



Guelph Soccer

Summer House League Rules

U14-U18

1. Referees

1.1 Guelph Soccer will assign referees to age groups U10 and up.

1.2 The referee's decision is final. Guelph Soccer will not tolerate abuse of any Game Official. Any referee abuse will be reported immediately to the club with the individual potentially facing disciplinary actions.

1.3. All participants must respect the referees, including players, coaches, and parents. The referee has authority to ask a disrespectful person to leave the field.

1.4 In the event that a referee does not show up to officiate a game:

- Each team will provide a referee for ½ of the game unless the coaches agree on an official for the entire game.
- Email communication must be sent to the club by both coaches within 24hrs to notify the club of a referee no-show.
- No games will be re-scheduled due to a referee no show.

2. Uniform

2.1 Players must wear the full uniform provided by Guelph Soccer. This includes proper shirt, shorts, and socks.

2.2 Teams are not allowed to put individual player names on the uniform.

2.3 Players must wear shin guards for the duration of all practices and games.

2.4 Outdoor soccer cleats are strongly recommended however running shoes are acceptable. Metal studs will not be permitted.



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2.5 No jewelry of any kind can be worn, with the exception of a medical alert which must be secured down. If a player has a medical alert, please inform the referee. The referee will deny a player the opportunity to play a game if jewelry is not removed.

2.6 No hats may be worn except for the goalkeeper. In such a case, the hat must have a soft brim.

3. Game Duration

3.1 Game start time is 6:30pm (Please note at this age there is no advance practice scheduled – kick off is at 6:30pm).

3.2 The duration of outdoor games is as follows: U14/U15 & U16-U18: 2 x 45-minute halves.

4. Age Specific Rules

4.1 The following rules will apply to specific age group U14-U18:

- There are offside's.
- Throw-ins must be taken to re-start the game when the ball is out-of-bounds.
- Maximum of 11 players on the field (including a goalkeeper).
- Unless stated otherwise in this document, standard FIFA rules are to be followed.

5. Location of Players, Team Officials and Spectators

5.1 The following applies to age groups U14 & older:

- Only players and team officials registered with Guelph Soccer are allowed on the team bench.
- Coaches and players must be at the designated technical area (bench) on one side of the field.
- In the event that a field does not have a bench, coaches and players should be on the opposite side of the field from the spectators.
- Coaches must stay in their technical area; they are not allowed to be behind either goal.

In all age groups, parents should not leave children unattended at games. Coaches must notify all parents of this.

6. Grace Period

6.1 A grace period of ten minutes will be allowed in the event that a team has less than 7 players for 11-a-side play at the appointed kick-off time.



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6.2 In the event that both teams have less than the minimum required players:

- No points will be awarded to either team.
- The game will not be rescheduled.
- Teams are encouraged to play an exhibition game, with those players who have come out. Teams can be mixed for fair play.

7. Substitutions

7.1 U14-U18: Unlimited substitutions are allowed during stoppages in play with the permission of the referee. The coach must request a substitution and the referee must allow it, otherwise players leaving or entering the field of play without permission may receive a (caution).

8. Ball Size

8.1 U14-U18 play with a size 5 ball.

9. Standings

9.1 Standings will be kept for ages U14-U18.

9.2 Determination of Group Winning:

- a) Each team will be awarded three points for a win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss.
- b) At the end of the regular season the division winner shall be the team with the most points.
- c) If the teams are tied on points, the following shall be used to determine the winner (in descending order only):
 1. Teams with the most wins during the regular season.
 2. Team with the least amount of goals against.
 3. In the event that teams are still tied, positions will be decided by a coin toss or draw.



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10. Game Sheets

10.1 Game sheets are required to be signed and submitted to the referee 10 minutes prior to the start of each game. Coaches can access and print game sheets using the Team Officials hub in PowerUp.

10.2 Only coaches and players who are at the scheduled game and are eligible to play should be recorded on the game sheet.

10.3 Game sheets are kept by the referees and given directly to the club.

11. Game Reporting

11.1 It is the responsibility of the referee to report on game results.

11.2 Games that are cancelled due to weather will be posted as a 1-1 tie. Guelph Soccer does not reschedule games for any reason.

11.3 Games cancelled when two thirds of the game has been played are considered final.

12. Code of Conduct

12.1 All parents, players and coaches agree to abide by the Guelph Soccer Code of Conduct

13. Inclement Weather

13.1 In the event of inclement weather and thunderstorms, the following procedure applies;

If thunder is heard or lightning is seen well before kickoff, the 30 minute wait time can be observed to allow the match to start within 15 minutes of the original kick off then the match may be played.

If thunder is heard or lightning is seen during the match, the game will be stopped immediately. All participants and spectators should vacate the field and quickly get to a safe location. Games are then considered cancelled. Guelph Soccer does not reschedule games due to inclement weather. **It is the decision of the referee to suspend or abandon the game.**



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14. Discipline

14.1 Guelph Soccer's Discipline Committee will review all matters within the House League Program.

14.2 A player who received a red card must leave the field of play and the bench area immediately and move to the spectators' side. All players receiving a red card will automatically receive a one game suspension and may receive further disciplinary action in line with their offence. If the referee decides on said punishment, coaches must support the decision at the time.

14.3 Any Coach, Manager, Team or Club Official ejected from a game must attend a hearing by the Discipline Committee.

14.4 Any Player, Coach, or Individual under suspension as a result of disciplinary action, shall not be allowed to participate in any soccer games or practices until the suspension has been served.



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