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Men's League Rules.

Introduction.

All participants are reminded that the primary purpose of your League is for recreation. CSC is committed to ridding itself of aggressive players, bullies, cheaters, and players and coaches who persist in abusing the rules and/or the officials.

All play will be governed by FIFA Laws of the Game with the following modifications:

Caledon East Soccer Complex – RULES

All participants and spectators are expected to keep their areas clean of any garbage (water bottles, tape, etc.). Park only in designated spaces; do not park on grass or dirt areas. Alcohol and smoking are prohibited at the fields or in the parking lot. Foul and abusive language will not be entertained.

Registration

- All players must register on power Up and upload a suitable photo of themselves to their profile. No exceptions.
- Only registered player may play on a team, no guest players
- All players must be at least 18 years of age to register for this division.

Players and Rosters

- All players must be registered and on the roster prior to playing.
- Teams may have up to twenty-four (24) registered players on the roster.
- No additions to team rosters after 2/3's of league games have been played.
- ~~Only 5-6 core players per team, the rest will be assigned randomly.~~ Under review for 2024.
- All teams must provide a system generated game sheet, initialed by each player who is playing.

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- Completed game sheet must be handed to the referee prior to the start of the game.
- Field position and first possession will be decided by a coin toss before the start of play. The team that wins the coin toss will choose field position. The team that loses the coin toss will get first ball possession.

Players Equipment

Shin Pads

- Mandatory shin guards (concealed by stockings or track pants) and must be of suitable material and provide a reasonable degree of protection.
- Players not wearing shin pads must leave field immediately.

Braces & Casts

- Sport-specific (light weight, smooth, soft exterior, plastic) and (bubble) wrapped (metal and plaster) braces & casts are acceptable if they provide sufficient cushion and safety to other players. Referee will have the final decision at the field.
- Aggressive, sloppy and/or dangerous play while wearing a brace or cast is not acceptable and may be removed from the field of play. Players wearing a brace or cast assume all liability to the safety of themselves and all other participants as a result of their choice.

Jewellery

- Necklaces, rings, bracelets and chains must be removed.
- Removal of all piercing and body jewellery is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for all players. Referees will not turn away players with taped piercings and body jewellery, however, if a player wishes to play with jewellery (however concealed) they assume all responsibility and liability to the safety of themselves and all other participants as a result of their choice



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Glasses

- Active Sports Eyewear with a head strap is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** for players who require corrective eyewear. Referees will not turn away players who do not have Active Sports Eyewear, however, if a player wishes to play with glasses, they must have a head strap and they
- assume all responsibility and liability to the safety of themselves and all other participants as a result of their eyewear choice

Clothing

- Uniforms will be supplied by CSC and must be worn at all games. Failure to wear the provided uniform will result in removal from the game.
- Head coverings may be worn although it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** the fabric of such be elastic and tight fitting so as not to become a strangulation and/or tripping hazard. Players wearing head coverings during play assume all responsibility and liability to the safety of themselves and all other participants as a result of their clothing choice. Referees will not turn away players who wear head coverings unless they are considered a danger to them or other players.
- Shorts are the preferred clothing while playing soccer, however, players may choose to wear alternate/additional clothing during play as long as the player is clearly identifiable as to which team they belong and have their number clearly visible on their back.
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- All players (excluding goalkeepers) must wear their official team shirt (i.e. the one that the rest of the team is wearing) with a unique number. Numbers cannot be taped on. If a number is falling off or has fallen off, the referee has the discretion to allow the player to continue providing the player can still be identified. No shirt swapping or sharing. Goalkeepers may wear their own shirt as long as it clearly contrasts with both teams' players' shirts, the opposing goalkeeper's shirt, and the referee's shirt. Referees are not authorized to allow exceptions to these rules and will prohibit players from participating who are not properly attired. Players failing to abide by the uniform policy outlined above are ineligible.
- Goalkeepers may wear long pants. All other players must wear shorts. Players failing to abide are ineligible. **EXCEPTIONS:** Religious considerations may withstand this rule.



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Weather Cancellations

Caution is recommended when deciding to participate in any programs during extreme heat and/or during unstable storm conditions. Responsibility rests with the player to make the ultimate decision as to whether they come to the facility or field and play.

Extreme Heat

Games run regardless of temperature and/or humidex.

Rain, Thunder & Lightning

Games run in the rain.

