



Ajax Adult Recreational Soccer Club Rules – 2011

OSA League and Club Administration Requirements:

All games will be conducted under Ontario Soccer Association Rules and FIFA Laws of the Game, supplemented by the following:

1. Eligibility

- a) All players must be on the Official Team Roster as distributed dated June 5 which the captain should bring to every game
- A team found to be guilty of using an ineligible player at any time, shall forfeit the game to their opponents.
 - The Captain and Vice-Captain of any team found to have played an ineligible player will be suspended for 2 games
- b) Captains are recommended to select 16 players but may register more to a max. of 20.
- c) All players should be dressed in the league issued identical uniforms - sweaters, socks and shorts. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain or Representative to ensure that any registered player without their normal uniform wear a shirt or uniform that closely resembles the team colors. If such clothing cannot be provided to the satisfaction of the opposing captain (not the referee), the player is not eligible to play that game. Black or white shorts and black or white socks are permitted
- d) Where a team does not anticipate fielding a full team, properly registered players from the associated junior/senior team are permitted, to a maximum of 16 players. These players must be listed on the game sheet at the start of the game and the players not expected to play must be crossed off the game sheet. Junior players must be born prior to 1981 to be permitted to play senior games (goalies and captains and sons or nephews of senior players excepted). When a total of 16 players are recorded on the game sheet, no additional players may be added.

Where a Captain (or team representative in his absence) has concern as to the eligibility of an opposing player, he should approach the opposing Captain (or team representative in his absence) to request an inspection of the team roster to ensure the suspected unregistered player is included. That player can be requested to provide photo proof of identity / eligibility. If the team roster is unavailable or the player unable to provide proof of eligibility to the satisfaction of the opposing Captain then the player in question should not play in the game. (Sidebar – referees are not permitted to determine who is eligible to play or not; their role is simply to record what transpires on a SPECIAL INCIDENT report and forward to the League.)

2. Equipment

- a) The first team listed on the schedule is the home team up to and including July 15; after July 15, the second team listed on the schedule is the home team
- b) Both teams shall provide LEGIBLE COMPLETE game sheets SHOWING PLAYER NUMBERS to the referee prior to kickoff.
- c) The home team shall supply the stamped addressed envelope to the referee
- d) The home team will supply the game ball.

3. Duration of Play

All games will consist of two 45 minute halves; Games not commencing on time may be reduced in length to 2 equal halves of at least 35 minutes at the discretion of the referee. Halftime will be 5 minutes.

Note: Should a game in progress be terminated due to weather conditions after 65 minutes of play has been completed, the game shall be considered completed and the score at termination shall stand. If the game does not reach 65 minutes, it will be replayed on the first available Saturday no earlier than noon where the teams have no game on the previous Friday night.



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4. Disciplinary Action

- a) All incidents will be handled per OSA rules.
- b) A player who receives a red card for violent conduct, serious foul play or abusive language towards an official will receive an automatic three (3) game suspension, as per O.S.A. disciplinary rules, highlights elsewhere on this web-site.

5. Protests

In case of a dispute, the Ajax Adult Recreational Soccer Club Disciplinary Committee and the League President and Vice-President must be contacted within 48 hours of the end of the disputed game and the written protest accompanied by a \$150.00 protest fee (essentially \$10 per player). In the event that the protest is not upheld, the fee will be forfeited. Protests regarding referee's decisions will not be considered.

6. Points and Team Standings

Points will be awarded as follows:

Win 3 points / Tie 1 point / Loss 0 points

Trophies / Prizes are awarded to the first and second place teams in each division

Seasonal Standings are determined by the following criteria (since Shagwells play each team only once and the other teams play each other twice)

In case of a tie for 1st or 2nd the following criteria will apply in the order listed:

- Head to Head record between tied teams
- Fewest Red Cards
- Fewest Yellow Cards
- If there is still a tie after applying the above criteria then a tie-breaking game will be played

The rules listed above also apply to the playoff round.

Red and Yellow cards carry over from the regular season for suspension purposes, but not for playoff tie-breaking purposes.

7. Failure to Show and Forfeited Games

Teams should be present at the scheduled field, with 7 players ready to play and corner flags and nets up with completed game sheets given to the referee at least 10 minutes in advance of their scheduled start time. Teams not complying will be so noted on the game sheet for possible disciplinary action

Should a team be unable to field 7 players (including the goalie) within 15 minutes of the scheduled kickoff time or become unable to field 7 players at any time thereafter, then that team shall forfeit the game and a score of 1-0 will be recorded in favour of the opposing team.

8. Rain Policy

All fields are leased to the Ajax Adult Recreational Soccer Club by the Town of Ajax and Town of Whitby. Often due to poor weather or other circumstances, the fields must be closed; usually this is done by 4pm and players should check the relevant Town Hotlines:

- Ajax Parks & Recreation - 905-619-2529, Ext. 4124
- Whitby Parks & Rec. - 905-434-2034

Games are played only if in the opinion of the referee field conditions are safe; games will be stopped during lightning or other hazardous weather conditions and then continue once it is safe for play to resume. Stoppage of play due to weather will be at the discretion of the referee. The OSA suggested 15-minute lightning rule will apply.



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9. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions will be allowed during a game, but may only be made in the following stoppages in play, with referee permission:

- At all kick-offs
- Goal kicks.
- On own throw-in.
- On other team throw-in ONLY IF they are making a substitution
- For an injured player at the referees discretion.

No substitution will be allowed for a player ordered from the field by the referee.

10. Use of alcohol, smoking, litter

Alcohol is not permitted on Town property in the vicinity of the fields and surrounding areas as per Town By-laws. Smoking is not permitted by participants within 20 feet of the field of play or player benches. All captains and players should dispose of accumulated litter in the proximity of player “benches” and surrounding areas.