Wesley Clover Cup/Showcase 2027 - Rules

Tournament Details

The U16-19 divisions will take place in Ottawa, ON, from April 9th to April 10th, 2027. U13-U15 divisions will have all games played on April 10th and 11th.

- All U16-U19 showcase registered teams must be prepared to play a Friday game anytime between 9AM and 9PM. FTF will do its best to accommodate travelling teams with later kickoffs.

Registration: Team & Player Eligibility

West Ottawa SC (WOSC) will review all submitted applications, accompanied by the required application fee. WOSC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine team acceptance into the event. Once a team is accepted - whether verbally, in writing, or via email - there will be no refunds of the application fee. Accepted teams must provide the approved application to travel to WOSC no later than March 31st, 2027. Teams from outside the EOS district must also submit an approved Team Travel Permit. Only teams within the EOS district are exempt from this requirement. Each team must ensure that they have either the player cards or the digital copy with them for every game.

Team Eligibility Criteria:

- All teams must be registered with their Provincial, State, or National Association.

- Each team must include with tournament application written proof of team travel permission authorized by its governing Association.

- In North American and International Class Tournaments, all teams from outside Ontario must supply proof of accident/injury/illness medical insurance to the Tournament Host no later than seven days prior to the tournament.

- Teams may only use Players who are registered with them, except as otherwise stipulated.

- All Youth team regardless of the competition must have a minimum of one

registered Team Official on the bench at all times. If a team does not have a registered Team Official on the bench prior to the game or at any time during the game, the game will be abandoned and the result awarded to the opposition.

Duration of Games

- The following competitions shall not exceed the permitted time limit per day:
    - Under-12 and Under-13 not to exceed 120 minutes per day
    - Under-14 not to exceed 150 minutes per day
    - Under-15 and older not to exceed 180 minutes per day

- There must be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team.

Number of Players Dressed In a Game

Teams may only dress and play up to a maximum of twenty (20) Players in each game of the tournament unless tournaments (for Under-12 and Under-13) are subject to the Canada Soccer Grassroots Standards at which maximum match day roster of eighteen (18) players in each game apply.

All teams must submit all required documents to GotSport **by March 31st, 2027.** The team official must provide:

- Official team roster (approved by their district)
- Player ID
- Approved travel permit (for teams outside the EOS Region)
- Guest Player Permits (Temporary Eligibility Permit (TEP) or Short Term Registration Permit (STRP) if from Ontario. If from outside Ontario, speak to your club/district.
- GotSport player information (names, jersey numbers, and player ID #s)
    - Your game sheets will be incomplete without all of the above player information.

U16-19 Showcase teams only must also submit the following to FTF Canada by **March 31, 2027**:

- Accepted teams must also submit a **'recruiting roster'** via google sheet or excel by **March 31, 2027**. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the booklet provided to college coaches attending the tournament and All-Star teams, post event. It is essential to meet this deadline.
- Submit your recruiting roster to events@ftfcanada.com

The event will be divided into six (6) age groups, based on players' birth years:

Cup Divisions

- **U13**: 2014 born
- **U14**: 2013 born
- **U15**: 2012 born

FTF Showcase Divisions

- **U16**: 2011 born
- **U17**: 2010 born
- **U18**: 2009 born

- **U19**: 2008 born

All players must be registered for the 2027 outdoor season with their district.

WOSC and FTF Canada reserves the right to combine age groups depending on the number of registered teams.

Roster Sizes

Teams are limited to 20 players identified at registration. Only 20 players can be rostered/dressed for each game. These 20 players must be confirmed with the referees prior to each match. Only players listed on the game day roster (as shown on the game sheet) are eligible to play.

Team Roster Details:

- OS tournament rosters are limited to 20 players, with the option to add up to 4 guest players, provided they have proof of current club registration or a **Guest Player Approval Form (if from another club).** Speak to your club/district about how to get guest players approved.

Please ensure player booklets/cards are available at each game.

IFAB Laws of the Game will apply, except where modified below

A. Ball Size:

- Size 5

B. Game Duration:

U13 Cup Divisions

- 3 guaranteed games of 60 minutes (2 x 30 mins) each between Saturday and Sunday
- Finals will be played on Sunday for those who qualify

U14-15 Cup Divisions

- 3 guaranteed games of 70 minutes (2 x 35 mins) each between Saturday and Sunday
- Finals will be played on Sunday for those who qualify

FTF U16-19 Showcase Divisions

- 3 guaranteed games of 70 minutes (2 x 35 mins) each between Friday and Saturday
- Semi-finals and finals will be played on Sunday for those who qualify

All Divisions

- There must be at least a 60 minute break between each game played by any team
- 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.

