



**VAUGHAN SOCCER CLUB
DANNY PELLEGRINI CLASSIC 2023
FESTIVAL 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 Festival 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 Festival Committee's decision shall be final.

2. LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game observed by Ontario Soccer and the Canadian Soccer Association.

3. ROSTER

- a) U9&10: Not more than 7 players on the field for one (1) team, one (1) of whom shall be the goalkeeper. Each team shall not have more than 12 players dressed per game. Both teams must have a minimum of 5 players to begin the game.
- b) U11&12: Not more than 9 players shall be on the field for one (1) team, one (1) of whom shall be the goalkeeper. Each team shall not have more than 16 players dressed per game. Both teams must have a minimum of 7 players to begin the game.
- c) Players may only play with only ONE team in the festival.

4. 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 Festival 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.

5. FORFEITS

- a) If a team is unable to field the minimum number of players, a grace period of five (5) minutes will be granted.
- b) Any team cancelling its participation after the registering for the Festival shall forfeit ALL MONIES to the Danny Pellegrini Classic.

6. 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. U9 & U10 – 100 minutes per day: 40 minute games
 - 2. U11 & U12- 100 minutes per day: 50 minute games
- i- Game Duration
- ii) 2 games per team
- iii) Minimum 30 minutes and maximum 120 minutes rest between games per team



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7. 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.

8. GOAL KICKS & RETREAT LINES

- a) A goal kick will be awarded when the whole of the ball has crossed the goal-line, either on the ground or in the air, excluding that portion between the goal-posts, having last been played or touched by a member of the attacking team
- b) The ball shall be kicked into play from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team.
- c) Opponents remain at the retreat line until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it is touched by another player.
- d) The Goalkeeper in possession does not have to wait for the opposition to retreat and has the option to restart the game before should they choose to.

9. SCORES AND STANDINGS

- a) Scores and standings will not be tracked.

10. CAUTION/EJECTIONS

- a) Players ejected from a game must be replaced by a team substitute.
- b) Ejected players must not take part in any further games.

11. 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.

12. GENERAL

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

13. REGISTRATION DETAILS

- a) The registration deadline is August 25th, 2023 or until divisions reach capacity (whichever comes first).
- b) A team is considered accepted into the festival when their application and registration fee are received.



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14. 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 Festival 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.

15. CANCELLATION POLICY

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

The Danny Pellegrini Classic Committee determines the festival cancellation policy refund by taking into account the expenses incurred to date, but the cancellation policy refund by no means covers all pre-festival 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.