



WEST HAMILTON YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

RULES AND REGULATIONS **Draft September 12th 2006**

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INTRODUCTION

The rules and regulations of the West Hamilton Youth Soccer Club (WHYSC) govern the Club's soccer program. WHYSC rules may require adjustment at any time as they could be subject to the higher jurisdiction of the rules and regulations from FIFA, the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA), the Hamilton and District Soccer Association (H&DSA) and the West Wentworth Interlocking Soccer League (WWISL). Furthermore, West Hamilton soccer teams are subject to rules and regulations approved for tournament play by the Ontario Soccer Association.

The following WHYSC rules and regulations may not cover all the possible circumstances that arise. Therefore, the Board of Directors remains responsible for making decisions on unique matters. The Board may be guided by rules, regulations and administrative policy of the governing soccer bodies in such instances.

The following rules and regulations have been approved by the General Membership at the Annual General

Meeting on October 11, 2000 and were made available in the Club Manual for the 2001 soccer season. They were also reviewed and approved again on February 28, 2002. Sec. 9.6 was approved at the 2002-2003 Annual General Meeting held in September 2002.

The soccer club received its charter incorporation without share capital under the name: "The West Hamilton Youth Soccer Club Inc." on September 5, 1985.

1. AGE LIMITS

- 1.1. Eligibility is determined by the player's age as of January 1st in the year in which he/she will be playing.
- 1.2. WHYSC utilizes the two year age groupings consistent with other recreational clubs in Hamilton and District and the West Wentworth Interlocking Soccer League
- 1.3. Division Age Limit Type of playing Field – The executive may, during a single season, change the age categories to enable a larger pool of teams to be created within a division. This notice will be made during the spring newsletter to all members.
 - 1.3.1. U04 Under 4 years Mini Field
 - 1.3.2. U05 Under 5 years Mini Field
 - 1.3.3. U06 Under 6 years Mini Field
 - 1.3.4. U08 Under 8 years Mini Field
 - 1.3.5. U10 Under 10 years Mini Field
 - 1.3.6. U11 Under 11 years Mini Field
 - 1.3.7. U12 Under 12years Mini Field
 - 1.3.8. U13 Under 13 years Full Field
 - 1.3.9. U14 Under 14 years Full Field
 - 1.3.10. U16 Under 16 years Full Field
 - 1.3.11. U18 Under 18 years Full Field
- 1.4. In all cases "UNDER" shall mean as of the first day of January in the year in which he/she will be playing.
- 1.5. A player may not play down in age levels because of OSA regulations and insurance considerations. OSA regulations allow the consideration that players may play up one age level

at the discretion of the Club, and as long as such consideration does not take away a playing position from someone else.

- 1.6. All Divisions in the Club will reflect the age groups set down by the Hamilton and District Soccer Association.

2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1. The West Hamilton Youth Soccer Club's executive will set an annual registration time table, fee structure, deadlines, and shall be responsible for related registration matters.
- 2.2. All players must be able to provide proof of age (i.e. Birth Certificate, Passport, etc.) at time of registration, if requested by the Registrar.
- 2.3. All new players must provide proof of age at the time of registration.
- 2.4. No player will be allowed to play until his / her registration form and fee have been processed or waived by the executive. A player must be registered and fees paid before he / she is evaluated.
- 2.5. Any player participating in any team conducted or sanctioned by the Club, must be fully registered with the Club.
- 2.6. Registration fees shall be set annually by the executive.
- 2.7. No player may play for West Hamilton Youth Soccer Club if he / she is registered in any other recreational or competitive soccer team or club.
- 2.8. All fees must be paid in full at registration, and an administration charge of \$25.00 will be charged for N.S.F. cheques (at the discretion of the executive).
- 2.9. The Club's refund policy is as follows:
 - 2.9.1. If a refund is requested prior to March 1st \$10 per registrant will be deducted from the fee, the balance is refundable.
 - 2.9.2. If a refund is requested after March 1st \$25.00 per registrant will be deducted from the fee, the balance is refundable.
 - 2.9.3. After June 1st there will be no refunds (except at the discretion of the Executive)
 - 2.9.4. The Club reserves the right to refund the registration in full and de-register a player where a team cannot be formed due to lack of numbers.

