



Sports Venture Soccer Festival

Hosted by West Lincoln, Leisureplex.

June 20 & 21 2026.

ALL FESTIVAL TEAMS 3 GAMES GUARANTEED

Fair Play Code for Spectators

1. I will remember that children play sports for their enjoyment and development, not for my entertainment.
2. I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will encourage participants to do the same.
3. I will respect the officials' decisions, and I will encourage the participants to do the same.
4. I will never ridicule an athlete or game official for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
5. I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and officials.
6. I will show respect for my team's opponents; without them there would be no game.
7. I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators

The Festival will not tolerate ANY ABUSE of Game officials, Festival staff, Coaches or Players. If a person is found to be verbally or physically abusing another, they will be asked to leave the park immediately and not permitted to return to the park for the duration of the Festival.

The Sports Venture Cup Festival

Held at West Lincoln Leisureplex

Festival Game days:

Saturday 20th June:

- U8 Boys divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U9 Boys divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U10 Boys divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U11 Boys divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U12 Boys divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U13 Boys divisions' (tiered if possible)

Sunday 21st June:

- U8 Girls divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U9 Girls divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U10 Girls divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U11 Girls divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U12 Girls divisions' (tiered if possible)
- U13 Girls divisions' (tiered if possible)

**Please note for festival divisions, we are open to the possibility of merging age divisions to ensure that your team's division runs, which is dependent on entries.*

ALL TEAMS PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CAPTAINS CALLED, AND NO COIN TOSS, THE HOME TEAM WILL KICK OFF FIRST. TEAMS WILL START ON THE HALF CLOSEST TO THEIR BENCH. THE REFEREE WILL START THE GAME TIME RUNNING AT THE PUBLISHED SCHEDULED START TIME. THERE WILL BE NO ADDED TIME PLAYED.

This is in the interest of speed and efficiency as it will minimize the games getting backed up and us running over schedule.

Festival Rules & Structure:

1. Registration Is Located at the Leisureplex Headquarters:

West Lincoln Leisureplex, 2543 South Grimsby Rd. 6, Smithville, Ontario, L0R 2A0.

Each team must register with Festival officials at least one hour prior to your first game.

The following will be required at registration:

Within District:

- District stamped Team Roster Report (Powerup) (for team registration verification purposes only)

Another District:

- Complete Application to Travel Form (ATF) on CTMS
- District stamped Team Roster Report (Power up) (for team registration verification purposes only)

2. Cost of the Festival:

U8- U9: - \$400 per team 5 v 5

3 Games Minimum for U8 – U9 Boys & Girls

Each player will receive a festival Medal

U10- U11: - \$450 per team 7 v 7

3 Games Minimum for U10 -U11 Boys & Girls

Each player will receive a festival Medal.

U12-U13: - \$500 per team 9 v 9

3 Games Minimum for U12-U13 Boys & Girls

Each player will receive a Festival Medal.

Your team must be registered, and fees paid by **JUNE 1st, 2026**.

Fees are not payable on the day of the event. Teams withdrawing from the Festival after June 1st, 2026, forfeit their registration fee. A deposit of \$150 will be taken to hold your place before June 1st with each Team application, until full amount is paid.

3. Player Registration

All players must be registered as Grassroots players with the participating club. Each team must provide a game day roster listing all players participating. **Proof of player registration to Ontario Soccer will be required with a stamped roster from your local association.**

Any violation of the above rules may result in dismissal from the Festival and the Festival fee will be forfeited.

4. Extraordinary weather:

- 4.1 In the event of severe weather, (i.e., continuous heavy rain, flooding, lightning, excessive heat or humidity), **ONLY THE GAME OFFICIAL MAY CANCEL THE GAME**. The festival committee has the authority to change the duration of the games or any other function of the festival, including such things as the following:
- Relocate and / or reschedule any game(s)
 - Reduce, by up to 50% (percent), the duration of any scheduled game.
 - Authorize additional water breaks in each half of the game.
- 4.2. A game is considered complete if 60% (percent) or more of the playing time has elapsed in a game terminated by the referee for causes as noted above.
- 4.3. In cases where a game has been cancelled or altered in any way, it is the responsibility of the coach to determine the actual game status either at festival headquarters or through a field Convener.
- 5.1 The Festival Committee, or the host Club West Lincoln Soccer will NOT be responsible for any *expenses* incurred by any team if the festival is cancelled or shortened.
- 5.2 The registration fees will be refunded, less a \$25 admin fee, if the Festival is cancelled prior to its commencing on June 20, 2026.
6. West Lincoln Soccer Festival Committees reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this event.

