

# **Prince Edward Island Youth Soccer League**

## **Rules & Regulations**

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## **Rule 1 – Registration - Team**

- 1.1. All teams must be registered with the PEI Soccer Association.
- 1.2. Fees must be paid to the PEI Soccer via the Club to which the team is affiliated.
- 1.3. The league will offer three divisions of play: Premier, Division 1 and Division 2
- 1.4. Youth age divisions are U11, U13, U15, U18.
- 1.5. Teams must register in a division of the League to be eligible for PEI Soccer play offs. A Club may register teams in Premiere or Division 1 or 2. However, a Club may only register one team in Division 1 of the League until they also have one team registered in the Premiere Division or Division 2 in the same age category. If a Club has one team registered in the Premiere Division, it can register any number of Division 1 teams in the age category.
  - if a club has 4 teams registered at U13, you must have at least one in each division
  - if a club has 3 teams registered at U13, you must have at least one in premier.
- 1.6. The PEI Soccer Youth League must accommodate any team that is in good standing with a recognized Club that applies for membership if it meets the age requirement, unless no Division exists at that or higher age level, provided all the conditions of League affiliation are met.
- 1.7. A Division must be composed of a minimum of four (4) teams.

## **Rule 2 - Registration - Team Officials & Players**

- 2.1. All players and officials of teams participating in the League shall be registered each year with PEI Soccer through their respective club.
- 2.2. No player shall be deemed registered for participation nor shall he/she compete in any game of the League unless his/her registration has been entered into the respective Club Ramp Registration system.
- 2.3.
  - (i) Each U11 team participating in the League must register not less than ten (10) players with the PEI Soccer.
  - (ii) Each U13 team participating in the League must register not less than twelve (12) players with the PEI Soccer.
  - (iii) Each team participating in the U-15, U18 must register not less than fourteen (14) players with PEI Soccer. Division 1 and 2 teams may list and play not more than twenty-five (25) players. Premier teams may list 25 players, but dress only 20 in any game.
- 2.4. All players must register with a team through a Club in order to participate in the League and are bound to that team and Club, unless transferred or released, until the end of the applicable playing season. Any team that folds during the season may have their players released/transferred as per PEI Soccer Association Rules and Regulations.

2.5. A Club may allow a player to play for more than one team within the Club. **See Appendix A – Player Call-up Regulations.**

2.6. A player can play in a youth age Division provided that player has not reached the stipulated age before January 1 of the registration year.

2.7. Players on PEI Soccer Provincial Performance(PEI FC) teams may not play for their Club team.

2.8. The use of an ineligible player will result in the forfeiture of the match.

2.9. All team officials must have one of the following:

- Making Ethical Decisions(MED)
- Respect in Sport

2.10. At least one team official must complete the online module - Making Head Way Concussion eLearning Series.

### **Rule 3 - Transfer/Movement of Players**

3.1. All transfers and movement of players shall be as prescribed in the Canada Soccer and PEI Soccer Rules and Regulations.

3.2. A player may not be transferred from a higher division team to a lower division team without express permission of the League. Any player allowed to move down must remain with the lower division team for the remainder of the season.

3.3. A player who is declared surplus to a Club may be granted a release to play for another Club which must then comply with the player transfer rules.

### **Rule 4 - Team Colors**

4.1. Where the colors of teams participating in the same division are identical, the home team is required to change jerseys.

4.2. All players on a team, with the exception of the goalkeeper, shall wear the same color jersey, shorts and socks. Each jersey shall have a unique number on the back.

### **Rule 5 - Games**

5.1. Each team shall complete the game sheet for each game in the prescribed form.

5.2. Only players whose names appear on the game sheet may take part in the game.

5.4. The home team must supply the visiting team with the game sheet 20 minutes prior to kick-off with the date, age level, division, location, game # and team names properly completed. Game sheets shall be given to the referee prior to kick-off time.

5.5. The home team shall provide the referee with a suitable game ball as follows:

- (i) U11 - Size 4
- (ii) U13 Size 5 Light weight(350g)
- (iii) U-15 + Size 5

5.6. Unlimited substitutions in league play will be permitted.

- (i) Substitutions may be made at any stoppage in play at the discretion of the referee.

5.7. Each game shall consist of two halves as follows:

- (i) U-11 - 30 minutes
- (ii) U-13 - 35 minutes
- (iii) U-15 - 40 minutes
- (iv) U-18 - 45 minutes

5.8. The field of play shall have clearly defined technical areas and benches for both the home and the visiting teams.

5.9. The field of play shall be clearly marked and comply with the Laws of the Game. Regulation goal nets and corner flags shall be provided by the home team and be in place before kick-off time. The referee shall be the judge as to the condition of the field of play. Protests regarding the condition of the field of play will not be heard by the League.

5.10. When a team has been found to have played an ineligible player, the game shall be awarded to their opponents with a score of 3-0.

