



# BRAMS UNITED SOCCER CLUB

## Errol Fraser Jr. Memorial Cup Festival Rules

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### 1. Laws of the Game

All games will be played in accordance with the following Game Day Manuals and Small-Sided Game Laws:

- [U8/U9 \(5v5\)](#)
- [U10-U13 \(7v7\)](#)

Please see further information on specific rules that may differ from the above laws of the game.

### 2. Team Eligibility

- A team will not be considered eligible until Festival registration fees are paid in full and stamped roster from your district has been submitted.
- All teams must be registered appropriately with their district association. All team officials and players must be in possession of properly authorized Ontario Soccer registration book/card/digital ID at all games. Teams must all submit a district stamped Ontario Soccer roster to the festival organizer prior to the festival.
- Ontario Soccer identification cards/stamped rosters will be inspected upon check in on your festival date.
- Players on a trial basis with the participating team must obtain a "Trial/Guest" book or card from their association.

### 3. Game Sheets

Each team shall complete their game sheets and submit to the check-in table prior to the kickoff. Each game sheet must be completed in full. Only the team officials that have signed the game sheet are allowed on the bench. Each team is allowed a maximum of 3 team officials on the bench.

### 4. Number of Players

- U8-U9:** Each team may register twelve (12) players playing 5v5.
- U10-U11:** Each team may register fourteen (14) players playing 7v7.
- U12-U13:** Each team may register eighteen (18) players playing 7v7.

### 5. Player Equipment

Player equipment shall be required as per F.I.F.A rules. In the event of similar or identical coloured jerseys, the home will be required to change to their alternative colour. The home team will provide the game ball.



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### **6. Festival Divisions, Formations, Game Durations**

- a. **U8-U9:** 5 v 5 (including goalie), 2 games each, 2 X 20-minute halves, size 3 ball, no scores/standings
- b. **U10-U11:** 7 v 7 (including goalie), 2 games each, 2 X 25-minute halves, size 4 ball, no scores/standings
- c. **U12-U13:** 7 v 7 (including goalie), 2 games each, 2 X 25-minute halves, size 4 (U12)/ 5 (U13) ball, no scores/standings. If U12/13 division is merged, it will convert to a size 4 ball.

### **7. Field of Play and Size of Goals**

- a. **U8-U9:** Minimum of 25 metres in width and 30 metres in length. The field size shall not exceed 30 metres in width and 36 metres in length. The goals will be no larger than 5 feet by 8 feet.
- b. **U10-U13:** Minimum of 30 metres in width and 40 metres in length. The field size shall not exceed 36 metres in width and 55 metres in length. The goals will be no larger than 6 feet by 16 feet.

### **8. Throw-In/Kick-In**

- a. **U8-U11:** Kick-ins or dribble-ins
- b. **U12-U13:** Kick-ins

### **9. Goal Kick/Corner Kick**

- a. **U8-U9:** A goal kick or dribble in is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of either team, and a goal has not be scored. There are no corner kicks in the U8-U9 small-sided games. A goal kick or dribble in is awarded.
- b. **U10-U13:** A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored. A goal may not be scored directly from a goal kick; if the ball directly enters the kicker's goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opponents.

### **10. Free Kicks**

All free kicks are indirect (two touch). A goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal:

- If an indirect free kick is kicked directly into the opponents' goal, a goal kick is awarded
- If an indirect free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal, a goal kick is awarded
- All opponents must be at least two (2) metres from the ball



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### **11. Substitutions**

All substitutions for U8-U13 will be at any stoppages during a game.

### **12. Offside**

The offside rule does not apply at any of the age groups in the festival (U8-U13)

### **13. Retreat Line**

In the event of a goal kick or whenever the goalkeeper has the ball in their hands, the opposing team is to retreat. Once the ball is touched by another player of the goalkeeper's team, the ball is kicked beyond the retreat line, or leaves the field of play, the opposing team can advance from the retreat line.

