



T.R.S.C. –RULES

Tecumseh Recreational Soccer Club

Club Mission Statement:

The main objective of the Tecumseh Recreational Soccer Club is to develop skillful soccer players and promote the game of soccer for youth and adults in our community. It shall be the mission of Tecumseh Recreational Soccer Club to educate, promote, stimulate interest in and address the needs of the game of soccer.

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1. Game Duration Breakdown

Division	Half Length	Half Time Break	Total Game Duration
U4 – U8	<i>Twenty (20) Minutes</i>	<i>Minimum Five (5) Minutes</i>	<i>Forty (40) Minutes</i>
U10	<i>Twenty Five (25) Minutes</i>	<i>Minimum Five (5) Minutes</i>	<i>Fifty (50) Minutes</i>
U12	<i>Thirty (30) Minutes</i>	<i>Minimum Five (5) Minutes</i>	<i>Sixty (60) Minutes</i>
U15 - U19	<i>Thirty Five (35) Minutes</i>	<i>Minimum Five (5) Minutes</i>	<i>Seventy (70) Minutes</i>
SENIOR	<i>Forty (40) Minutes</i>	<i>Minimum Five (5) Minutes</i>	<i>Eighty (80) Minutes</i>

2. Club Rules – Recreation

- 2.1.** Following the annual registration of players; players registered with the club shall be grouped and ranked according to age and ability. Proof of age may be requested. Players shall then be assigned to teams prior to the beginning of the season. The club will always strive to make teams as even as possible. We discourage special requests by parents.
- 2.2.** Each coach may request that their child, the child of an assistant coach and a sponsor's child, be assigned to their team. Coaches may request up to 2 children (their child included).
- 2.3.** Children from the same immediate family and that are of the same age group shall be placed on the same team unless requested otherwise.
- 2.4.** The Club will only move players, up or down a division, if it is in the best interest of the player and the club.
- 2.5.** There will be NO registration refunds after April 1st of each year. Qualified refunds requested before April 1st, will be charged an administration fee and the refund will be issued before November of the same year.
- 2.6.** Equal Playing time. All players shall have equal playing time. Coaches found to be in violation of this rule without just cause shall be subject to club discipline.
- 2.7.** Tecumseh Recreations Soccer Club may postpone or cancel games and practices if the temperature or heat index reaches 105° F (40.5° C) or higher. The club determines the official temperature, with decisions aimed at player safety.

- 2.8.** We do play soccer in the rain!
- 2.9.** If thunder is heard or lightning is seen, then the referee should PAUSE the game. Players and spectators should wait in their cars for 15 minutes. If no thunder/lightning has been spotted in that time then play should resume. If play resumes and team has left, they will forfeit the game.
- 2.10.** In the event that a team does not have the minimum players to begin the game at the scheduled game time, the referee shall wait 15 minutes before forfeiting the game.
- 2.11.** There is no formal procedure for reserving fields for practice. It is first come first served. If two teams show up at the same field, the coaches are expected to split the field in half and share!
- 2.12.** The soccer season will begin the first full week of May and end the second weekend of August.
- 2.13.** Points in club recreational games shall be awarded as follows: Three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.
- 2.14.** If a team forfeits a game, the game will be awarded to their opponent by a score of 3-0.
- 2.15.** League Champions:
The team with the highest number of points shall be declared the League Champions.
If two or more teams have an equal number of points at the season's end the tie shall be broken by the following rules:
a) The winner in the head-to-head competition
b) The team with the highest goal differential
c) The team scoring the greater number of goals during the season
d) The team that conceded the fewest goals during the season.
If both teams are still equal after these tests have been applied then a game shall be arranged and played to declare a winner.
- 2.16.** Ineligible Player(s):
In the event a coach plays an ineligible player(s), the game will be awarded a 3-0 final score to the opposing team.
Examples of ineligibility:
a) the player is not registered in the club
b) the player is under suspension
c) The player is assigned to another team in the same division.
d) The player is registered in an older age group.
- 2.17.** The Club shall suspend a coach for the remainder of the soccer season, who knowingly plays an ineligible player. The coach will be reinstated only after a written application to the Board of Directors has been approved.

2.18. The Club shall suspend a player for the remainder of the season, who knowingly plays while ineligible.

2.19. Call-ups:

- In order to field a full team, a coach can call up players from the team in the younger house league division.
- Do not use call up players when you have more than one substitute.
- The Convener of the division and/or the Head Convener need to approve the call-up.

2.20. Yellow Cards:

- For the first caution & second caution in a season (during separate games), there will be no suspension, but it will go on the record.
- After the third caution in a season, one (1) game suspension. After the player serves the suspension the procedure restarts again.
- Two cautions in a game, one (1) game suspension.
- After each yellow card, there shall be a 5-minute cooling down period.
- Player sent off may be substituted.