5.11. There is no overtime during league play.

5.12. All games must commence at the appropriate time; failure to have 5 players (U-11), 6 players (U-13) or 7 players (U-15/U18) on the pitch at the scheduled kick-off time shall constitute forfeiture with the opponents being awarded the game with a score of 3-0.

5.13. Where a game has been delayed for any reason and it is in the opinion of the referee that a portion of the game will be played in near or total darkness (in the absence of suitable lighting), the referee will decide on the length of the game or may declare the game abandoned.

5.14. The home team shall forward the game sheet to the PEI Soccer Association office on the day of the game by email (phone - picture).

5.15. The home team shall pay the match officials prior to the start of the game.

## **Rule 6 - Protests**

6.1. All protests shall be dealt with by the PEI Soccer Competitions Committee, other than situations where PEI Soccer has jurisdiction.

6.2. All protests shall be submitted in writing to the League no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the game being protested, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

6.3. All protests must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00. In the event the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned. If the protest is denied, the protest fee will be forfeited to the League.

6.4. On receipt of a protest, the League shall within forty-eight (48) hours send a copy of the protest to the party protested against. Both parties shall have the right to attend the hearing; either may waive the right, in which case the protest will be dealt with in their absence.

6.5. Any team involved in a protest which is not satisfied with the decision rendered may appeal to PEI Soccer.

## **Rule 7 - Discipline**

7.1. Players and club or team officials reported for misconduct shall be dealt with by the League.

7.2. In all cases of alleged verbal abuse, alleged physical contact, or attempted physical contact with a game official by a player or a club/team official, the case will be dealt with through PEI Soccer.

7.3. Every team shall take all precautions necessary to prevent its players, officials and spectators from threatening or assaulting anyone present at games.

7.4. It is an offense for any player/club/team/game official to bet on any game played under the jurisdiction of the League.

7.5. At all discipline hearings, the accused shall have the right to appear or be represented by counsel at his/her own expense.

7.6. In all discipline cases dealt with by the League, decisions shall be forwarded in writing to the parties involved within seven (7) days of the conclusion of the hearing.

7.7. Any failure by the League to observe any deadlines contained in this Rule shall be considered as a matter of interpretation of this Rule, regardless of whether the decision involved is made at the first instance or on appeal.

7.8 Suspensions for red and yellow cards will be issued on the basis of the discipline section of PEI Soccer Rules & Regulations.

7.9. The balance of suspensions partially served during the current playing season shall be served at the start of the following playing season or as stipulated by any Disciplinary Committee.

## **Rule 8 - League Standings**

8.1. A team's standings within a division shall be determined by a points system based on three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.

8.2. Where two or more teams are tied in the standings of a division at the conclusion of the season, the higher standing will be awarded to:

- (i) the team with the most points earned in games between the tied teams; failing
- (ii) the team with the best goal difference; failing
- (iii) the team with the most goals for; failing
- (iv) the team with the least goals conceded.

## **Rule 9 - Game Officials**

9.1. All U11 to U18 Youth League games shall have qualified and registered match officials who shall be appointed by the League referee assignor.

9.2. The home team is responsible for the payment of match officials.

9.3. A registered player or coach who is also a match official shall not officiate in any league or competition in which his/her team is entered.

## **Rule 10 - Administrative Procedures**

10.1. Minutes shall be kept of all Youth League Committee meetings and its committees and they shall be submitted for ratification at the next relevant meeting.

10.2. All persons appointed to represent the League on the Youth League Committee shall be entitled to claim expenses incurred in their duties, at rates established from time to time by the League as follows:

- (i) members of the committee shall be entitled to a refund of all expenses incurred during the performance of their duties.
- (ii) claims for reimbursement shall be submitted promptly on forms supplied by the League.
- (iii) all expenses must be supported by appropriate receipts.

# APPENDIX – A

## Player Call-Up Regulations

### **Purpose**

To communicate the PEI Soccer regulations regarding the movement of players from a younger age group into an older age group.

### **Call Up**

Call Up decisions can occur at any time throughout the regular season and playoffs. The number of call ups is unlimited.

### **Process**

Each club determines their own internal communication process for call-ups.

Eg. coach to coach; coach to club youth director to coach.

### **Regulation – Rule 2.7**

Premier teams are considered to be higher level teams than Division 1 & 2 teams.

Therefore, a Premiere player cannot be called to a Division 1 or 2 team. (E.g. a U13 Premiere player cannot be called up to a U15 Division 1 or 2 team)

The following are some of the scenarios that shall apply:

A Division 2 player can be called up to Division 1 and Premier within an age group or a higher age group.

Division 1 players can be called up to Premier Division at the same age or Division 1 at a higher age group.

### **Clarification for U11**

U11 Green can be called up to U13 Division 1 & Premier. U11 Green cannot be called up to U13 Division 2.

U11 White can be called up to U11 Green and U13 Division 1 & 2 and Premier.

\*Where a club only has U11 Green and no U11 White, U11 Green can be called up to U13 Division 2 with discretion from the club's youth director. In this scenario, the top players on U11 Green should be identified for call up to U13 and the other half are then eligible for U13 Div. 2.