

Wesley Clover Cup Rules and Regulations

The Wesley Clover Cup will run in accordance with the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game and in accordance with Ontario Soccer (OS) and Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association (EODSA) published rules.

FORMS, DOCUMENTATION & ELIGIBILITY

- Team Managers must complete the required online registration form, submit an Official Roster, as well as a Travel Permit (ATF) should a team be traveling from outside the EODSA.
- All registration forms, Official Roster and Travel Permits must be submitted through the Gotsport platform.
- All players must have valid physical or digital player cards with the team throughout the duration of the tournament. Players without a player card/book will not be permitted to play in the Tournament.
- Teams may dress a maximum of 20 players per game. Only those of age on the Official Roster or with a Temporary Eligibility Permit (TEP) are permitted to play. Teams can have up to 6 guest players, only a maximum of 3 can be from outside the Club.

TOURNAMENT AGE DIVISIONS

The following age divisions will be accepted within the Wesley Clover Cup. Please refer to the correct age division and birth year for registration.

Tournament:

Under 13 – born in the year 2011 or later

Under 14 – born in the year 2010 or later

Under 15 – born in the year 2009 or later

Under 16 – born in the year 2008 or later

Under 17 – born in the year 2007 or later

Under 18 – born in the year 2006 or later

Under 19 – born in the year 2005 or later

GAMES

- ✓ Each team must ensure that they have either the player cards or the digital copy with them for every game.
- ✓ The tournament will provide game sheets for all games.
- ✓ All games will consist of two 35 minute halves and a 5 minute half time. The referee will be the official timekeeper. All decisions regarding the game's duration are at the referee's discretion.
- ✓ Please arrive at the field ready to play, 30 minutes prior to kickoff. We will do our best to kick off games at the scheduled time.
- ✓ Tournament will provide game balls.
- ✓ Players must wear numbered jerseys that coincide with their game sheet.
- ✓ Where opposing team's uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change.
- ✓ Players and staff on the roster of both teams will take the same side of the field, while spectators will take the opposite side.
- ✓ Each field will have a designated Site Official (WOSC Staff) for supervision and support.
- ✓ The following competitions will not exceed the permitted time limit per day:
 - Under-13 and Under-14 will not exceed 150 minutes per day
 - Under-15 and older will not exceed 180 minutes per day
 - There will be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team

PROTESTS

We value your concerns. Protests will be entertained if delivered to the Site Official within 1 hour after the completion of the game in question. Protests must be written and accompanied with the protest fee of \$100.00 which will be refunded should the protest in question be deemed to be valid.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions may be made at the referee's discretion during normal breaks in play. Substitutions can also be made on a throw-in by the team in possession. The opposing team may also choose to sub should the team in possession elect to do so.

SCORE REPORTING

It is the responsibility of the Referee to deliver the completed and signed game sheet to the Site Official promptly at the conclusion of each game.

CONDUCT

✓ Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the Laws of the Game. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and the surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team from the tournament as decided by the Site Officials and Tournament Directors.

✓ It is the responsibility of the Club/Team to control the conduct of its parents and other spectators. Failure to do so may result in a warning to the coach or the person acting on the coach's behalf by the Referee. If unacceptable conduct continues, the Referee may terminate the match. If the match is terminated due to spectator conduct, the Club/Team will be subject to disciplinary action as per OS policies.

FORMAT

Each team will be assigned to a division and scheduled 3 games. At the conclusion of the group stage/ round robin matches, the team in each division with the most points will either be declared champions or progress to the finals depending on the number of teams in the group.

Teams will submit a game sheet prior to the start of each of their matches indicating eligible player roster. After every game the referee will record the score at the official's desk. Both coaches' must verify the score with the official by initialing the officials score card.

- Documenting of scores will be recorded for the purpose of determining the final games for Friday only.

- Each team receives 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.

- Following preliminary rounds, in case of two teams tied on points the tie-break will be determined by:

- Head to Head Result
- Goal difference. Subtract total goals for from total goals against.
- Goals For
- Goals Against
- Goal Average
- Coin toss

Scoring Maximum For All Games:

There is a maximum goal differential of 5 goals in any game

For example: if Team A wins 8-1 against Team B, Team A will be awarded a 6-1 win, and team B will be given a 6-1 loss.