2.21. Red Cards:

- First offence is a minimum of one (1) game suspension. Additional offence(s) will have escalatory discipline.
- The Club Board of Directors/Discipline Committee holds the right to give extra suspensions.

2.22. Referee Harassment/Assault:

- Verbal harassment towards any match official from any fan, coach, or player will NOT be tolerated.
- Referees have the right to issue cautions/sending-offs for verbal harassment and will use their discretion to do so.
- For attempted physical threatened physical contact- Minimum One (1) year suspension.
- For physical contact, striking, spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct or attempted violent conduct- Permanent suspension.

2.23. No person shall be permitted to referee in any age division in which they are also a coach or an assistant coach.

- 2.24.** Where a referee fails to show, coaches may play the game refereed by a person mutually acceptable to them. If the coaches can't agree, then the game shall automatically be postponed and rescheduled at a later date by the Head Convenor and Head Referee.
- 2.25.** Abandoned games due to weather, field conditions or other circumstances will be rescheduled. The convener and coaches involved are responsible for rescheduling canceled games. The convener is responsible for contacting the head referee. Only the head referee can book referees.
- 2.26.** If the game is abandoned in the second half, the game counts. The score at the time the game was abandoned determines the results.
- 2.27.** Games Under Protest:
- The Head Convenor and/or Board of Directors shall review games under protest and decide if the game is to be replayed or not.
 - Any decision can be appealed to the Board.
 - Appeals should be submitted to the Board of Directors within a 48 hour period of the decision being made.
- 2.28.** Only the Head Referee and/or the Head Convenor can cancel a game.
- 2.29.** There shall be a referee in games for ages U8 and up.
- 2.30.** Fair play rule:
- If a team is behind by four goals they may add a player.
 - If they are behind by five goals they may add another player (and so on).
 - If the losing team does not have any players to add, the opposing team must remove players, provided team maintains minimum number of players required per divisional rules.
 - This ruling applies to divisions U8 and up.
 - For the divisions of U4, U5, & U6, the addition and removal of players is up to the coaches discretion.
- 2.31.** In the event that the division convenor cannot be reached, the head convenor should be contacted.
- 2.32.** Visit club website for field closures and game cancellations, www.tecumsehsoccerclub.org.
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- 2.33.** All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands etc.) must be removed. Medic Alert Bracelets are allowed. Where possible they should be the soft Velcro style which does not present any danger. If the medical alert bracelet is the normal metal type it should be either covered by a sweat band or taped.
- 2.34.** Hard plaster casts are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted to be worn. The practice of padding a hard plaster cast does not reduce the element of danger. Players wearing a soft, lightweight, cast will be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to the individual or any other player. Any player who uses a cast to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be cautioned or sent off depending on the nature of the player's action.
- 2.35.** For U12 and under slide tackling is not permitted. The play will be immediately stopped and a free kick awarded to the opposing team.
- 2.36.** For U12 and under there is no heading of the ball permitted when the ball approach is direct from the air. Heading is permitted if the ball has bounced off the ground at least once. If headed (without a prior bounce) play will be immediately stopped. The opposing team will be awarded an indirect free kick.

3. Player's Role

- 3.1.** Players are strongly encouraged to attend weekly practices. The practice is where the skills necessary to fully enjoy and appreciate the game are taught.
- 3.2.** Players should be at the field at least 20 minutes before game time.
- All players must wear full uniforms, shin guards, soccer shoes (running shoes are acceptable in the younger age groups). Players missing any of these items will not be allowed to play.
- 3.3.** All players are expected to have good practice attendance.
- 3.4.** Players unable to attend practice or games should notify their coach.
- 3.5.** Saturday practices are provided free of charge for U4 – U12. Please refer to web site for details. <https://www.tecumsehsoccerclub.org/>

4. Coach's Role

- 4.1.** The coach should be well organized for practices and games.
- 4.2.** The coach should schedule weekly practices.

- 4.3.** The coach shall represent the team at league meetings.
- 4.4.** The coach shall collect club equipment (i.e. goalie jerseys and pylons) and turn it in at no later than Day of Champs in the current year.
- 4.5.** Head coaches must be a minimum of 18 years old. All team head and assistant coaches 18 years and older shall provide a police clearance prior to the start of the season. All assistant coaches age 17 or under must provide letter from parent giving permission to coach.
- 4.6.** All coaches are responsible for reminding players and parents to remove litter from fields after games and practices.
- 4.7.** The coach shall submit a player ranking of their team to their division convenor or head convenor no later than the date requested.
- 4.8.** The coach shall respect and adhere to the decision of the division convenor. Any disagreements to a convenor's decision must be brought to the head convenor's attention for review.