In cases of unstable storm conditions programs will be cancelled at the field using the Flash to Bang 30/30 Rule" method. With this method the seconds are counted from the time a flash of lightning is seen until a clap of thunder is heard or vice versa. When this number is 30 seconds or less, the program is cancelled and evacuation of the field will begin immediately. Games cancelled due to thunder and lightning will not be made up. Referee's decision is final in this matter.

Field Closures

Outdoor programs operate on rented properties and may be closed for reasons outside our control. Referee at the field has the ultimate decision as to whether or not the field is playable. CSC will decide if a make up game will be allowed.

Game Duration

League games are 2x45min minutes with a five (5) minute half time.

If the referee does not have a completed game sheets at the start of the game, the game will be shortened in 5-minute increments per half until completed game sheets are supplied. No game will proceed without completed game sheets. Completion means an initial beside each player name who is present for the game.

Matches will be considered official if at least 45 minutes have been played.

Match protests must be made to the referee immediately following a match (at the latest). Please ensure that he/she records your protest on the game sheet. Protests made after that will not be considered. A follow-up email to CSC is recommended.



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Teams with fewer than 7 players at the beginning of the game will have 15 minutes before the game is declared forfeited. This time will be deducted from the playing time.

Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions on goal kicks, team`s own throw-ins, after a goal.

*Teams can piggy back on opposing team substitutions.

Penalties & Discipline

Slide tackles are prohibited. This is not applicable to a keeper sliding in his/her own box. Sliding to stop, trap, kick, or pass a ball when there is clearly no danger to an opponent is NOT slide tackling and is permitted. All other slide tackles (including ones in the penalty area) will result in an indirect free kick.

Matches stopped before fulltime by the referee for ANY non-weather-related issue will be investigated by CSC. The Discipline Director and/or the Disciplinary Committee has the sole authority to: declare a double forfeiture (both teams receive a loss), order the match replayed or completed, record the match as a draw, or declare a winner.

YELLOW CARDS

- Yellow cards are recorded beside the offending player on the game sheet.
- ~~A monetary penalty of \$20 to be paid before player can play again, receipt will be issued if paid at the field.~~ Under review for 2024.

RED CARDS

- Offending player must leave the facility. Red is noted on game sheet and report completed after game.
- Players shown a Red Card are assessed penalties according to the Ontario Soccer player discipline table.

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- Players receiving a Red Card are also fined an automatic \$50 and miss at least one (1) game.
- Tournament Red Cards are an automatic \$50 fine and the player misses the next game.
- Two (2) Yellows = Red.
- Second sliding tackle is a Red Card offence.
- A monetary penalty of \$50 to be paid before player can play again, receipt will be issued if paid at the field. Arrangement can be made to pay by phone with the club administrator.
- CSC will hold discipline meetings as needed; the hope is to have a decision by the following Wednesday.

Discipline

All discipline hearings will be held by CSC as needed in accordance with Ontario Soccer guidelines. All discipline hearings will be Discipline by Review and no appeals will be entertained. A ruling will be handed down before the next game in most cases.

All fines can be paid at the field where a written receipt will be issued or through the office via cheque, or interact. E-transfers can be paid at payments@caledonsoccer.com. All fines must be paid before the player or team can play again.

Any actions taken by members of the league, that would be considered demeaning, detrimental, defeminization of character, slander, harassment or not in the spirit of the game will be dealt with by the discipline panel and may result in termination from the league.

Defaults & 'Not enough players' to start

- Default and no-show games are recorded as 3-0
- Play-off defaults are recorded as 3-0



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Rankings

1. points where win = 3, tie = 1 and loss = 0
2. goal differential
3. number of wins
4. total goals scored
5. coin toss



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APPENDIX

Fines.

Player Fines. (Paid before player can play again)

Yellow cards	\$0 Under review for 2024
Red cards	\$75-00 plus possible suspension as per Ontario soccer guidelines.
Wrong shirt/swapping.	\$50-00 plus possible further disciplinary action

Team Fines. (Paid before the team can play again, forfeiture of game will result if not paid)

Playing an unregistered (inedible) player	\$50-00
No corner flags.	\$50-00
Lost corner flags.	\$100-00
Game abandonment.	First offence \$100-00
	Second offence \$200-00
	Subsequent offences \$500-00 each.
Team abuses towards game officials.	\$500-00
(Defined as 2 or more players from the same team).	

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