

**RULES AND REGULATIONS – INTER DISTRICT**

**Wanderers Invitational 2009**

**General Information:**

Each team is responsible for ensuring they are aware of their schedule or any schedule changes. Team coaches or managers are responsible for communicating schedules and/or playoff designations to their players. Coaches/managers should check with tournament headquarters, or field convenors periodically for any changes or updates, especially at the end of the day and at the beginning of each day.

Unless your scheduled field is not in use, players should only warm up on any adjacent field space. Teams must be prepared to play immediately following the end of the previous game.

**Please ensure that you have read all rules and policies of the tournament prior to registering.**

**Registration:**

Team registration will take place on  
**September 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**  
**at Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club, 98 Healey Road, Bolton, Ontario**

**The following will be required at Registration:**

- a fully completed Tournament Team Roster Form
- authorized player books for all registered players
- for teams outside of the Peel Halton District, an authorized Permission to Travel Form from their District Association

**Proof of Age Eligibility:**

All teams must present player and coaching staff OSA booklets as proof of age and eligibility. All players listed on the roster must meet age requirements. All players must be eligible to play in their age group based on their date of birth as of January 1<sup>st</sup> as per the following:

Under 11 and born on or after January 1, 1998

Under 12 and born on or after January 1, 1997

Under 13 and born on or after January 1, 1996

All players must have available with them, at the Tournament, their Provincial Player Registration Book. In the event this is requested and cannot be produced, that player will not be allowed to participate in any further games in the Tournament until it is produced.

**Player/Team Eligibility:**

All players must be registered with the OSA.

This tournament is open to:  
Competitive Club Teams in L3, L4, leagues in Ontario

**Guest Players:**

Three (3) guest players will be allowed from another club. Guest players must have their player books and an official Temporary Release signed by their home club and authorized by their District.

**Number of Players:**

Teams will be allowed to register a maximum of 18 players. The minimum number of players to start and continue a game is seven.

**Travel Permits:**

Teams outside of the Peel Halton District must present an approved Application to Travel Form from their District Association.

**Medical Assistance:**

Directions and phone numbers to local emergency services will be provided in all coaches' packages.

**Playing Rules:**

**LAWS OF THE GAME**

All games shall be played in accordance with the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game as observed by the Ontario Soccer Association.

**Home Team Responsibilities:**

The home team (the first one listed on the schedule) will be responsible for supplying the game ball. The home team will be responsible for changing uniforms if there is a conflict in uniform colours.

**Game Sheets:**

Both teams must submit their completed game sheets to the referee prior to kick-off.

**Player Equipment:**

Players must wear uniforms with numbers on the back and numbers must correspond to numbers/names on the game sheet. Shin guards must be worn by all players.

**Substitutions:**

Unlimited number of substitutions are allowed, but only at the following times, and with the approval of the referee.

- a) After a goal by either team
- b) At a goal kick by either team
- c) At the beginning of the second half, or the first and second over-time period
- d) On a team's own throw-in
- e) At the referee's discretion for injury or any other circumstance in the best interest of the player

No substitution will be allowed for any player ordered from the field by a referee.

**Referee's Report:**

The referee will forward his official written game report to the FIELD CONVENOR within 30 minutes of the completion of the game with all items for discipline or special incidents.

**Protests:**

Protests may be made by the Coach or Manager, and must be submitted in writing within one hour of the completion of the game in question and must be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, refundable if the protest is successful. **Protests regarding referee's decision will not be heard.** All decisions made by the Tournament/Protest Committee are final.

**Duration of Game and Ball Sizes: (insert applicable information in the table below)**

AGE GROUP	DURATION OF HALVES		BALL SIZE
	PRELIMINARY	FINALS	
U11	2-30 min. Halves	2-35min. Halves	4
U12	2-30 min. Halves	2-35min. Halves	4
U13	2-30 min. Halves	2-35min. Halves	5

Half time break will be 5 minutes.

**Determining Division Winners and Wild Card Teams (if applicable) in the Qualifying Round:**

Standings will be determined by points allocated as follows:

Win = 3

Tie = 1

**Tie Breaking Rules in Qualifying Round:**

**In the event that teams are tied in points, the standings will be determined by the following in declining order, until the tie is broken:**

- (a) Results of head to head competition (does not apply if 3 or more teams tied).
- (b) Team with the best plus/minus - total goals scored, minus goals against (max. of +3 OR -3 per game.)
- (c) Least number of goals allowed.
- (d) Most number of goals scored.
- (e) Most shutouts.
- (f) Knockout competition according to FIFA penalty kick procedure.

**Determining Which Teams Advance Beyond The Qualifying Round:**

**Top team in each division advances to the Finals.**

**Determining Winners in Finals:**

If two teams are tied at the end of regulation time, there will be two 10 minute overtime periods. Golden Goal Rule applies. A coin toss will determine possession of the ball. If still tied after the completion of the second overtime period, 5 penalty kicks will be taken alternatively by 5 different players designated by each team. Only

players on the field at the end of the second period of overtime are eligible to take penalty kicks.

If still tied, alternate penalty kicks will be taken one at a time by the balance of the players who were on the field at the end of the second period of overtime until a winner is declared.

**Failure To Show:**

Teams are allowed a 5 minute grace period from the scheduled start of the game. Following the grace period, the non-offending team will be awarded the win. Any team failing to show for a scheduled game will result in dismissal from the tournament and the tournament fee will be forfeited. A result of 1- 0 will be recorded in favour of the team who should have played the team failing to show. The Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club or Tournament Committee shall not be held responsible for the withdrawal of any teams.

