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LTPD House League Teams Rules & Regulations Youth Teams (U9 - U12)





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I. General

- These Rules and Regulations govern House League Youth teams that have been authorized for play by the Barrie Soccer Club (“the Club”).
- House League teams shall be subject to the policies outlined in the Club’s Constitution and Rules and Regulations unless otherwise indicated in this document.
- The objective of the House League Youth program is to establish a development league from U9-U12 for boys and girls wherever possible determined by the Technical Director.
- Where there are any omissions from this document, Ontario Soccer (“OS”) guidelines will apply.

II. House League Team Uniforms

- Players must wear the uniform provided by the Club (jersey, shorts, and socks). The uniform remains the property of the Club until the end of the playing season.
- It is mandatory that all players wear shin guards under their socks.
- Players will be allowed to wear track pants and warm shirts under their soccer uniforms, providing the colour does not conflict with that of the opposing team.
- Players are encouraged to wear soccer shoes (cleats, turf, etc.), however, no player shall be permitted to play wearing footwear other than soft running shoes or soccer shoes. No metal cleats will be allowed.
- Footwear, clothing, jewelry, medical devices or anything else worn by a player constituting a hazard to other players will not be permitted. No earrings or taping over earrings will be allowed (religious reasons for jewelry are allowed).

III. Coach’s Responsibilities

- Candidates interested in becoming a House League Team Coach shall email bscoffice@barriesoccer.com outlining the division(s) they are interested in volunteering for.
- Coaches are responsible for communication of selected information from the Club to the players and parent/guardians.
- Coaches shall be responsible to ensure that all players and parent/guardians are aware of the Rules and Regulations of the Club.
- Coaches shall attempt to ensure that all players who are present and dressed play an equal amount of time in all games. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action against the Coach.
- In the interest of providing balanced teams for the following season, the Club will send an evaluation form to the Coach for all the players on their team. It is critical that the Coach completes this form during the season and returns it to the Club with the appropriate ratings for the players on his/her team.
- Coaches shall ensure that all facilities are left in a clean and proper condition after use.



- The coach/coaches will present the game sheet for the referee to sign and input scores, yellow/red cards, etc.
- The game sheet must be emailed by each coach to bscoffice@barriesoccer.com with 24-48 hours of game completion to verify the game was played.
- Coaches are encouraged to appoint an Assistant Coach who will be capable of performing the duties of the Coach if required at a game or practice.
- In the event that a referee is not present, each team will have a coach referee half of the game.

IV. Code of Conduct for Coaches

- The conduct of Coaches shall be exemplary and in accordance with the Objectives of the Club as specified in the Constitution.
- Coaches shall ensure that all players conduct themselves in a way that is consistent with the Constitution of the Club, these Rules and Regulations, the Laws of the Game, and the generally accepted norm of good sportsmanship. Coaches who fail to demonstrate and promote good conduct by their players on or off the field risk suspension from the Club.
- Coaches are expected to remind parents/guardians and spectators associated with the team to conduct themselves in a way that is consistent with the generally accepted norm of good sportsmanship. Any parent/guardian who fails to demonstrate proper conduct to the point where a referee has to abandon or cancel a game risks discipline from the Club.
- Coaches shall not transport players nor shall he/she conduct or attend a practice or game while under the influence of intoxicating substances. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disciplinary action from the Club.
- All Coaches of Barrie Soccer Club teams must agree to a Police Record Check. Police Record Checks shall be updated every 36 months. Coaches living in the City of Barrie shall be provided with a letter (contact the Club Office for details) from the Club that will result in this Police Record Check being performed free of charge by Barrie Police (fees may apply for finger printing if required and on successful Police Record Check will be reimbursed by the Club). For coaches and managers living outside of the City of Barrie the letter will be provided and the Club agrees to pay the fee incurred for this procedure upon presentation to the Club of a copy of a clear Police Record Check and receipt from the applicable police service. In addition to the above, the Club reserves the right to seek additional references from any coaching applicant.
- The Club reserves the right to remove any Coach who does not meet guidelines of the Club's Constitution and these Rules and Regulations or brings the Club into disrepute.
- Coaches shall not play nor conceal from officials of the Club any ineligible player.
- Coaches shall not leave any youth player unattended at a field following a practice or game.
- Coaches do not have authority to alter playing schedules or unilaterally withdraw from league festival games. Doing so may result in possible disciplinary action against the Coach.