- **U8-U9:** The retreat line will be located at the halfway line.
- **U10-U13:** The retreat line will be located at the 1/3 line. If the goalkeeper chooses not to wait for the opposing players to "retreat" and releases the ball quickly, the opponents are permitted to challenge for the ball without going back to the retreat line

### **14. Fouls and Misconduct**

- **U8-U9:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in an indirect free kick. The referee must attempt to explain ALL infringements to the offending player. Most acts of handball, fouls and misconduct at this level are caused by a lack of coordination, with no intent by the player. No cards are shown to players in the U8/U9 small sided game. Players that are persistently infringing the laws of the game are to be substituted and can return to the game once the coach feels the player is ready. Coaches that are not behaving can be verbally warned or cautioned or sent off.
- **U10-U13:** [Please see Law 12 here](#)

**U10-U13:** Any player receiving 2 yellow cards or 1 red card a game shall be suspended for the balance of that game and from the next game in the festival in which his or her team is scheduled to play. Yellow cards are cumulative and will be carried over from each game played. Coaches, assistants and managers may be warned verbally for their conduct. Conduct detrimental to the game may result in ejection. Team officials ejected are not eligible to participate in the next scheduled festival game.



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### 15. Disciplinary Action

Ontario Soccer's published rules on Discipline at Tournaments will apply as the Festival Discipline Rules, with the following exception:

- a. Discipline authority is delegated for player misconduct only. Any misconduct reports for coaches, other team officials or game officials shall be submitted to PHSA within 3 days of the tournament's completion.
- b. Standard Ontario Soccer penalties for player misconduct will apply in all Festivals ([please refer to OS Published Rules, Section 9-Discipline](#)). Festival Discipline Rules must comply with this requirement. (NOTE: This is the same as in Ontario Cup Tournament Rounds -- See Table 1).
- c. The Festival Discipline Committee will use Discipline by Review (and Discipline by Hearing where necessary or requested).
- d. Unserved games will be transferred to league play by PHSA. Any player wishing to request a hearing (DBH) for the unserved games must submit a request before the end of the following week for a Discipline Hearing at PHSA.
- e. *Discipline Carryover*: PHSA will convene a Discipline Hearing for all Special Incident Reports and Dismissal Reports for Coaches, other Team Officials and Game Officials. Reports involving individuals from other Districts, Provinces or Countries will be forwarded by PHSA to the appropriate authority, as required.
  - PHSA will use Discipline by Review on all Dismissal Reports for Players who were unable to serve the full Mandatory Minimum sentence at the Tournament. PHSA will advise the player's club and regular league of any additional suspension imposed because of Festival discipline carryover.
  - Any player (player's club) wishing to request Discipline by Hearing MUST do so before the end of the week following the tournament.
  - In the event (based on the reports which it reviews) the PHSA Discipline Review Committee determines that additional misconduct has occurred or that a Serious Foul Play or Violent Conduct misconduct warrants more than the mandatory suspension, it shall advise the player by way of a Discipline Hearing Notice that additional charges have been laid and a Hearing has been scheduled.

### 16. Protests, Failure to Show

No protests will be heard. A team will be allowed a 5-minute grace period from the scheduled kick-off time for late arrival before the game is awarded to the opponent. For 5v5 and 7v7, a minimum of four (4) players constitutes a team. Any team that fails to show for a scheduled game will result in dismissal from the festival and the festival fee will be forfeited.



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### 17. Refund Policy

- a. Where an age group is cancelled, a full refund will be given to each team who submitted their payment.
- b. Should the festival be cancelled due to COVID-19, a full refund will be given to each team who submitted their payment.
- c. Where an age group is not cancelled, a refund may be given to the team based on the following conditions:
  - If the refund request is made prior to 28 days before the tournament, the team will be issued a refund, less administration fee of \$100.00
  - Should a division not receive their guaranteed 2 games (due to a lack of teams attending the festival, field/facilities, or COVID-19 factors) a pro-rated refund will be issued for the missing game.

### 18. Match Official Fees

**Match official fees are included as part of the team registration** and paid directly from the organizers of the tournament. Teams do not need to provide fees to match officials prior to each game.

Age Group	Match Official Fee
U8-U9	\$30
U10-U11	\$35
U12-U13	\$35