

**WEST WENTWORTH INTERLOCK SOCCER LEAGUE  
RULES FOR 2010**

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**SECTION A: ADMINISTRATION**

- (a) The WWISL exists for the mutual benefit of its members by offering a common, agreed upon venue for Clubs to provide meaningful competition for those house league levels, which cannot support themselves within the individual Club's authority.
- (b) All Clubs must be represented at the WWISL meetings by one member as selected by the Club. The representative is there to make known the Club's position on the various matters raised. At the same time, this member is to make the Club aware of the decisions made and the reasons therefore. Should a representative be unable to make a meeting, the Club must send someone else.
- (c) All Clubs will take on certain tasks as required, so as to reduce the amount of work required by any one Club. An example would be to provide a divisional convener.
- (d) Attendance at WWISL meetings is mandatory. If a Club does not attend, they still agree to abide by the decision of the majority present at the meeting. All Clubs agree to abide by the WWISL rules. Failure to abide by these rules could result in dismissal from the WWISL.
- (e) FIFA Rules of the Game shall govern the conduct of the games except as herein modified. If FIFA changes the rules after May 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of play, they shall not govern except as agreed to by the members.
- (f) The Executive Committee shall administer the Rules as written to the best of their ability.
- (g) The Executive Committee may make such directives as may be required for the administration of these rules. Such directives may be overruled by the Interlock Council except in the case where time is of the essence at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee.
- (h) Any Club not in good standing by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the present playing year will be excluded from competition within Interlock for the following year. The Interlock Council will decide when a Club may return to play within WWISL.

**SECTION B: CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

- (a) Clubs cannot add league teams at any level after the fifteenth of April unless otherwise approved by WWISL.
- (b) Recognizing the desire of WWISL to create a recreational soccer league that is fair and competitive, any Club that participates within an age division must:
- (1) not operate an in-house or house league division within its own Club for any age or ages in which it participates in interlock competition except where approved by the Executive Committee;
  - (2) accept all registrants for play subject only to rejecting a registration in the event a team is unable to be formed – with rejections to be made in the order of the last registration (no try-outs, no cuts); and
  - (3) formulate teams to ensure balance, taking into account mixed ratings and mixed ages with each age division (as per Section C: Age Limits) with the exception of the Women's Open.
- (c) All Clubs are responsible for making sure all of the league coaches have received a copy of these rules before the start of the season. Referees used by a Club must also receive these rules from the Club before refereeing a game. Coaches who claim not to have received these rules will still be bound by them and their Club bears the responsibility.
- (d) Each Club shall submit to the Secretary of WWISL a player rostrum for each team playing in the league before the start of the season. The rostrum will include Club name, level, team name, coaches' names and home phone numbers and player's name and full birth date (day, month, year).
- (e) Clubs must inform WWISL and the divisional convener of all changes, additions, and/or deletions of coaches' names (and home phone numbers) that are different from the published game schedules within 7 days of the change. Convener must also monitor referee "No Shows" along with records of Wins, Losses and Ties.
- (f) Players not registered with WWISL and H&DSA (or own home district) by June 30<sup>th</sup> cannot play in this league. Final cut-off for a Club to change or add players to the players' rostrum shall be June 30<sup>th</sup>. If the rostrum is not handed in by the Thirtieth of June, the faulting team will default the game and the other team will get not less than one (1) point. Every game played without a team rostrum handed in will result in an automatic forfeit (1-0 score). No player registered between the beginning of the season and the Thirtieth of June can play a game until the Secretary of the WWISL has been informed of the change or added player(s).
- (g) The Home team is responsible for providing a referee and two (2) linesmen for every game.

(h) Complaints about quality of refereeing shall be submitted in writing as follows:

**Carded Referee**

**Hamilton & District Soccer Association  
662 Fennell Avenue E. Suite B  
Hamilton, Ontario L8V 1V1**

A copy is to be sent to the secretary of WWISL.

**Uncarded Referee** – submit to referee’s home Club

In all cases a copy of the complaint is to be sent to the WWISL for their information.

(i) All other complaints or request for further information on any matter by coaches, players or PARENTS, should be directed to their OWN CLUB EXECUTIVE.

**SECTION C: AGE LIMITS**

- (a) Open Women                      Open Men
  - 18 years and under    16 years and under
  - 14 years and under    For all age groups under shall mean in current year.

**SECTION D: REGISTRATION**

- (a) All players must be fully registered with their home Club. (See Sec. B (f) – re: W.W.I.S.L. & H. & D.S.A.)
- (b) All players on Interlocking teams must have a player registration book giving the player’s name, full birth date, team name and level. The player’s book must be stamped by Hamilton District and available prior to the first game.
- (c) The player’s books must be shown at every game (except for house league call-ups). Players who cannot produce their player’s book will be allowed to play but the game may be subject to a protest. It is the responsibility of the coach to initiate the showing of all books prior to kick off. Any players arriving late must show their books before they are allowed to play.
- (d) Any house league player dressed for a game must play a minimum of half a game.
- (e) **A player with a signed competitive OSA registration card for the current season cannot play on a team in this league.**
- (f) **A player can only play in one club within WWISL.**

**SECTION E: TEAM RESPONSIBILITY**

- (a) The HOME TEAM (meaning the first team listed on the schedule) shall provide a game ball and a referee. If both teams have similar shirt colors, the home team will change colors.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the two coaches to decide on who referees the game in the absence of a supplied referee. Options:
  - (1) A spectator (or two, one from each team) agreeable to both coaches
  - (2) One coach (if agreed to by the other coach)
  - (3) Each coach referees half a game
- (c) The WINNING team shall be responsible for notifying the League Statistician of the result of the game. In the event of a tie, the HOME team is responsible.