V. Conveners

- The Club shall attempt to appoint Conveners to each age group to assist in various tasks to support the House League. These duties include:
 - Assign a coach to each team with the assistance of the Club;
 - Ensure that the Club has the proper contact information for all coaches in their division;
 - Ensure that equipment is returned to the Club at the completion of the season;
 - Attend the following Club events:
 - All scheduled Convener meetings;
 - Season Kick-Off meeting;
 - Festival Day for their division;
 - Picture Day.
- Keep the Club Office informed of any changes or updates regarding their division.
- Distribution of team photographs to coaches.
- Distribution of medals to coaches.
- Distribute communication from the Club to coaches, players and parents as required.
- Keep a written record of any disputes or problems solved. A written copy of the dispute must be submitted to the Club Office.

VI. Players

- All players participating in House League shall be registered and in good standing with the Club. Details regarding registration are posted on the Club's website.
- House League player registrations may be accepted by the Club Office after June 1st of the current playing season, subject to division availability.
- All requests for refunds must be in writing to the Club Office and are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Refunds are subject to the Club's Refund Policy and are subject to an administration fee as set by the Club. Uniforms must be returned to the Club before a refund can be issued.
- A player who has not completed an imposed suspension from the previous season may register with the Club but must serve the suspension before being allowed to play in any House League games.

VII. Code of Conduct for Players

- Players shall conduct themselves in a way that is consistent with the Constitution of the Club, these Rules and Regulations, the Laws of the Game, and the generally accepted norm of good sportsmanship. Players who fail to demonstrate good conduct on or off the field risk suspension from the Club.



VIII. Teams

- The number of players assigned by the Club to each team shall be a maximum of sixteen (16) for U9-10 and sixteen (16) for U11-U12.
- Teams will be created by convenors and office staff and distributed to coaches well in advance of the start of the season. Ratings provided during online registration will be used to balance the teams as evenly as possible.
- Requests for players to play up will only be considered on consultation with the Club's Technical Director. Requests to play down can only be authorized by the District Association and only on proof of medical restriction.
- Due to the number of players registered to play in House League and the draft system used to form teams, requests for placement of players on specific teams is considered only on a best effort basis and will not be considered as justification for a refund.
- A team that cancels or abandons in full or part any league/playoff or tournament game shall forfeit the game to the opposing team. Disciplinary action may also be taken against the coach.

IX. Leagues

- Players are assigned to their age division based on the year of their birth.
 - As an example, a player who turns 12 at any time in 2023 will play in the U11-12 division.
- Teams U9-U10 will play 8v8
 - Teams U9 and U10 will play with a retreat line (1/3rd)
 - Kick-ins when balls go out of bounds
- Teams U11-U12 will play 9v9
 - Teams U11-U12 will play with a retreat line (1/3rd)
 - Throw when balls go out of bounds
- The retreat line will take place after goal kicks.

In the spirit of good sportsmanship, there is no benefit to running up a score on a team as goal differential and total goals DO NOT factor in the tiebreaker rules.

X. House League Game Rules

- All games shall be played in accordance with the "Laws of the Game" as issued by FIFA - except as modified by these "House League Game Rules".
- The House League season will start at the beginning of June;
- The duration of halves and the size of the ball to be used in games shall be according to the following;



Age Division	Game Duration	Game Formats	Ball
U9/U10	2 x 25 minute halves	8v8	4
U11/U12	2 x 35 minute halves	9v9	4

- Each team may not play more than 8 players (U9/10) and 9 players (U11/12) at a time including a goalkeeper.
- Play shall begin no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled game time. If one team is short players, they will borrow players from the other team to even the numbers.
- In the event that a team has less than the required amount of players (5 players for U9/U10 and 6 players for U11/U12) and the opposing team has more players at the start of a game; the team with the numerical advantage will be recommended to reduce the number of players on the field to match the total number of opponents, plus one additional player.
- House League teams may not use “call-ups” from any other team in the same division for any House League Tournament or playoff games.
- If it is discovered that a Coach uses an ineligible player in any House League games, they will face disciplinary action from the Club.
- Games may be cancelled only by:
 - The Club (via a posting on its website);
 - The Referee;
 - The order of an official of the City of Barrie, Township of Springwater or a technical/administrative employee of the Club.
- The Referee may cancel or abandon a game if in his/her opinion:
 - Conditions of play are unsafe;
 - Damage is likely to occur to facilities;
 - A serious injury has occurred resulting in a player’s or spectator’s need for medical assistance;
 - Disruptive conduct on the part of players, coaches, managers or spectators has made the continuation of the game unsafe.
- Any game terminated after 2/3 of the scheduled time has been played shall be deemed to be a complete game. The score at the point that the game has been terminated will be considered the final score.
- In the absence of a Referee, the Coaches of the respective teams shall agree and appoint a Referee for the game. If no agreement can be reached, then the Home Team shall appoint the Referee in the First Half and the Away Team shall appoint the Referee in the Second Half. All such appointed Referees shall have the full power of any Referee appointed by the Club.