Teams must be registered with their District and Provincial Association. All teams that are traveling outside of their district to attend the festival will be required to provide proof of Permission to travel from their District Association.

There will be a limit on the number of teams in each age group. Please enter early so that you will not be disappointed. The main objective of our festival is to promote & improve the game of soccer through sportsmanship, fair play and quality competition. The festival rules are intended to support these objectives, but all rules have their limitations. Every player, coach, parent or official is expected to behave in a manner that brings credit to his or her team and shows respect for the game.



Festival Rules: U8 - U13

RULES FOR Festival Soccer (U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 & U13)

1. **SCORES AND STANDINGS FOR U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 and U13**
 - (a) There will be no scores recorded
 - (b) There will be no standing kept.

2. **BALL SIZE**

The ball shall be a size 4. (U8- U12 Divisions)
The Ball shall be a size 5. (U13 Division)
The Festival will provide the game ball.

3. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

U8 and U9 – 5 v 5 including a goalkeeper – maximum 10 dressed players
U10 and U11 – 7 v 7 including a goalkeeper – maximum of 14 dressed players.
U12 and U13 – 9 v 9 including a goalkeeper – maximum of 18 dressed players.

 - (a) Unlimited substitution shall be allowed.
 - (b) Substitution shall be allowed at stoppages, **under the control of the referee.**
 - (c) Both teams must have at least five (5) players to start the game.
 - (d) The game should not continue if a team has less than five (5) players.

4. **DURATION OF PLAY:**
 - (a) **U8 and U9 will play 3 games**, 25 minutes long (12.5 -minute halves).
 - (b) **U10 and U11 will play 3 games**, 30 minutes long (15-minute halves).
 - (c) **U12 and U13 will play 3 games**, 40 minutes long (20-minute halves).

Please ensure you have a full roster to meet OS Grassroots standards on playing time limits per player. U8 & 9 - 80 minutes, U10 & 11 - 100 minutes, U12 & 13 - 120 minutes

SUBSTITUTIONS GRASSROOTS

• Unlimited substitution is permitted during a game, but may only be made at the following stoppages of play:

1. When a goal is scored
2. At a goal kick
3. On **ANY** throw-in or kick in for either team
4. At the beginning of the second half
5. For an injured player at the referee's discretion

5. **EQUIPMENT:**
 - (a) Players shall not wear anything that endangers themselves or other players.
 - (b) Basic compulsory equipment shall consist of shorts, socks, shin guards, footwear, and a numbered shirt.
 - (c) Goalkeepers must wear colors that are distinguishable from all out field players and the referee.
 - (d) A player who is asked to leave the field because of defective or dangerous equipment may not re-enter the field of play until the referee is satisfied that the equipment is permissible.

6. **METHOD OF SCORING:**

(a) A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has crossed the goal-line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar, provided it has not been thrown, carried, or intentionally propelled by hand or arm, by a player of the attacking team, except by a goalkeeper from within his own penalty area.

(b) The referee shall be the sole judge as to, whether or not a goal has been scored.

(c) During the course of play, should any outside agent prevent the ball from passing into the goal or assist the ball into the goal, play shall be stopped. The referee shall restart the game by dropping the ball.

7. **OFFSIDE RULES**

- As per the current OS rules, the No-offsides rule will be in effect for U8, U9, U10 and U11.
- Offsides are in effect for U12 and U13.

8. **FOULS AND MISCONDUCTS:**

A player who, in the opinion of the referee, intentionally commits any of the following offences shall be penalized by the awarding of a free-kick to the opposing team.

- Spits at an opponent
- Kicks or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Holds an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately, (except a goalkeeper from within his own penalty area)
- Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball

Should a player commit one of the above offences within his or her own penalty-area, a Penalty kick shall be awarded.