**Discipline:**

- a) The OSA Published Rules on Discipline at Tournaments will apply with the following exception:

Discipline authority is delegated for player misconduct only. Any misconduct reports for coaches, other team officials or game officials shall be submitted to PHSA within 3 days of the tournament's completion.

- b) Standard OSA penalties for player misconduct will apply in all Tournaments and Tournament Discipline Rules must comply with this requirement. (NOTE: This is the same as in Ontario Court Tournament Rounds -- See Table 1 attached).

The Tournament Discipline Committee will use Discipline by Review (and Discipline by Hearing where necessary or requested).

- c) Notwithstanding above, Tournament Hosts are authorized to impose a one-game tournament suspension on coaches who are ejected from any game in the Tournament. This will not affect the normal discipline process that will be handled by PHSA on receipt of the Tournament Discipline report.
- d) Additionally, in exceptional circumstances, Tournament Hosts have the authority to expel a team from the Tournament for behaviour deemed unacceptable to the Tournament Host Committee.

**Tournament Discipline Rules:**

- Standard OSA penalties for Player Misconduct will apply
- Tournament Discipline is done by DBR unless a Hearing is requested
- Player suspensions will be in accordance with standard OSA penalties
- Unserved games will be transferred to league play by PHSA.
- Any player wishing to request a hearing (DBH) for the unserved games must submit a request before the end of the following week for a Discipline Hearing at PHSA
- Coaches ejected from any game may be assessed a one game suspension that will not affect any further discipline carried out by PHSA
- Teams may be ejected from the Tournament for behavior which is deemed unacceptable to the Tournament Host Committee.

**Discipline Carryover:**

- a) PHSA will convene a Discipline Hearing for all Special Incident Reports and Dismissal Reports for Coaches, other Team Officials and Game Officials. Reports involving individuals from other Districts, Provinces or Countries will be forwarded by PHSA to the appropriate authority, as required.

PHSA will use Discipline by Review on all Dismissal Reports for Players who were unable to serve the full mandatory minimum sentence at the Tournament. PHSA will advise the player's club and regular league of any additional suspension imposed as a result of Tournament discipline carryover.

Any player (player's club) wishing to request Discipline by Hearing MUST do so before the end of the week following the tournament.

- b) In the event (based on the reports which it reviews) the PHSA Discipline Review Committee determines that additional misconduct has occurred or that a Serious Foul Play or Violent Conduct misconduct warrants more than the mandatory suspension, it shall advise the player by way of a Discipline Hearing Notice that additional charges have been laid and a Hearing has been scheduled.

**TABLE 1****Mandatory Suspensions for all games played n PHSA tournaments**

Infraction	Penalty
Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (neither offence directed a game official)	1 game suspension
Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (either offence directed at a game official)	2 game suspension
Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (not directed at a game official)	1 game suspension
Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (directed at a game official)	3 game suspension
Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handing the ball	1 game suspension
Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or penalty kick	2 game suspension
Dismissed for serious foul play	2 game suspension
Dismissed for violent conduct	3 game suspension
Dismissed for spitting at an opponent or any other person, other than a game official	4 game suspension

**Team coaches and managers are expected to inform all members of their group of the following:**

**Fair Play Code for Spectators**

1. I will remember that children play sports for THEIR enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
2. I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will encourage participants to do the same.
3. I will respect the official's decision; I will encourage the participant's to do the same.
4. I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.

5. I will condemn the use of violence in any form.
6. I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
7. I will avoid the use of inappropriate language, and I will not harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
8. I understand that the Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club and the tournament organizers are not responsible in any way for injuries that might occur while in the Soccer Park or area.
9. I understand that while attending this event I am a guest of the Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club and the Club as managers of the facility, has the legal right to ask any person to leave the park, or prohibit an individual from returning to the park. Refusing to leave when requested constitutes trespassing.

**Tournament Committee:**

- A. The Tournament Committee will be responsible for team acceptances, tournament format, game scheduling, and assignment of referees.
- B. The Tournament Committee will consider refunds from team which withdraws after the deadline for applications on or before 14 days prior to the event. In the event that a team withdraws within 14 days of the event there will be no refund.
- C. The Tournament Committee will keep scores at the tournament headquarters or any field sites they designate and will update standings as available.
- D. In the event of inclement weather the Tournament Committee will have the authority to: relocate or reschedule games, change the duration of games. It will also have the right to cancel any game in the qualifying round that has no bearing in deciding the qualifiers for the playoff round. Any game abandoned after the first half (except playoff games) due to inclement weather, will be considered official and complete.
- E. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.
- F. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to relocate or reschedule any game(s);

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- G. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the duration of any game(s);
- H. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to cancel any preliminary game(s);
- I. A game is deemed to be complete if 25% or less remains unplayed when called off by a game official due to weather or playing conditions or for any other reason as the referee sees fit.
- J. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to determine the format for advancement.

**GENERAL**

- A. The tournament will do its best to schedule three (3) games for each team. However, at the Tournament Director's discretion, the number of games may be reduced and, the tournament is not liable for any expenses and no refunds will be given.
- B. Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club or any of its official representatives be responsible for any expenses (including the Tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation whereby the Tournament or any game(s) is/are cancelled in whole or in part.
- C. The Tournament Committees or their official representatives' interpretation of the rules shall be final pertaining to this Tournament.
- D. No items may be sold at Tournament Headquarters, playing fields, or surrounding areas for the duration of the tournament unless specifically sanctioned by the Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club and/or Tournament Committee.
- E. The tournament Committee, Bolton Wanderers Soccer Club will not be liable for any injuries sustained by any participant in the tournament on or off the field.