XI. Festivals

- At the conclusion of the regular season, all teams will participate in a wrap up festival with no scores and standings. The format and schedule for the playoffs will be posted on the Club’s website & emailed out as soon as complete.



XII. Medals

- Each player will receive a participant medal at the end of the season.

XIII. Referees for All House League Games

- The Referee shall be responsible for the conduct of a game from the time he/she enters the playing area until such time as he/she leaves the vicinity of the playing area. His/her authority shall extend to offenses committed when the game is in progress or when the game is stopped. His/her decision on points of fact connected with the play of the game shall be final.
- Referees shall ensure that they are present at the field at least fifteen minutes prior to kickoff and be dressed in accordance with OS regulations at all games.
- The Referee will ensure that conditions of both field and weather for games are safe prior to the start of play according to the Club and OS guidelines as posted on the Club's website.
 - If thunder or lightning is heard or seen, quickly get to a safe location as directed by [Canada Soccer's Lightning Safety/Severe Weather Policy](#).
- Yellow and Red cards issued during a game and any Special Incident Reports must be reported by the Referee to the Club Office within 48 hours from the conclusion of the game.
- The Club shall be responsible for the scheduling of Referees for all games.

XIV. Use of Fields and Facilities

- The size of the playing fields may vary. Each field must be longer in length than width. Internal markings are always constant regardless of field size.
- All pitches, grounds and surrounding areas are to be left clean of litter and garbage by teams after games or practices.
- Any damage to a field, net or dressing room must be reported immediately to the Club.
- No Club Member shall have direct contact with the City of Barrie or Springwater Township Recreation and Parks Department to schedule games or practices. Any request for facilities or alteration of arrangements shall be done by the Club.
- The Club reserves the right to stipulate the conditions of use to any organization or team using any field mandated to the Club.
- Any person or persons who use any field mandated to the Club in violation of these regulations and whose use of a field caused damage such that the City of Barrie or any other municipality hold the Club financially responsible for the cost of repair may in turn be held responsible by the Club for whatever damages it sustains.
- Enforcement of field regulations shall be as follows:
 - Referees shall be responsible for examining the condition of fields prior to a game.



- Coaches shall have responsibility to not use any field for a practice if the use is likely to result in damage to the facility.

XV. Discipline Policy

- The following is the Club’s discipline policy for House League play including tournaments and playoffs:

3 Yellow Cards in a Season	1 Game Suspension
2 additional Yellow Cards in a Season	2 Game Suspension
1 Red Card	1 Game Suspension (pending offense)
2 Red Cards in a season	3 Game Suspension (pending offense)
Player Assault	As per Ontario Soccer (“OS”) Guidelines
Match Official Assault	As per Ontario Soccer (“OS”) Guidelines
Match Official Verbal Abuse	As per Ontario Soccer (“OS”) Guidelines
Violent Conduct	As per Ontario Soccer (“OS”) Guidelines

- If a player is carded and he/she is a Referee for the Club, their duties as a Referee will be put on hold until they have served their full suspension.
- Suspensions received from Yellow and Red Cards will carry into the playoffs and into the following season.
- Any suspension incurred by a player or coach during the tournament will be applied to the regular season or playoffs as applicable.
- The Club will convene a Discipline Committee of three people to review supplementary discipline to players or coaches as warranted. As part of their review, the Discipline Committee may request that a player or coach attend a disciplinary hearing. If the player or coach fails to appear before the committee as requested, as per OS regulations they will be suspended from all soccer activity.
- All findings of the committee will be distributed to all parties directly involved in the hearing within five (5) business days of the completion of the hearing.
 - The decision made by the Club on a protest is final and not subject to appeal.

XVI. Parent/Player Complaints

- A player or parent who has a complaint concerning the Team Coach should first discuss the matter with the Coach to try and resolve the situation (NOTE: In such instances the player/parent should use the “24-hour cool-off rule” before addressing the issue with the coach to avoid an unnecessary confrontation). If the issue is not addressed to their satisfaction, the player/parent should formally put the issue in writing to their Convener with a copy to the Technical Director at bsctd@barriesoccer.com and the Club at bscoffice@barriesoccer.com seeking a resolution to the issue using the complaint form from the club website: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/605fee84aeb5a4342fcb19fe/t/63696760c149e60ce37c8c5f/1667852128924/BSC+Complaint+Form.pdf>



- If after following the procedure as outlined above, the complaint has not been resolved to their satisfaction, the parent/player should put the issue in writing to the Club's Technical Director. Action will only be taken by the Club on written complaints which will be kept confidential by the Club. A response to the complaint will be made in writing from the Soccer Club within seven (7) working days of receipt of the complaint.