

PETERBOROUGH CITY FESTIVAL

Festival Rules

The Peterborough City 1-day Festival is open to Girls and Boys Teams from U9 to U12. Mixed teams can play in the Boys Festival. Teams will be guaranteed 4 games.

In keeping with OS's *A Guide to Festivals in Ontario*, scores and standings will not be kept and no winners will be recorded. No trophies will be presented.

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

Eligible Teams

The tournament is open to Ontario Soccer registered Girls and Boys Development Club teams from U9 up to U12 age divisions.

In accordance with OS Policy, players must be selected from your club's player pool; no guest players from another club are permitted.

Teams can carry extra eligible players on their Festival Master Roster, however only the maximum number of players permitted under Game Format can be dressed and listed on the game sheet for each game.

A player can play for only one team in the festival.

Game Format

All games will be 25 minutes long with no half time.

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

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

For U9 and U10 games there will be no offsides and no throw-ins (use pass-ins/dribble-ins). The retreat rule (one-third of field) will be in effect on goal kicks and goalkeeper possession. Players on the opposing team must retreat and cannot cross the retreat line until the ball has been touched by a second player on the defending team, crosses the retreat line or goes out of play.

Offsides and throw-ins will be in effect for U11 and U12 divisions. The retreat rule (one-third of field) will be in effect on goal kicks and goalkeeper possession. Players on the opposing team must retreat and cannot cross the retreat line until the ball has been touched by a second player on the defending team, crosses the retreat line or goes out of play.

Size 4 ball shall be used for all games.

Coaches are required to give fair playing time to all players and ensure that no player exceeds the permitted maximum of 80 minutes per day for U9's to U12's.

There must be a minimum of 25 minutes rest between games.

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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 by either team
- At a goal kick for either team
- On own team's kick-in/dribble-in/throw-in
- When the other team is substituting (piggy back)
- For an injured player at the referee's discretion.

Registration

All visiting teams must supply a Travel Permit (ATF) approved by their District Association at least 2 weeks prior to the festival. The Travel Permit may be submitted by e-mail.

All teams must register either at Eastgate Park on Friday evening between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. or at the playing field on the day of the festival, at least one hour before their first game. Players are not required to attend registration.

The following documents must be presented at registration:

1. Festival Master Roster (2 copies, 1 copy is for you to keep);
2. OS Player Books/Cards or equivalent;
3. OS Team Official Books/Cards, or equivalent;
4. Festival Game Sheets (4 copies, you will use 1 per game). Please fill in all game details in advance, using the information on the schedule.

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

The referee shall submit completed and signed game sheets and misconduct reports to the Field Convenor at the end of the game. The Tournament Host shall collect game sheets and misconduct reports from the Field Convenors.

Referees will be assigned by the Peterborough Referee Branch of OS. Referees coming with an out of town team wishing to officiate in the festival should contact Referee Match Secretary James Montague at (705) 875-5587.