



**VAUGHAN SOCCER CLUB
DANNY PELLEGRINI CLASSIC 2023
TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a) All participating teams must be currently registered with their District and Provincial Associations. Participating teams are required to complete the team roster sheet provided. All Ontario based teams shall identify themselves by providing full "Team Identification" as defined by defined in the Ontario Soccer (OS) published rules.
- b) All teams from outside York Region Soccer Association District must have a duly authorized Permission to Travel form. Proof of permission to travel and valid medical insurance must be presented at the time of registration.
- c) Approved Official player ID, complete with a photograph, are to be presented to the Tournament Committee at registration. Player cards must be available at each game, may be inspected at any time, and in the event of a dispute concerning player eligibility, the Tournament Committee's decision shall be final.

2. ROSTER

- a) Team rosters for U13 – U18 inclusive shall be limited to a maximum of eighteen (18) players and four (4) staff.
- b) A team may include up to three (3) guest players from the team's Club or Guest player from another club as long as they have a temporary Eligibility form , and they must be registered with their District or Provincial Associations.
- c) Players may only play with only ONE team in the tournament.

3. WEATHER

- a) Coaches and their teams must appear on the playing field at the scheduled time, regardless of the weather conditions; otherwise, they will forfeit the game. Only the Referee, the Tournament Committee or the Field Convenor is authorized to postpone a game. Should a game in progress be terminated due to weather conditions after the first half has been completed, the game shall be considered complete and the score at termination shall stand.

4. FORFEITS

- a) If a team is unable to field seven (7) players for U13-U18 inclusive, within five (5) minutes after the start time, the game shall be forfeited. If a team forfeits a game, the opponents will receive a 3-0 victory and 3 points.
- b) Any team cancelling its participation after the registering for the Tournament shall forfeit ALL MONIES to the Danny Pellegrini Classic. If a team forfeits a game, all games played by that team in the Tournament shall be eliminated, and all of their tournament opponents will receive a 3-0 victory and three (3) points, regardless of the actual game score.

5. PLAYING TIMES

- a) As per OS Policy the following daily playing times apply, and teams may not exceed the permitted time limit per day:
 - 1. U13 to U14 – 150 minutes per day
 - 2. U15 – U18 - 180 minutes per day
- i- Game Duration (2x 25 minute half U13-14, 2x 25 minute half U15-U18 with the exception of semi-final and final games which will be 2x 30 minute half)
- ii) Minimum 3 games per team
- iii) Minimum 1 hour rest between games per team.



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6. SUBSTITUTION

a) There is no limit to the number of substitutions during a game, but substitutions can only be made at the following times, and upon proper and prior notification of the referee:

1. After a goal has been scored
2. At a goal kick
3. At your own throw-in (and piggy back allowed)
4. At the start of the 2nd half or the 1st and 2nd half of overtime
5. At an injury that results in a stoppage of play.

b) No substitution will be permitted for a player ordered off the field by the referee for misconduct.

7. TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

a) The preliminary round standings will be determined by the following awarding of points: Win – 3 points; Tie – 1 point; Loss – 0 points

b) Tie Breaker for Division Winner/Wild Card: If, at the end of the preliminary round, there is a tie, it will be broken using the following criteria in descending order:

1. Head to Head: The result of the game between the teams
2. Team with the most wins
3. Goal Difference (Goals scored minus goals allowed)
4. Total goals against
5. Kicks from the penalty mark

c) Kicks from the penalty mark will be determined by the best of 5 penalty kicks by five players of each team. If still tied, alternating penalty kicks by the balance of each team's players will be taken until the outcome is decided. Only players on the field of play at the end of the game are eligible to take penalty kicks.

d) In the quarter-finals, semi-final and finals, games tied after the end of regulation play shall go directly to kicks from the penalty mark.

e) In the event that a division has an odd number of teams, only the first 3 games played for each team will count as part of the standings. (Therefore if a team plays a 4th game, the results of that 4th game will not count in the standings)

8. PROTESTS

a) All protests must be in writing and delivered to the Tournament Headquarters, together with a NON-REFUNDABLE CASH FEE of \$100.00 within one (1) hour of the game to which the protest results. If upheld, the fee will be returned. No protests will be upheld as a result of a referee decision. No one may protest a game in which his/her team has not participated.

9. CAUTION/EJECTIONS

a) Dismissed for "Receiving a second caution in the same game" for which neither of the cautions was directed at the match official(s). 1-game suspension (3 games for second offence)

b) Dismissed for "Receiving a second caution in the same game" for which at least one of the cautions was directed at the match official(s). 2-game suspension (4 games for second offence)

10. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

a) The home team is the team listed first on the schedule.

b) The home team must provide the game ball.

c) The home team is responsible for changing uniforms should there be a colour conflict.



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11. GENERAL

- a) The Tournament Committee/Host will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part.
- b) The Tournament Committee/Host reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.
- c) The Tournament Committee/Host reserves the right to merge age divisions without notice.
- d) The Tournament Committee/Host reserves the right to deny entry of any team without explanation.

12. REGISTRATION DETAILS

- a) The registration deadline is March 31st, 2023 or until divisions reach capacity (whichever comes first).
- b) A team is considered accepted into the tournament when their application and tournament fee are received.

13. RAIN & CANCELLATION POLICY

All fields are leased to the Danny Pellegrini Classic from Vaughan Soccer Club! If the City feels that playing on the field may damage the field, the Tournament Committee may be obliged to abide by the City's Wet Field Policy, and thereby move the games to another venue (if possible), postpone or cancel the games, or shorten the games to ten (10) minutes per half or more. Undecided games (quarters, semis and finals) will then go to penalty kicks, as per Fifa rules.

Games will be stopped during lightening and then continue after the lightning leaves the area (stoppages of play due to lightening will be at the discretion of the referee and onsite field marshal). Games could be shortened to accommodate the rest of the day's games.

Regardless of weather conditions, all teams must be prepared to field a team. It is the responsibility of the team to check in with their field convenor at the scheduled field at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the commencement of their game.

14. CANCELLATION POLICY

Only in the case when weather or some other act of nature cancels the tournament prior to its commencement, teams will be refunded 1/3 of their tournament registration fee by the Vaughan Soccer Club. Refunds will not be granted for any other reason.

The Danny Pellegrini Classic Committee determines the tournament cancellation policy refund by taking into account the expenses incurred to date, but the cancellation policy refund by no means covers all pre-tournament expenditures, and a significant loss will still be sustained on this event. The cancellation policy is only in effect to reduce the impact of what would otherwise be a devastating loss.