

## **NORTH BAY SELECTS SOCCER CLUB Challenge Cup Tournament Rules**

The North Bay Selects Soccer Club Spring Challenge Cup Tournament supports the game of soccer through good sportsmanship, fair play and quality competition. The tournament rules and procedures are intended to support this objective. In addition, all players and team officials are expected to behave in a manner that brings credit to the game.

Disclaimer: The North Bay Selects Soccer Club Tournament Committee, North Bay Selects Soccer Club, City of North Bay, or the Soccer North East Association will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the Event. In instances when the North Bay Selects Challenge Cup Tournament Rules conflict with the OSA Tournament Rules, the OSA rules shall apply.

**FINAL DATE FOR ENTRY INTO TOURNAMENT IS FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018. TEAM WITHDRAWAL AFTER THAT DATE WILL FORFEIT THEIR ENTRY FEE.**

### **1. Laws of the Game**

All games will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game as observed by the Ontario Soccer Association, except as modified herein to support tournament specific requirements.

### **2. Team and Player Eligibility**

- Teams must be registered with their provincial, state, or national association.
- All teams from outside the Soccer North East Association (SNE) must show proof of permission to travel, duly authorized by their governing association.
- Teams from outside the province of Ontario must provide proof of medical and liability insurance.
- Teams failing to provide the necessary documentation can be expelled from the tournament and will forfeit their entry fee.
- All players must have a player identification card/book with photograph, duly authorized by the district, state, or national registrar.
- A player may register and play on only one team in the tournament.
- Teams are accepted into the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- Guest players from other Clubs are not permitted. Players from within the same club are not considered guest players. A maximum of three players from a lower age group from within the club may be added to the team roster for the tournament. The maximum number of players on the team roster is 18.

### **3. Age Group Eligibility**

This tournament is open to teams composed of players born in the defined calendar year (January – December) or younger.

Age Group Year of Birth:

- U13 2005 ( Boys and girls)
- U15 2003 (girls only)
- U16 2002 ( Boys only)
- U17 and U18 (2000 or 2001 girls only)

#### **4. Roster Size**

a. Teams U13-U18 (playing 11v11) may register and dress 18 players per team. (7 Players required to start any game)

#### **5. Registration Requirements**

- Teams must register with the Tournament Committee on the prescribed date and time. Failure to register before the first game is scheduled to play may result in expulsion from the tournament. FINAL DAY OF REGISTRATION ACCEPTANCE IS MAY 1 2018.
- Player and Coach Identification must be presented at the Tournament Registration.
- Player identification cards and proof-of-age, where necessary, must be presented to the Field Convener one hour before the team's first game, and may also be inspected at any time during the tournament by a tournament official. Identification must be present with the team at the field at all times.

#### **6. Game Management and Referee Reports**

- Every team will supply five (4) game sheets at registration to be certified. Each team will supply a certified game sheet to the field convener 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time. Field convener will provide game sheets to referee.
- The referee will turn in all game sheet and misconduct reports to the convener at the end of each game.
- The first team listed on the schedule is the home team. The home team will supply the game ball.
- Where playing colours clash the home team will change to alternate distinct colours.
- Teams will be on the side of the field designated by the tournament officials and must remain on their side of the centre line. Coaching outside of this area will not be permitted. Only team officials listed on the game sheet (to a maximum of 4) are permitted in this area. Club Technical staff are allowed on the bench so long as they are listed on the game sheet as one of the four team officials. Team officials are not allowed on the field of play without the referee's permission. All spectators must be on the opposite side of the playing field from the teams.
- Team officials will be held responsible for the behavior of their respective spectators.
- Teams should be at the field and ready at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.
- A team failing to field the required players within 5 minutes of the scheduled kick-off time will forfeit the game. Teams that forfeit games will be reported to their governing body and will not advance to the next round of the tournament.
- Any team leaving the field before a game is completed, without the referee's permission, is deemed to have forfeited the game.
- All forfeits will be counted as a 3-0 loss.
- The tournament Discipline Committee will review the circumstances of any team that causes a game to be abandoned and determine further action. Either or both teams may be expelled from the tournament.
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#### **7. Discipline and Protests**

The North Bay Selects Soccer Club and Tournament Discipline Committee use the OSA Discipline by Review System. Any player ordered from the field of play by the referee for misconduct shall receive an

automatic one game suspension and shall sit out his/her next scheduled game. Any team official being ejected from a game must appear before the Tournament Discipline Committee prior to his/her team's next scheduled game. In cases of violent conduct or misconduct against a game official, the offending player or team official shall be dismissed from the tournament and the incident shall be reported to the team's home district and association for discipline. Anyone disputing his/her ejection from a game may request a hearing. Such request must be made in writing accompanied by a \$75.00 hearing fee in cash. The person requesting a hearing must notify the field convenor of his/her intentions within 30 minutes of the conclusion of said game. All team officials are entirely responsible for the behaviour of spectators associated with their team. Protests must be made in writing by the Team Manager or coach and must be accompanied by a fee of \$75.00 in cash. Protests must be received by the Tournament Committee within one hour of the conclusion of the game being protested. In the event that a protest is upheld the protest fee shall be returned. No one may protest a game in which his/her team has not participated.

### **8. Extraordinary Weather**

- Games may be shortened or relocated due to severe weather conditions. The tournament committee may choose to cancel games that have no bearing on the tournament outcome.
- A game will be considered complete if the first half of the game has been completed before the referee terminates the game.
- Unless otherwise advised by the Field Convener or Tournament Committee, teams must appear at the scheduled location and time, regardless of weather conditions.
- Every effort will be made to complete games. Teams should not leave the general area of the game unless advised by the Field Convener or Tournament Committee.

### **9. Offside and Throw-Ins Rule**

- All age groups U13-U18 shall play the offside.
- All age groups U13-U18 shall use throw-ins.

### **10. Substitutions**

Unlimited substitutions are permitted during a game but may only be made at the following stoppages in play:

- When a goal is scored
- Goal Kick
- Half-Time
- At the beginning of the first or second half of extra time
- A team's own throw in (opposing team may piggy back)
- Injury (for injured player only)
- No substitution will be allowed for a player ejected from the game by the referee.

### **11. Game Duration and Overtime/Penalty Kicks**

- Duration of Play and the length of halves will be determined pursuant to OSA policies regarding maximum allowable minutes played per day. The tournament committee reserves the right to shorten the duration of games.
- There must be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team.
- Tournament Round Age Group Game Duration Preliminary/Group Round U13-U18 2 x 25 Min Halves, Semi Finals U13-U16 2 x 25 Min Halves, Finals U13-U16 2 x 30 Min Halves. Half-time breaks will be 5 minutes in duration.
- Overtime (when required) will be 2 x 5-minute halves. If teams are still tied after overtime the game will be decided by penalty kicks as per FIFA rules.
- There will be no overtime used during group round robin play.
- In the semi-finals and final, teams will go to overtime and then penalty kicks if required.

## **12. Determination of Standings and Round Robin format.**

- Point System: Three (3) points awarded for a win, one (1) point awarded for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.
- Division standings will be determined by the following criteria:
  - Most Points
  - Head-to-Head (not considered if 3 or more teams are tied)
  - Best Goal Difference (goals-for minus goals-against)
  - Least goals-against.
  - Most goals for.
  - Coin Toss (if both teams are present on the field penalty kicks can be used. Otherwise a coin toss).
  - In three team formats, the teams will play a double round robin combination with the first place team being names champion.
  - In four team format, there will be a round robin section and then the first place team will play the second place team in the final.