee and Tournament Director may cancel or postpone a match. If a championship match cannot be completed, total points will determine the winning team. In all divisions, Mercy Rule - if at any time in the second half of a game (including playoffs), the goal differential reaches six, play may continue for the full amount of regulation time on the consent of both coaches; however, the maximum goal differential recorded will be six.

11. AWARDS

There shall be award presentations for gold and silver medalists following each Championship game.

12. OTHER INFORMATION

Tournament statistics are maintained at the Winsloe Charlottetown Royals FC Clubhouse located on Lower Malpeque Road. A link will be provided for results later.