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## OFFICIAL FESTIVAL RULES

### ***Festival Structure***

The structure of the festival, (which is for **Grassroots** teams), is that each team shall play 4 games against different teams.

### ***Player Eligibility [Youth Divisions]***

- Teams entered into the Festival may not be "select" or "all-star" teams, but must be the regular teams that were registered and played together during the regular season in the Goulbourn Lanark Soccer League. The GLSL Board may, on a case-by-case basis, allow two teams from the same club to merge into one if neither team will have sufficient players to enter the Festival. Clubs may redistribute their players, keeping the same number of teams in the division, to address a situation where one team has substantially more subs than another.
- During the weekend where a player's team is playing, a player may play for their own team only, and is not available as a call-up to any other team.
- If a team decides to not enter the Festival competition, then that team's players are eligible to be called-up **for a team within the same Club**. It is hoped that Clubs will establish processes which will use these players as the first pool of call-ups. These players may be used as call-ups for **one team only**.
- U8 teams which can field 8 or more players from their regular roster for a game may not use call-up players. If less than 8 regular players are available for a game, then the team may call-up as many players as required to take the team to the 8-player level for that game.
- U10 teams which can field 10 or more players from their regular roster for a game may not use call-up players. If less than 10 regular players are available for a game, then the team may call-up as many players as required to take the team to the 10-player level for that game.
- U12 teams which can field 12 or more players from their regular roster for a game may not use call-up players. If less than 12 regular players are available for a game, then the team may call-up as many players as required to take the team to the 12-player level for that game.

### ***Playing Rules***

- All rules and regulations applicable to the Goulbourn Lanark Soccer League regular season will be applied during the Festival except as otherwise specified.
- All games are 30 minutes total, teams switch ends at mid game -- NO HALF TIME BREAK. If the weather is extremely hot a 2 minute water break will be added mid game.
- There will be no retry for throw-ins for the Festival games.

### ***Game Sheets***

- Game sheets are required for each game.
- Coaches will hand the referee the game sheet prior to the start of the game.
- Completed game sheets must be delivered to the administration desk by the coaches immediately after the game.
- The referee is responsible for completing the game sheet after the game. Both coaches and the referee must verify the report is correct, clear and unambiguous, and sign it and return to the respective coaches for delivery to the GLSL headquarters tent.

### ***Coach Comments***

Comments by coaches may not be written on the game sheets. Coach comments may be made on the comment sheets provided by the league, signed and submitted to the administration desk at the venue.



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### ***Discipline***

- All players enter the Festival with no carry-over cautions (yellow cards) from the regular season.
- Players who are serving a suspension from the regular season are not eligible for play in the Festival until the number of suspended games is fulfilled (Festival games count towards serving a suspension).
- Players issued three cautions (yellow cards), cumulative, or one game ejection (red card) during the Festival, shall, as a minimum, miss the next scheduled game for his or her team. The actual number of suspended games will be determined by Discipline-by-Review or Discipline-by-Hearing, as required.
- When necessary, the Goulbourn Lanark Soccer League will take whatever other disciplinary action it considers appropriate and all decisions of the league will be final.

### ***Coach Responsibilities***

- A game sheet is required for each game.
- The coach must ensure all players, coaches, assistants AND SUPPORTERS behave in a responsible sportsmanlike manner at all times, and that all players, coaches, assistants AND SUPPORTERS are aware that they are subject to all discipline measures available to the Goulbourn Lanark Soccer League for failing to do so.
- Both teams shall be on one side of the field. All supporters shall be on the opposite side of the field. No players, coaches, assistants or supporters may occupy any position along the goal line (from corner flag to corner flag).
- In the event of a colour clash, the Home team must change colours.
- There shall be no balls in the vicinity of any school, building or parking lot. Any damage resulting from the ignoring of this directive will result in the direct billing of all costs to the respective Clubs involved.
- [Saturday, Sunday] All coaches will first report to the administrative desk located at the venue at least 15 minutes prior to their first game.
- [Saturday] At check-in each team must identify the team official who will be responsible for dealing with the Festival officials.
- All games must start at the time scheduled or as soon as a field is available [the minimum number of players needed for a team to play is 4 for the U8 divisions, and 5 for the U9/10 and 7 for the U12 divisions]. If a team has insufficient players within 10 minutes of the start time the following applies:
  - Teams are encouraged to try to play the game.
  - If one team does not have enough players, that team will default the game.
  - If neither team has enough players, both teams will default.
- If a referee is not present at the field at the time scheduled for the start of a game, the Festival Officials should be immediately alerted so an alternate referee can be dispatched.

### ***Note***

If weather or other conditions dictate, it may be necessary to abbreviate, postpone, reschedule or cancel the Festival. The Goulbourn Lanark Soccer League will endeavor to inform all coaches as soon as possible if any such action is taken. Notification will also be posted on the league website, [www.glsf.ca](http://www.glsf.ca)

### ***Administration***

- The President of the Goulbourn Lanark Soccer League or his / her nominee may perform or delegate any of his duties.
- A club president may designate in writing another individual to act as their substitute.
- Festival Officials will be designated to assign referees and substitute referees.
- All decisions in respect of the operation of the Festival will be conducted at or through the administration desk.
- Festival Officials and referees will only enter into discussions in respect to the operation of the Festival with club presidents and persons designated by the coaches of the teams involved in any particular situation.
- Any concerns with respect to any game must be made within one hour of the completion of the game.

### ***Decisions of Festival Officials***

All decisions made by Festival Officials shall be final. Continued failure by any player, team official or parent to accept any decision may result in a suspension of the player, team official, or team from further play in the Festival.