3. TEAM RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1. The home team (meaning the first team listed on game schedule) shall provide a game ball, which must meet the approval of the referee. (U14, U16, and U18 Divisions)
- 3.2. The convener will provide the game ball, which must meet the approval of the referee for all games in the U04, U05, U06, U08, U10, U11, U12 and U13 Divisions.
- 3.3. It is the responsibility of the two coaches to decide on who referees the game, in the absence of the referee. A single coach will be make all calls an play stoppage with a whistle.
- 3.4. The winning team will be responsible for notifying the statistician of the result of the game (U14, U16, U18 Divisions). In the case of a tie the home team will take the responsibility.
- 3.5. Both teams must be at the venue and ready to play 5 minutes before the official kick-off time.
- 3.6. The referee will have complete discretion on starting the game in the event of team lateness.
- 3.7. Eight players will constitute a team, except in a 7-a-side team (mini) where 5 players will constitute a minimum number for a team. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, then that team will forfeit the game and will lose by a score of 1-0. If neither team can field a team, then the game will be rescheduled.
- 3.8. Teams must play their games as scheduled, unless otherwise arranged with the convener.
- 3.9. All players dressed for a game, as much as possible, should get equal playing time.

4. GAME DURATION

- 4.1. The Duration of the games will be:
 - 4.1.1. U04 10-20 minutes divided into two equal halves (10 at season beginning)
 - 4.1.2. U05 45 minutes divided into two equal halves
 - 4.1.3. U06 60 minutes divided into two equal halves with a 5 minute break at half-time
 - 4.1.4. U08 60 minutes divided into two equal halves with a 5 minute break at half-time
 - 4.1.5. U10 60 minutes divided into two equal halves with a 5 minute break at half-time
 - 4.1.6. U11 60 minutes divided into two equal halves with a 5 minute break at half-time
 - 4.1.7. U12 60 minutes divided into two equal halves with a 5 minute break at half-time
 - 4.1.8. U13 70 minutes divided into two equal halves with a 5 minute break at half-time
 - 4.1.9. U14 West Wentworth Interlock League (WWISL) Rules
 - 4.1.10. U16 West Wentworth Interlock League (WWISL) Rules
 - 4.1.11. U18 West Wentworth Interlock League (WWISL) Rules
- 4.2. In the event of a game not being completed due to bad weather, or insufficient light and providing that, ten minutes of the second half has been played, then the score will stand. It will be the referee's decision to play or stop the game.
- 4.3. In the event of two or more teams being equal in points for first place, at the completion of the league schedule, then further games may be played to decide the winner.
- 4.4. Goal averages will not be considered.

5. BALL SIZE

- 5.1. The ball size for games will be as follows:
 - 5.1.1. U04 Size 3
 - 5.1.2. U05 Size 4
 - 5.1.3. U06 Size 4
 - 5.1.4. U08 Size 4
 - 5.1.5. U10 Size 4
 - 5.1.6. U11 Size 4
 - 5.1.7. U12 Size 4
 - 5.1.8. U13 Size 4
 - 5.1.9. U14 Size 4
 - 5.1.10. U16 Size 5
 - 5.1.11. U18 Size 5
- 5.2. Game balls will be controlled by the convener, for U04, U05, U06, U08, U10, U11, U12 and U13 Divisions.
- 5.3. The home team at the U14, U16 and U18 Division will supply the game ball.
- 5.4. Games will be stopped by the division convener, coach, referee or any member of the executive in the event of dangerous weather conditions.
- 5.5. Games will only be called off at the field.

6. SUBSTITUTION

- 6.1. Substitution will be permitted in all league and playoff games as follows:
 - 6.1.1. U04 At the end of each shift or if a player is injured (after the Referee has stopped the game). There will be a 2 minute break at half-time.
 - 6.1.2. U05 At the end of each shift or if a player is injured (after the Referee has stopped the game). There will be a 5 minute break at half-time.

