

St. Thomas Soccer Club

2025 Joyce Rose Memorial Festival Rules

1. Team Eligibility

Teams must be registered with Ontario Soccer. Proof of approved permission to travel is required from your Club District. (EMSA District teams excluded)

Any Team withdrawing from the Festival after May 4th, 2025, will forfeit its entry fee.

2. Age

Division	Birth Year
U8	Born January 1, 2017 and later
U9	Born January 1, 2016 and later
U10	Born January 1, 2015 and later
U11	Born January 1, 2014 and later
U12	Born January 1, 2013 and later

3. Roster Size and Game Format

Division	Max. Roster	Format
U8 & U9	10	5 v 5
U10 & U11	12	7v7
U12	16	9 v 9

Team officials: maximum 4. All must have registrant books/cards issued by OS or their provincial, state or national federation.

Each team will play 2 games.

4. Guest Players

Guest players are not permitted for Festivals per OS Rules.

5. Team Registration at the Field

Unless otherwise approved by the Festival Committee, a team official or representative must register the team with the Festival Convenor at least 60 minutes before their first game.

Players do not require registrant books/passes/cards. Each player must be entered on a District Approved team roster.

Players are **not** required to attend the team check in.

6. Scheduling

Scheduling and the assignment of referees are the responsibility of the Festival Committee. There shall be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team.

7. Extraordinary Weather

In the event of severe weather conditions (e.g., continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat or poor field conditions), the Festival Committee may make decisions including but not limited to the following:

- a) Relocate and/or reschedule any game.
- b) Reduce the scheduled duration by up to 50 percent.
- c) Abandon all or part of the festival.

Please note that permit issuers (City, School Board, College, University, private facilities) retain the right to cancel fields at their sole discretion.

8. Games Abandoned by Referee

The Festival Committee shall review the circumstances of any game abandoned by the referee. The finding of the Committee and subsequent decision in respect of the festival shall be final and not subject to any appeal.

The matter may also be referred to discipline in the home district of the team(s) involved.

9. Discipline

The Mini Festival will use the OS Discipline by Review System, and DBR decisions may not be appealed.

Any player or team official ordered from the field of play by the referee for misconduct shall receive an automatic one game suspension and shall sit out his/her next scheduled game.

In cases of violent conduct or misconduct against a game official, the offending player or team official shall be dismissed from the festival, and the incident shall be reported to the team's home district / association for discipline.

All team officials are entirely responsible for the behaviour of spectators associated with their team.

PART B: RULES OF PLAY

11. Maximum Playing Time

OS Competitions Section 8.0- Procedure 12.5 limits maximum playing time per player per day.

The festival expects coaches will give players fair playing time in all positions, and self-monitor in order to respect the OS policy.

12. Game-Sheets

Team sheets will be required. We will not record scores, however a completed team sheet must be submitted to the match official prior to the start of the match.

13. Player Uniforms and Equipment

The equipment of all players must conform to the Laws of the Game as set out by FIFA. All players must wear a number on the back of their shirt. This number must coincide with the player's name and number as shown on the team sheet. Each player on a team shall have a different number.

If team colours clash, the home team shall be responsible to change colours; the home team being the first team listed in the schedule. Use of pinnies is acceptable.

Shin guards are mandatory.

14. Game Balls

Each team will supply a regulation size ball, from which one will be selected by the referee to be used in the game. U8/U9 teams shall use a Size 3 ball. U10-U12 teams shall use a Size 4 ball.

15. Retreat Line Procedure

The retreat line will come into play when the ball has gone out for a goal kick or when the goalkeeper has the ball in his/her arms.

All opponents must be behind the retreat line and cannot cross the retreat line until the ball:

- Is touched by a player of the team taking the goal kick OR,
- Leaves the field of play OR,
- Goes over the retreat line. (If the goalkeeper chooses to play the ball across the retreat line to the

16. Substitutions:

- Unlimited substitutions are allowed at any stoppage in play at the sole discretion of the referee.

18. Duration of the Match

Division	Maximum Playing Time
U8 & U9	Each half is 20 minutes
U10, U11, U12	Each half is 25 minutes

- The half-time interval is 5 minutes.

17. Offside

- There is no offside for 5v5 and 7v7 games.

18. Laws of the Game

All games shall be small-sided soccer played under Ontario Soccer's Grassroots Soccer Rules.

19. Match Official Fees

The following fees will be paid to match officials. Match official fees are included in the festival registration fee and not required to be paid by teams at the field.

U8/U9 - \$30.00 per game U10-U12 - \$35.00 per game.