5. Parent's/Guardian's Role

- 5.1.** Parents/Guardians shall get their children to all team practices and games on time and let the head coach know when this is not possible.
- 5.2.** Parents/Guardians shall encourage and praise, only, from the sideline. Leave the coaching to the coach and the refereeing to the referee. No abuse should ever be directed toward players, coaches, referees or any club official. Anyone violating this rule will be asked to leave the playing area by a club official.
- 5.3.** Parents shall park only in designated areas and remove any litter from the playing fields after games and practices.
- 5.4.** At the playing field; parents, guardians, family members and friends will sit on the opposite side of the players and coaches. When there is a referee, the game will be delayed until the condition is met.

6. Rules of Play

6.1. "Timbits" Soccer: – (U4, U5, U6)

	U4	U5	U6
Ball size	4	4	4
Recommended # of players	5	5	5
Substitutions	any time	any time	any time
Referee	coaches	coaches	Coaches
Off-sides	no	no	no
Hand balls	no	no	no
Penalty kicks	no	no	no
Foul free kicks	indirect	indirect	indirect
Ball out of bounds – touchlines	kick in	kick in	kick in
Gall out of bounds – goal line	goal kick	goal kick	goal kick
After goal play restart	centre	centre	centre
Retreat line**	half	half	half
Heading	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
Slide Tackling	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed

** On a goal kick the opposing team must go to their half. The opposing team cannot advance beyond the half (retreat line) until: the ball has been touched by another player; or the ball has advanced beyond the retreat line. The player kicking can choose to play the ball before the players have fully retreated. If the player kicking plays the ball before the players have fully retreated then the ball is considered to be immediately "in play".

Game score and league standings will not be recorded. All players will receive a participation award at the end of the year.

6.2. Youth & Seniors (U8 & Up)

	U8	U10	U12	U15 and up
Ball size	4	4	4	5
#of players (including goalie)	7	7	9	11
Minimum # of players	4	4	5	7
Referee	provided	provided	provided	provided
Hand balls	indirect free kick	indirect free kick	direct free kick	direct free kick
Ball out of bounds – touchline - goal line	throw in goal kick	throw in goal kick	throw in goal kick	throw in goal kick
Throw in retries	1	1	0	0
Offside	no	no	yes	yes
Substitutions	piggy-back***	piggy-back***	piggy-back***	piggy-back***
Penalty kicks	no	no	yes	yes
Foul in penalty area ball placement	outside penalty area	outside penalty area	penalty spot	penalty spot
After goal play restart	centre	centre	centre	centre
Retreat line****	half	half	not applicable	not applicable
Scores & standings	not recorded	not recorded	recorded	recorded
Heading	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	allowed

At a kick-off, free kick, corner kick, indirect free kick, opponents shall remain at least six (6) metres from the ball until it has been kicked.

Unless otherwise stated the play will be governed by F.I.F.A. Rules.

***A substitution may be made at your team's throw in, at any goal kick, and/or when an injury has occurred, at the discretion of the referee. Only the injured player is substituted.

Piggy-back: A team may substitute players during an opposing team's throw-in if the opposing team is also substituting players. The team using a "piggy back" can substitute the same number of players, or less than, the opposing team.

Changes of the Goalkeeper may take place once the referee is informed.

**** On a goal kick or after the goalkeeper has made a save. The goalkeeper kicks the ball into play and the opposing team cannot advance beyond the retreat line until: the ball has been touched by another player; or the ball has advanced beyond the retreat line. The goalkeeper can choose to play the ball before the players have fully retreated. If the goalkeeper plays the ball before the players have fully retreated then the ball is considered to be immediately "in play".

7. Day of Champions Competition:

- 7.1.** The Day of Champions shall be the second weekend in the month of August.
- 7.2.** No player shall be allowed to play on a team if they are not signed-up by the club registrar and have not been assigned to a team by July 1 of the subsequent year. This MUST be approved the club.
- 7.3.** No player shall participate in the Day of Champion if they are under suspension.
- 7.4.** The U8 age division and below shall play one game.
- 7.5.** The U9 age division and up shall play no less than two games.
- 7.6.** For the final game of the Day of Champions, if the game is tied at the end of regulation play then two (2) halves of ten (10) minute duration shall be played. If no winner is decided in extra time, then the game shall be decided with penalty kicks.

Where there is no interpretation of game rules, the matter shall be judged in accordance with the FIFA rules.

The rules within this booklet are taken from the T.R.S.C. Constitution, Rules and Regulations. The complete Constitution, Rules and Regulations are posted on the Club website at: www.tecumsehsoccerclub.org .

Anyone found breaking these rules will be subjected to action by the club disciplinary committee. A decision to suspend participants from playing in the club is a possibility.