- 6.1.3. U06 At the end of each shift or if a player is injured (after the Referee has stopped the game). There will be a 5 minute break at half-time.
 - 6.1.4. U08 At the end of each shift or if a player is injured (after the Referee has stopped the game). There will be a 5 minute break at half-time.
 - 6.1.5. U10 At the end of each shift or if a player is injured (after the Referee has stopped the game). There will be a 5 minute break at half-time.
 - 6.1.6. U11 In accordance with current O.S.A. and C.S.A. mini-soccer rules.
 - 6.1.7. U12 In accordance with current O.S.A. and C.S.A. mini-soccer rules.
 - 6.1.8. U13 See modified West Wentworth Interlock League (WWISL) Rules
 - 6.1.9. U14 See West Wentworth Interlock League (WWISL) Rules
 - 6.1.10. U16 See West Wentworth Interlock League (WWISL) Rules
 - 6.1.11. U18 See West Wentworth Interlock League (WWISL) Rules
- 6.2. The referee must be notified of all substitutions.

7. TEAM BALANCING

- 7.1. At the beginning of each season all teams at each division shall be balanced with respect to players and coaches.
- 7.2. No coach will be allowed to protect any player, but he / she should have his / her own child on their team.
- 7.3. Conveners will attempt to honour requests only after the teams have been balanced, but must ensure that players of the same rating and gender are in the exchange.
- 7.4. A convener of a division shall not coach at that division.

8. CUP COMPETITION

- 8.1. Cup competitions will be run under O.S.A. Ontario Cup rules and any other rules as designated by West Hamilton Youth Soccer Club.

9. CALL-UPS

- 9.1. A team that cannot dress 14 players may call-up players from a lower age group, to a maximum of 14 players. Call-ups will be dealt with according to procedures laid down by the executive at the beginning of each season. These procedures will be delivered to each team at the beginning of the season.
- 9.2. Under no circumstances may the called-up lower age group player be used if regular team players are available.
- 9.3. Only players registered with the West Hamilton Youth Soccer Club and with fully paid up (or waived) registration be called-up.
- 9.4. No call-ups shall be permitted in cup competitions.

10. COACHING AND REFEREE CERTIFICATION

- 10.1. The Club shall reimburse any member who attains levels 1 & 2 coaching certificate. In each case the certification shall cover Theory and Technical content. (Reimbursement subject to executive approval.)
- 10.2. The Club shall reimburse any member who obtains level 1 referees licence. (Reimbursement subject to executive approval.)
- 10.3. All coaches are encouraged to pursue their certifications.
- 10.4. All coaches are expected to attend in-house coaching clinics.
- 10.5. All coaches must be registered and approved by the executive committee.

- 10.6. All coaches are expected to abide by the Rules, Regulations and Policies of the Club.
- 10.7. Coaches who fail to abide by the Rules, Regulations and Policies of the Club will be reminded by their convener of this requirement.
- 10.8. Coaches who continue to contravene the Rules, Regulations and Policies of the Club, after being reminded of the requirement by the convener, may be required to withdraw from their coaching position. Decisions on requiring coaches to withdraw will be made by a committee comprising the divisional convener and two other executive members. Notice of such a decision will be given in writing by the convener.
- 10.9. Any coach, who is required to withdraw, may appeal the decision within forty eight (48) hours of receiving written notice. Appeals will be heard by a committee, to be struck by the President, comprising three executive members. The decision of this committee will be final.

11. REPRESENTATIVE (REP) TEAMS

- 11.1. The Club will not operate a REP team without approval at an Annual General Meeting at which time the following rules will apply:
- 11.2. The Club may operate REP teams in the following age groups
 - 11.2.1. U10 Under 10 years Mini Field
 - 11.2.2. U11 Under 11 years Mini Field
 - 11.2.3. U12 Under 12 years Mini Field
 - 11.2.4. U13 Under 13 years Full Field
 - 11.2.5. U14 Under 14 years Full Field
 - 11.2.6. U16 Under 16 years Full Field
 - 11.2.7. U18 Under 18 years Full-Field
- 11.3. The number of REP teams shall be at the discretion of the executive.
- 11.4. Final selection of the REP team players shall be made by the coach.
- 11.5. REP team coaches shall be selected and approved by the executive.
- 11.6. REP team players shall pay an additional fee (to cover costs of operation) and this fee shall be set by the executive.
- 11.7. REP team players carded and returned to the house league may only be called-up for REP team play when his house league team is not playing. Permission of house league coach must be obtained.
- 11.8. House league players called-up for these games must be in accordance with O.S.A. guidelines.

