



PFC 2025-2026 Winter Festival



11 v 11 Rules

Rule 1 – LAWS OF THE GAME

FIFA Laws of the Game will be used for all games.

Rule 2 – THE BALL

The Home Team will be responsible for providing a game ball in good condition.

All games will use a Size 5 ball.

Rule 3 – NUMBER OF PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTIONS

The game shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 11 players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper.

A maximum of 18 players can be dressed for a game.

Both teams must have at least seven players to start the game. The game should not continue if a team has less than 7 players.

Unlimited substitution shall be allowed.

Substitutions shall be allowed at stoppages, under the control of the referee. The referee may refuse a request to substitute at his/her discretion (i.e. Close to half time or end of the game, or if the substitution slows down the play of the game).

Stoppages at which substitutions may be made:

- On a throw in – the team in possession of the ball may make substitutions. If the team in possession substitutes, the other team may also substitute.
- On a goal kick – either team may make a substitution. If the team not in possession of the ball wants to change, they may, but it must be done without delay to the flow of the game.
- Following a goal.

Substitutions are not allowed on corner kicks or free kicks.

Ejected players must not take any further part in the game. If ejection of a player causes the number of players on the field to drop below the minimum of 7 players, the team unable to field the minimum of 7 will default the game.

Rule 4 – PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

In accordance with FIFA's Laws of the Game, players shall not wear anything that will endanger themselves or other players (including any kind of jewellery).

NO JEWELLERY IS TO BE WORN WHILE PLAYING A GAME AND IS TO BE REMOVED PRIOR TO START OF GAME. COVERING JEWELLERY WITH TAPE IS NOT PERMITTED AT ALL. If the jewellery cannot be removed, he/she must bring this to the attention of the referee who will make a decision with or without the assistance of the coaches who are present.

As per Ontario Soccer rules and guidelines, players will not be permitted to play in a game wearing any type of cast or brace that presents a danger to themselves or other players. Wrapping the cast in any type of material is not permitted nor will it allow the player to participate in the game.

Basic compulsory equipment shall consist of shorts, shin guards, footwear and a numbered shirt.

Should teams be wearing conflicting shirt colours, the home team will be responsible for changing. If this is not possible (i.e. home team has only 1 shirt), the visiting team will change.

Goalkeepers must wear a colour that is distinguishable from all outfield players and the referee.

A player who is asked to leave the field of play because of defective or dangerous equipment may not re-enter the field of play until the referee is satisfied that the equipment is permissible.

Rule 5 – THE REFEREE

The referee appointed to officiate at a Festival Game will have the full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game and the Festival Rules. Referee decisions regarding facts connected to play are final.

The referee shall:

1. Enforce the laws of the game.
2. Refrain from penalizing in cases where the offending team may gain an advantage.
3. Report in writing to the appropriate authority, any misconduct by players, parents, spectators or other persons which takes place on the field of play or its vicinity at any time during the game.
4. Control who may enter or leave the field of play.
5. Stop the game immediately if a player appears to be injured or bleeding.
6. Signal to start the game and to restart after a stoppage.
7. Decide if the field of play and all applicable equipment is suitable.

Rule 6 – ASSISTANT REFEREE

Where available assistant referees will be scheduled to assist the referee in controlling the game.

Rule 7 – DURATION OF GAME

All games will be 40 minutes in length. The full 40 minutes will be played; there will be no half time or change in ends by teams. All teams will play a minimum/maximum of 3 games.

Where there are 3 teams in an age group, teams will play 2 games of 2 X 30 minute halves with a 5 minute half time break.

There will be no added time at the end of each half or the game.

Rule 8 – DISCIPLINE

The Pickering Football Club's Winter Festival will follow the Ontario Soccer Association's Discipline Policy for dealing with discipline issues. The Pickering Football Club will appoint a Discipline Chair to review and rule on matters of discipline.

Any player or team official receiving a red card will not be permitted to participate in their team's remaining games.

Rule 9 – APPEAL PROCESS/PROTESTS

In the Pickering Football Club's Winter Festival there are no standings or playoff games. As such, there is no appeal of a game score.

Appeals of referee decisions will not be accepted by the Festival Discipline Chair.

Appeals of discipline matters – yellow/red cards – must be submitted in writing by the Team Manager and submitted to the Festival Discipline Chair within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game in question. Ontario Soccer rules and regulations will be followed in the review of all appeals.

Rule 10 – MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GAMES TO BE PLAYED

The maximum number of games for all teams participating in the PFC Winter Festival will be 3 games of 40 minutes. There are no standings kept nor are there any playoff games.

Rule 11 – TEAM / PLAYER REGISTRATION

All players and teams must be registered with the Ontario Soccer. Teams **must** be registered as:

- *2025-2026 Ontario Soccer Indoor Season*

All players on a team must be registered the same season. Players registered to a division other than their respective team's registration will not be accepted.

Teams will be permitted to dress a maximum of 18 players.

Teams must check in at the registration table 45 minutes prior to their first game. At the registration table teams will be required to present the following:

- Electronic registration, Player Books or Player Cards that are current /stamped by the respective region.
- Approved Player Roster from the team's respective region
- Festival Roster
- Teams from outside of Durham Region Soccer Association must submit an approved Application to Travel. We request that this is filed 1 week prior to the date of the team's Festival Day.

Rule 12 – OFFICIALS ON TEAM BENCH

Only those Team Officials that appear on the Team's Approved Roster will be permitted to be on the Team Bench.

Team Official Documents must be presented at the time of registration.

Rule 13 – DIVISIONS

- U14 Boys – born in 2012
- U14 Girls – born in 2012

Appendix A – REFEREE FEES

U14 (Referee + 2 AR): \$75