



David Forsyth Inter-League Cup Rules

1. Laws of the Game

All games shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game observed by Ontario Soccer, Canadian Soccer and F.I.F.A.

2. Teams and Player Eligibility

For a team to be eligible to participate in the David Forsyth Inter-League Cup, they must also participate in their own League's Cup Competition as well.

All Players must be registered in AIMS to the appropriate Club and Team at least 24 hours prior to the game. Players also require a validated player book to be eligible to play. A player is only eligible to participate in the Cup for **one** team. Players may not change teams in cases of being registered to more than one participating team, their first team not qualifying for the knock out rounds or for the use of call-ups.

3. Game Duration

All games will be two 45 minute halves with a 5 minute half-time. Water breaks will be permitted at the discretion of the referee.

4. Substitutions

There is no limit to the number of substitutions during a game, but a substitution can only be made during stoppage in play, and only at the referee's discretion.

- When a goal is scored
- At a goal kick
- For an injured player at the referee's discretion
- Own throw-in
- Piggy-backing of substitutions will be allowed.

No substitution will be allowed for a player ordered from the field by the referee because of misconduct.

5. Game Sheets and Match Official Reports

Game sheets must be signed by the players, team official and Match Officials. Only players that take part in the game will be on the game sheet. All game sheets and subsequent discipline reports must be submitted to the SWRSA Office, either hard copy or electronically by the Match Official within 48 hours of the completion of the game.

6. Payment of Match Officials

Payment of Match Officials will be split between the two teams and provided to the officials prior to the start of the game. The fees are \$60 for the Referee and \$35 per Assistant Referee (cost totaling \$65 per team per game). SWRSA will cover the Match Official costs for the Semi-Final and Final Games.

7. Points

Points will be awarded based on the formula of three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.

8. Tie-Break Rules

In the event of a tie in standings after Round Robin Play the following Tie Breaker Rules will apply to determine placing:

- Winner of Head to Head (only used in 2 way tie)
- Most number of wins
- Least goals allowed
- Highest goal differential
- Coin Toss

In the event of a tied playoff game (quarter-final, semi-final or final rounds), a winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. No extra-time will be played.

9. Uniforms and Equipment

Each player must wear a different number on the back of their shirts that coincides with the player's name and number as shown on the game sheet. If the colours clash, the home team will change colours. Goalkeepers must wear a colour different from their own team, the opposing team, and the Match Officials.

The Home Team shall supply the game ball and corner flags. Each team must provide (when applicable), set and remove one net for each game.

10. Rescheduling of Games

All rescheduling requests must be submitted in writing to the SWRSA Office. Any requests received less than 72 hours in advance of the game will result in a \$50 fee payable to SWRSA. Reschedule requests submitted less than 24 hours in advance will not be entertained and the game will be considered forfeited.

11. Forfeiting a Game

In the event a team advises the SWRSA Office, in writing, less than 24 hours in advance that it will be unable to field a team for a scheduled game, the team will be fined \$150.00 per occurrence. The game shall be recorded as a 3-0 victory for their opponents and will not be rescheduled.

12. Failure to Show

A team shall be allowed a 15-minute period of grace after the scheduled kick-off time before it is considered that they have failed to show. A minimum of seven players constitutes a team and the game will be started if a team has at least this number of players, even if it must play shorthanded against its opponent. The period of grace may be allowed only if there are less than the minimum players required.

In the event of a failure to show, the forfeited team will be fined \$200 and pay all applicable Match Official Fees. The team able to play will be awarded a 3-0 victory.

13. Suspension of the Game

Game Suspension resulting from Player/Team Conduct: Suspension of play by the Match Official prior to full time due to the conduct of a player/team will result in the offending team forfeiting the game and the opposing team will be awarded three (3) points with a 3-0 victory.

Game Suspension resulting from Conduct of Players from both teams: In the event of the suspension of a game by the Match Official prior to full time due to the conduct of players from each team, the score at the time of the game suspension will be recorded as the final score if more than 60 minutes has been played, otherwise the game will be recorded as a nil-nil draw.

Game Suspension resulting from Other Conditions: In the event of suspension of play by the Match Official due to weather, etc, in which 60 minutes has been played, the game will be considered complete. If 60 minutes have not been played, the game be considered as incomplete and will be rescheduled within two (2) weeks of the original game if possible. In the case where the final score of the game has no impact on the final standings in the group, the game will not be rescheduled and the game will be recorded as a nil-nil draw.

14. Discipline

All Discipline will be handled by SWRSA in alignment with the Ontario Soccer's Governing Documents.

15. General

No protest regarding the referee's decisions will be accepted.

SWRSA reserves the right to not accept any team involved in significant disciplinary action to play in future Inter-League Cup competitions.

If an incident arises during the season that is not covered in the David Forsyth Inter-League Cup rules and requires immediate action, SWRSA will have the authority to make a decision in a timely manner.

SWRSA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any parties if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part. South-West Regional Soccer Association reserve the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the event.