12. DIVISIONAL TEAMS

- 12.1. The following divisions may operate divisional teams:
 - 12.1.1. U10 Under 10 years Mini Field
 - 12.1.2. U11 Under 11 years Mini Field
 - 12.1.3. U12 Under 12 years Mini Field
 - 12.1.4. U13 Under 13 years Full Field
 - 12.1.5. U14 Under 14 years Full Field
 - 12.1.6. U16 Under 16 years Full Field
- 12.2. Divisional teams will be open to all house league players who attend divisional team practices, regardless of ability.
- 12.3. Divisional team coaches shall be selected and approved by the executive.
- 12.4. Equal playing time.

- 12.5. Divisional teams will operate according to the principles of equal playing time defined in Section 3.9.
- 12.6. In the event that the numbers wishing to play for a divisional team are greater than can be reasonably accommodated in a single team, a rota system will be operated. The rota system will be operated according to the principle of equal playing time.
- 12.7. The principle of equal playing time may be relaxed for goalies, as in a competitive situation, it may not be possible to change goalies during a game.
- 12.8. Any additional costs incurred by divisional teams will be the responsibility of divisional team players.
- 12.9. Where there is conflict between divisional team and house league fixtures, the house league must take precedence.

13. TOURNAMENTS

- 13.1. Each REP/Divisional team shall be allowed to enter tournaments plus the Ontario Cup, and may have entry fees paid for by the Club (subject to executive approval).
- 13.2. Each Interlock team shall be allowed to enter tournaments and may have the entry fee paid for by the Club (subject to executive approval).
- 13.3. All tournament applications must be approved by the executive.

14. TROPHIES

- 14.1. The awarding of trophies / certificates and / or medals for league champions, cup winners and finalists shall be at the discretion of the Executive.
- 14.2. Each registered player shall receive, at the end of the season, a trophy, certificate, medal or T-Shirt, an individual photo and also a team photo.

15. SPONSORSHIPS

- 15.1. Annual sponsorship fees shall be set by the executive.
- 15.2. All sponsorship monies shall be paid to WEST HAMILTON YOUTH SOCCER CLUB.
- 15.3. Fund-raising will be at the discretion of the executive.

16. PROTESTS (SOCCER RELATED)

- 16.1. The executive will appoint a protest committee. In case a formal protest is submitted, a formal protest committee consisting of a Convener from the age division concerned, Vice-President and one other Convener to be appointed by the President, will be struck.
- 16.2. The protest committee shall deal with all protests.
- 16.3. Any member of the executive directly involved in a protest, will be excluded from the committee dealing with that protest.
- 16.4. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Club within seven days of the date to which it relates.
- 16.5. The decision of the committee will be handed down within seven (7) days.
- 16.6. The decisions of the Committee are binding.
- 16.7. The Club is not committed to appeal on behalf of any individual or team under its jurisdiction.

17. DISCIPLINE (SOCCER RELATED)

- 17.1. The executive will appoint a discipline committee. All soccer-related disciplinary reports, those arising from a referees report, will be dealt with by a Discipline Committee



- consisting Technical Coordinator, Referee Coordinator (who will also be the Chairperson) and a Divisional Convener.
- 17.2. The discipline committee shall deal with all disciplinary matters within the Club.
 - 17.3. Those persons having cause to be cautioned, booked, dismissed, from a game, shall present themselves before the committee when requested.
 - 17.4. Any person absenting themselves from the meeting without just cause to do so and without notification to the committee is liable to further penalty.
 - 17.5. The decision of the discipline committee is binding.
 - 17.6. Discipline procedures shall conform to the Ontario Soccer Association guidelines on discipline.
 - 17.7. Refer to Administration Guide: section on Discipline.

18. OTHER MATTERS

- 18.1. All matters not herewith covered shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 18.2. All RULES AND REGULATIONS for the Club were held intact for the Soccer Year 2005.