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**If the Statistician does not receive the score within seven calendar days from the date of the scheduled game, NO points for division standings will be awarded to either team. If the Statistician is away on holidays, the score must be called in within seven days of his/her return. All rescheduled games must be reported to the convener.**  
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(d) Convener is to: 1) pass on information to the coaches as may be required by WWISL: 2) record all changes regarding rescheduled games and coaches information. The Statistician shall award 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. The Statistician shall not record a goal differential greater than 5 goals per game (e.g. if team 1 beats team 2 by a score of 8-1, the score shall be recorded as 6-1).

- (e) Both teams shall be at the venue for the official kick off time. No player will be allowed to play unless they are wearing their own official Club team shirt.
- (f) For all levels, each team will give the referee an official WWISL game sheet before the start of the game. The game sheet must include Club name, level, team name, coach's name, the player's names, OSA number and shirt number, together with similar information for any player called up for the game. Called up players must be identified on the game sheet. Failure to submit an official WWISL game sheet will result in forfeiture of the game and the other team will get three points. If neither team has an official game sheet, the game will be deemed a null game.
- (g) Games played under protest must have the protest form on the back of the game sheet filled out and signed by the protesting coach and the referee at the field.
- (h) Seven (7) players plus one (1) goaltender shall constitute a team. If one team does not have eight (8) players present fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled kick off time, they shall forfeit the game.
- (i) Teams must play their games as scheduled, unless otherwise arranged with the Convener (See Sec. F (b, c)).
- (j) All preliminary cup games must be completed before the Cup Final day. All league games must be finished by September 15th. Any team not prepared to play a scheduled game will forfeit.
- (k) Coaches and assistants cannot coach from more than one yard from the player's bench. Where a bench does not exist, the coaching zone is defined as a distance measured each side of mid-field equivalent to the center circle radius. Where possible, this zone is to be marked.
- (l) Coaches and assistants can only coach from one side of the field throughout the game.
- (m) All coaches will be responsible for the actions of their players, parents and supporters.
- (n) Referees are to send their incident reports to the Hamilton District Soccer Association within 48 hours of the end of the game either by mail or by fax. (Fax # 905-383-0425)

#### **SECTION F: GAME DURATION, INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**

- (a) The duration of league and cup games shall be:
- 14 and under – 80 minutes (2 x 40 min.) Women's – 90 minutes (2 x 45 min.)
  - 16 and under – 90 minutes (2 x 45 min.) Men's – 90 minutes (2 x 45 min.)
  - 18 and under – 90 minutes (2 x 45 min.)
- (b) In the event of a game not being completed due to weather and/or insufficient light, and providing that half of the second half has been played then the score shall stand. It will be the referee's decision to play or stop the game, and to determine the time played. If less time has been played, the game will be deemed not to have been played and is to be rescheduled **as** soon as possible.
- (c) If a coach needs to cancel a game due to lack of players resulting from special events (graduation, school trips etc.) then not less than 48 hours (2 days) notice must be given to the opposing coach and the League Convener. Failure to give proper notice will result in the game being forfeited. When the two coaches have agreed on a new date, the Convener must be notified. For a change of field, not less than (48) hours notice is required. There will be no rescheduled games after July 1st due to lack of players.
- (d) The ball size shall be as follows: 14 & under, 16 & under, 18 & under, Women's Open & Men's = Size 5

#### **SECTION G: SUBSTITUTION**

Substitution will be permitted in all league and cup games as follows:

- When a goal is scored
- At a goal kick
- At the beginning of the second half
- If a player is injured (after the referee has stopped the game and only for the injured player)
- At the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> overtime halves (when applicable)
- On ones own throw-in

The referee must be notified of all substitutions and change of goalies.

**SECTION H: CUP COMPETITIONS**

- (a) Cup competitions shall be run under Ontario Soccer Association – Ontario Cup Rules (unless herein changed), and other rules as designated by the Executive.
- (b) Cup games must be played in accordance with the domain of the schedule as prepared by WWISL.
- (c) In cup competitions, no call-ups from a lower age division will be permitted.
- (d) In cup competitions, both teams will share equally the cost of a referee and linesmen.
- (e) Player's books must be shown at all cup competition games. These must be shown at the beginning of the game. No player can play without his or her book. Failure to provide proper player's books will result in an automatic forfeit.
- (f) Any player receiving a red card in a cup game that is followed by another cup game on the same day will be automatically suspended for the second game.
- (g) Only teams that have competed in interlocking league play can participate in cup competitions.
- (h) Overtime for all levels shall consist of two – 10 minute halves with Golden Goal rule applied.
- (i) In a Cup Game, Sec. F (b) will apply except in the case of a tie. In the event of a tie, only the overtime and FIFA penalty kicks, if required, must be played on another day.
- (j) Overtime is a game within a game. If the overtime is incomplete, then the whole of overtime must be replayed at another time.
- (k) Scores must be called into the convener within twenty-four (24) hours of game completion.

