

PETERBOROUGH CITY FESTIVAL

Festival Rules

The Peterborough City 1-day Festival is open to Girls and Boys Teams from U8 to U12. Mixed teams can play in the Boys Festival. Teams will be guaranteed 4 games (3 games for U8 teams).

In keeping with OSA's *A Guide to Festivals in Ontario*, there will be no game sheets, scores and standings will not be kept and no winners will be recorded. No trophies will be presented but all players may receive a memento of the Festival.

OSA LTPD Development Matrix will be used. The following additions will be in effect:

Eligible Teams

The Festival is classified as Inter-District which means that teams from anywhere within the Province of Ontario are eligible to apply. The Festival qualifies as a Memorable Event for U11 and U12 teams. U10 and younger teams will be limited by travel time guidelines from their home Districts. All non-ECOSA teams will require a Permission to Travel permit approved by their District Association.

Game Format

U8 teams will play 5 vs 5 including the goalkeeper. A maximum of 10 players can participate (or be on the bench) in a game.

U9 and U10 teams will play 7 vs 7. A maximum of 12 players can participate (or be on the bench) in a game.

U11 and U12 teams will play 9 vs 9. A maximum of 16 players can participate (or be on the bench) in a game.

For U8 to U10 there will be no offsides and no throw-ins (use pass-ins).

Offsides and throw-ins will be in effect for U11 and U12 divisions.

The OSA retreat rule will be in effect for all games.

Size 4 ball shall be used for all games.

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Game Duration

Games will be 25 minutes long with no half time. U8 divisions will play three 25-minute games. U9 - U12 divisions will play four 25-minute games. There must be a minimum of 20 minutes rest between games for U8's and a minimum of 30 minutes rest for U9's to U12's.

In order to ensure compliance with LTPD guidelines for maximum playing time per player per festival, which is 60 minutes for U8 players and 80 minutes for U9 to U12 players:

1. A player can play for only one team in the festival.
2. Each team shall comprise the following minimum/maximum number of players dressed (on the bench) per game:

U8 (5 vs 5): minimum 7/ maximum 10

U9-10 (7 vs 7): minimum 9/ maximum 12

U11-12 (9 vs 9): minimum 12/ maximum 16

If either team does not have the stipulated minimum number of players available at the start of the game or at any time during the game, the game shall be shortened to 20 minutes. Referees will be instructed to strictly apply this rule.

3. Coaches are required to give fair playing time to all players, including goalkeepers, and thus ensure that no player exceeds the permitted maximum minutes per day. Team rosters will be checked and games will be monitored by the organizing committee in this regard. Any violations will be reported to the team's District Association.

Substitution

There is no limit to the number of player substitutions during a game, but a substitution can only be made during a stoppage in play and at the referee's discretion:

- * When a goal is scored
- * At a goal kick
- * On own throw-ins (kick-ins)
- * When the other team is substituting (piggy back)
- * For an injured player at the referee's discretion.

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Registration

All teams must present proof of registration with their District Association. All teams from outside the East Central Ontario Soccer Association (ECOSA) District must supply, no later than one week before the Festival date, a permission to travel form from their home District.

All teams must register at Eastgate Park either Friday evening or Saturday morning, at least one hour before their first game. Players are not required to attend registration. Registration hours will be published on the festival website when the schedule is posted.

The following documents must be presented at registration:

1. Festival Master Roster (2 copies).
2. OSA Players' Books, or in the case of U8 teams, an Official OSA-issued Team Roster that shows the names and birth dates of the players. Rosters will be returned, uncopied, to the team officials.
3. OSA Team Officials' Books.
4. Approved Travel Permit (for non-ECOSA teams).

Only the team officials on the Master Roster are allowed on the bench.

Equipment

The festival organizing committee will be responsible for nets and corner flags. The home team of each game will be asked to supply the game ball. The home team will be asked to change their jerseys if two teams have identical or similar team colours.

Referees

Referees will be assigned by the local branch of the OSA. Referees coming with the out of town teams wishing to officiate in the festival may have that opportunity. Contact Referee's Match Secretary Scott Cockburn at (705)-930-4838.