C. Substitutions:

Unlimited substitutions may be made with the referee's approval during the following stoppages:

- Goal kicks
- Goals scored
- Injured player
- Throw-ins for the possession team (the opposing team may substitute as well without delaying the game)

All substitutions will follow the IFAB Laws of the Game process.

D. Jersey Changes

Players must wear numbered jerseys that coincide with their game sheet.

Where the opposing team’s uniform colours are similar, the designated home team will change.

E. 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.

F. Officials

All U14-19 games will aim to use a referee and two assistant referees. All match officials are certified by Ontario Soccer.

All U13 games will only use one referee; no assistant referees will be appointed. All match officials are certified by Ontario Soccer.

G. Player Equipment

- All players must wear shin guards.
- Metal-rimmed glasses and jewelry are prohibited.
- Casts, splints, or body braces made of hard materials (e.g., leather, rubber, plastic, plaster, fiberglass) must be covered with at least ½ inch of high-density polyurethane or a similar material. A medical release signed by a licensed physician must be available at the game site. Referees must approve the use of such equipment.

H. 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. Fees are to be sent to accountspayable@wosc.com, then accompanied by an email to events@wosc.com. Please ensure your email includes your team name and age group.

I. Sideline Behavior

- Both teams must sit on the same side of the field. Only team officials that are on the game sheet and official roster are permitted on the players' sideline.
- Spectators must stay on the opposite side of the field and are not allowed behind the goals.
- Harassment of officials by coaches, spectators, or players will not be tolerated and could lead to expulsion.

J. Send-offs

- A player receiving a red card, including two yellow cards in the same match, must leave the field for the remainder of the game and the next match unless an alternate decision is made by the tournament directors. Players serving red card suspensions are not allowed on the bench.

- A coach or authorized personnel sent off must immediately leave the field and stay away from the next game as well.

- 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 the next game, 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 EOS 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 Eastern Ontario Soccer.

K. Game Balls
The home team will provide the game ball for each game.

L. Rules
The tournament will be played in accordance with IFAB Laws of the Game, except as modified by these rules.

M. Conduct
There is a ZERO tolerance policy for vulgar language directed at opposing players, coaches, match officials, event staff, facility staff or spectators.

Players, coaches, match officials 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/Coach 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.

N. Cancellation/Team Drop-Out Policy
If a team withdraws after being accepted into the event, the entry fee is forfeited. In the event the tournament is canceled, the tournament director will determine if a refund or partial refund will be issued.

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.

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

O. Schedules, Results, and Standings

- Schedules will be provided to accepted teams prior to the event. FTF and West Ottawa Soccer Club reserves the right to alter the schedule with advance notice to ensure smooth operation.
- After each game, a site official will report the score to the tournament committee.
- Scores will be documented for determining the final games.
- Points system: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss.

FTF U16-19 Showcase Divisions

- 3 guaranteed games of 70 minutes (2 x 35 mins) each between Friday and Saturday
- Semi-finals and finals will be played on Sunday for those who qualify
- All registered FTF U16-19 showcase teams must be prepared to play a Friday game anytime between 9AM and 9PM. FTF will do its best to accommodate travelling teams with later kickoffs.

- Given bio-banding and other factors such as combined age groups in league play contributing to multiple age grouping complexities, age eligibility requirements are not defined within the tournament rules, special requests based on the above-mentioned factors are reviewed and are left to our discretion as tournament host to approve.

- Divisions with odd number of teams will have an extra game played for 1 team which will count toward the standings of the opposing team. FTF holds the right to choose the team and opponent for such a scenario.

U14-15 Cup Divisions

- 3 guaranteed games of 70 minutes (2 x 35 mins) each between Saturday and Sunday
- Finals will be played on Sunday for those who qualify

U13 Cup Divisions

- 3 guaranteed games of 60 minutes (2 x 30 mins) each between Saturday and Sunday
- Finals will be played on Sunday for those who qualify

Scoring Maximum For <u>All U13-15 Cup Games</u>:

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.

Tie-breakers:

1. Head-to-Head
2. Goal Differential
3. Goals Against
4. Goals For
5. Team with the most shutouts/ clean sheets
6. Coin Toss

P. Registration

- 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 EOS District.

- All registration forms, Official Roster and Travel Permits must be submitted through the Gotsport platform.

- 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.

Additional Notes:
As part of the online check-in process, each team's digital player ID cards will be checked against their official team roster (TRR for Ontario Clubs).

Q. Game Format

- All U13 games will be played using the 9v9 format.
- All U14-U19 games will be played using the 11v11 format.

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, FTF Canada, 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 cancelled 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, West Ottawa Soccer Club, and FTF Canada will not be liable for any injuries sustained by any participant in the tournament on or off the field.

Referee Pay

	Centre Referee	Assistant Referee
U13	$50	N/A
U14	$52	$37
U15	$52	$37
U16	$55	$40
U17	$55	$40
U18	$60	$45
U19	$60	$45