**SECTION I: CALL-UPS**

- (a) In league play, a team that cannot dress 14 players may call up players from a lower age group, bringing the team up to 14 players, but may NOT call up players from the same age group. That is if called up players are used in a game, the maximum permitted number of players for the team for that game is 14 players. Call-ups who do not play in WWISL must be registered with their home club.
- (b) If call-up(s) result in duplication of shirt number(s), the coach must change the called-up shirt number(s) by use of tape or other appropriate means so as to make the shirt number(s) unique.

**SECTION J: DISCIPLINE**

- (a) Penalties will be imposed by Hamilton District. All red cards will carry an automatic fine as per Hamilton District. This fine is the responsibility of the player or the home club. Players will continue to play until notified of their suspension.
- (b) COACHES EJECTION – failure or unwillingness to help create an environment conducive to the continuation of the game may result in ejection from the game.
- (c) Referees are to include their OSA number on each game sheet in the space provided. All soccer clubs in WWISL, when providing referees must use registered OSA Carded referees for all season games. In the 18 and under division, the Women's Open division and the Men's division all clubs must provide a minimum of one (1) registered OSA Carded Linesman (preferably 2) for all home games.
- (d) Game suspensions will be carried over to the following playing season. **Hamilton & District Soccer Association has these suspensions on their Web site. The WWISL Web site also has this information.**
- (e) A played game does not include games cancelled by Sec. F(c), games forfeited at the field by E(j), games not finished by Sec. F(b) and in Cup Rounds, games that do not have a satisfactory completion even if the game and/or overtime has to be played on two or more days.
- (f) Any coach who withdraws their team from the field before the game is over, except as defined in Sec. F (b), will forfeit the game and may be suspended.
- (g) Any team/coach found guilty of playing an illegal or ineligible player(s) will forfeit the game. The coach may be suspended for the remainder of the season. The illegal or ineligible player(s) may be suspended for up to four (4) games.
- (h) Any Club or team within a Club may be excluded or suspended from competition within WWISL at any time upon a two-thirds majority vote of the Interlock Council at a meeting called solely for that purpose. Notice of such a meeting must be provided to the affected club a minimum of five days prior to the meeting date.
- (i) Automatic game suspensions and other decisions of the Executive Committee are binding, but may be appealed to the appropriate body of the Hamilton & District Soccer Association. The "Rights of Appeal Information" form can be obtained from the Hamilton & District Soccer Association.

**SECTION K: PROTESTS**

A non-refundable \$50.00 cash or cheque payment must accompany all protests. All payments shall be surrendered to the League Treasurer. All protests will be in writing to your Club WWISL Representative who will forward said protest to the WWISL Protest Co-Ordinator within Forty-Eight (48) hours of receipt of the protest. All protests shall be decided by a phone poll of the Executive Committee and other such council members, as the committee may deem appropriate. If a protester or respondent wants a personal hearing, then the requesting party(s) will pay all costs incurred (usually, but not limited to, rental of facilities). Payment, which is non-refundable, **will be made payable to the treasurer of WWISL in advance**. Decisions of the WWISL are binding but may be appealed to the appropriate body of the Hamilton & District Soccer Association.

**SECTION L: ITEMS NOT COVERED**

The Executive Committee and/or Interlock Council shall determine all matters not herewith covered. Decisions of the WWISL are binding but may be appealed to the appropriate body of the Hamilton & District Soccer Association.

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**Note: Changes for 2010 have been shaded in this manner.**

**WEST WENTWORTH INTERLOCKING SOCCER LEAGUE  
NOTICE TO ALL W.W.I.S.L. CLUBS  
RE: ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

Recent developments and past history have resulted in a policy decision by the Board of W.W.I.S.L. to enforce a zero tolerance policy with respect to behaviour detrimental to the game of soccer. This policy entails all aspects of coaches', players', and spectators' behaviour.

Referees must be notified to take appropriate steps to curb abuses through a policy of immediate issue of red cards to offenders and to cancel games where necessary. Clubs are to inform all of their participating coaches and referees of this decision. The coaches are to notify the players and spectators that this behaviour will not be tolerated. It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure their respective Club's adherence to this policy through the control they are to exercise at game sites during and immediately after games.

Failure to comply with the zero tolerance policy will be considered a breach of your respective responsibilities that will result in disciplinary action on offending parties.

Should you have any queries regarding this notice, contact the W.W.I.S.L. for clarification. These actions have been deemed necessary to continue to provide a safe, healthy environment for all parties to enjoy the game of soccer.

Yours in Soccer,

Marguerite Utter  
WWISL President