In any division where there is a tie, the following tie-breaker will be used to determine the champion.

- Winner of head-to-head competition
- Team with most wins
- Team with greatest +/- goal differential
- Team with most goals for (as per the scoring maximum rule)
- Team with least goals against
- Team with the most shutouts/ clean sheets
- If teams remain tied, teams with the least amount of cautions will be declared the winner, (red card considered two cautions).
- If teams remain tied, a coin flip will be used to declare the winners.

Division Formats:

Note 1: Five (5) and Seven (7) team divisions

Age groups and divisions with 5 teams or 7 teams will play a 4 game round robin and the results of these games will be used to determine the champion.

Note 2: Four (4) Team Divisions

Age groups and divisions with 4 teams will play a 3 game round robin and the top two teams from the round robin will play in the final to determine the 1st and 2nd place team. Third (3rd) and fourth (4th) place teams will be determined from the round robin games.

Note 3: Eight (8) Team Divisions

• Age groups and divisions with 8 teams will be divided into 2 brackets of 4 teams (Bracket A and Bracket B). Each team will play 3 round robin games within their bracket. At the end of the round robin games the 1st place team in Bracket A will play the 1st Place Team in Bracket B in the championship final.

Note 4: Six (6) Team Divisions

Age groups and divisions with 6 teams will play one crossover game as well as the two teams within their division. At the end of the round robin games the two 1st place teams will play in the championship final.

FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

- A team shall be allowed a fifteen-minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before the match is awarded to their opponent.
- A forfeit shall be awarded to the opposing team. The score will be recorded as a 2-0 win.
- A team which forfeits a game cannot be declared a group winner.
- If a team is the cause for termination of a game, that team will be considered to have forfeited that game. The determination as to which team is the cause for the termination shall be at the sole discretion of the Referee.

If a team deliberately forfeits a game they will be removed from the tournament and all previous results will be reversed to a 2-0 loss.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Directors or official representative(s) will have the authority to:

- Relocate or reschedule game(s)
- Change the duration of any game(s)
- Should a game be called it is deemed to be complete after reaching the halfway point

GENERAL

- The tournament will do its best to schedule three games for each team. However, at the Tournament Director's discretion, the number of games may be reduced.
- Under no circumstances whatsoever will the West Ottawa Soccer Club, or any of its official representatives, be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team. This includes a situation whereby the Tournament or any game(s) is canceled in whole or part.
- The Tournament Committee's or their official representative's interpretation of the rules shall be final pertaining to this Tournament.
- The Tournament Committee and the West Ottawa Soccer Club will not be liable for any injuries sustained by any participant in the tournament on or off the field.

DISCIPLINE

- Cumulative Yellows: If a player accumulates 3 yellow cards (in 3 different games), they will be suspended for the next tournament game.
- If a player/team official receives a second yellow card in the same game, they will be suspended for one (1) game.
- If a player/team official receives a straight red card, they will be suspended for the number of games as defined by the OS Standard Penalties for Misconduct.
- Misconduct reports are to be handed into the Tournament Organizing Committee at the end of each game, and must be forwarded to the E.O.D.S.A. within 48 hours of the completion of the game.
- All Misconduct Reports, will be dealt with by the Discipline Chair in accordance with OS Published Rules. Where permitted, requests for hearing will be accepted within 15 minutes of the completion of the game. In accordance with OS Published rules all decisions made by review are final.
- All decisions made by hearing can be appealed to the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association.

REFUND POLICY

- Upon acceptance, the team's entry fee is non-refundable. If your team is accepted and later withdraws, the entry fee is non-refundable. If the tournament is canceled due to events beyond the control of the Tournament Committee, the Tournament will not be required to make any financial compensation in excess of refund of the tournament fee paid to the West Ottawa Soccer Club.
- In the event of the tournament having to cancel games, a prorated refund of the tournament registration fee will be returned to each team at the discretion of West Ottawa Soccer Club.

INSURANCE

Out of District teams must produce a Travel Permit from their home District Association authorizing the team to attend the tournament. All players must be registered in the appropriate tournament class to participate in the tournament.

Unregistered players/teams will not be permitted to participate. Out of Province Teams must carry and supply proof of insurance, injury and liability while participating in the event.