9. **FREE KICKS:**

(a) For any infringement of the mini-soccer rules when the ball is in play, the referee may award a free-kick to the non-offending team. The free-kick shall be taken from the place where the infringement occurred, unless the free-kick is awarded to the attacking team within its opponents' penalty area. In this case, the penalty kick shall be taken from the penalty area.

(b) At the taking of a free kick, the ball shall be stationary, and all opponents shall be not less than six (6) yards from the ball until it has been kicked. The ball shall be in play when it is kicked and moved.

(c) A player taking a free kick shall not play or touch the ball a second time until it has been played or touched by another player. For any infringement of this rule, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.

(e) U8 – U11 All free kicks are indirect unless they are a penalty kick, then they may be put direct on goal.

(f) U12 and U13 indirect and direct free kicks can be awarded by the game official for infringements during the game the referee will indicate if a kick is direct or indirect during the game.

10. **PENALTY KICKS:**

- (a) A penalty-kick shall be taken from the penalty-mark. All players, except for the defending goalkeeper and the player taking the kick, shall be outside the penalty area but within the field of play, not less than six (6) yards from the ball until it has been kicked.
- (b) The goalkeeper shall remain on his own goal-line facing the kicker, and between the goal-posts, until the ball has been kicked.
- (c) The player taking the penalty-kick must kick the ball forward. The ball shall be in play when the ball is kicked and moved forward. The player shall not play or touch the ball a second time until it has been played or touched by another player.
- (d) If necessary, the time of play shall be extended to allow a penalty kick to be taken.

For any infringement of this rule:

- (a) By a member of the defending team: the kick shall be retaken if a goal has not been scored.
- (b) By a member of the attacking team: if a goal is scored it shall be disallowed and a free-kick awarded to the defending team, to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.
- (c) By a member of both teams: the kick shall be re-taken whether a goal has been scored or not.
- (d) If after the kick has been taken, the ball or the goalkeeper is interfered with by an outside agent, the kick shall be re-taken.

11. **KICK-IN (U8, U9, U10 & U11 ONLY)**

U12 & U13 ARE THROW-INS AS PER GRASSROOTS STANDARDS.

- (a) Play shall be restarted by a dribble-in or by a kick-in.
- (b) When the whole of the ball has crossed the touch-line, either on the ground or in the air, the ball shall be kicked in from the point where it left the field of play, by a member of the team opposing that of the player who last played or touched it. The kick is an indirect kick, and a goal cannot be scored from a kick in.
- (c) The player taking the kick-in shall face the field of play and kick the ball from on the touchline. The ball will be in play immediately after it enters the field of play.
- (d) If the player taking the kick-in plays or touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, a kick-in shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- (e) At the taking of a kick-in all opponents must be at least two (2) yards from the ball.
- (f) **A GOAL MAY NOT BE SCORED DIRECTLY FROM A KICK-IN AS IT IS AN INDIRECT KICK.**
- (g) Goal keepers are NOT permitted to drop kick the ball directly from their hands in the U8 & U9 divisions, All 7 v 7 and 9 v 9 divisions drop kicks are permitted.

12. **GOAL-KICK:**

- (a) When the whole of the ball has crossed the goal-line, either on the ground or in the air, excluding that portion between the goal posts, having been played or touched by a member of the attacking team, a goal kick shall be awarded to the defending team. The ball shall be kicked into play from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team.
- (b) At the taking of a goal-kick, all opponents shall be outside the penalty area until it has been kicked into play. The ball shall be in play when it has travelled directly beyond the penalty area.
- (c) If the player taking the goal-kick plays or touches the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, a free-kick shall be awarded to the opposing team.
- (d) **A GOAL MAY NOT BE SCORED DIRECTLY FROM A GOAL KICK.**

13. CORNER KICKS:

- (a) When the whole of the ball has crossed the goal-line, whether on the ground or in the air, excluding that portion between the goal posts, having last been played or touched by a member of the defending team, a corner kick shall be awarded to the attacking team.
- (b) The corner kick shall be taken from within the corner-arc nearest to where the ball crossed the goal-line. All opponents shall not be less than six (6) yards from the ball until it has been kicked. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
- (c) **A GOAL MAY BE SCORED DIRECTLY FROM A CORNER KICK.**

14. RETREAT LINE/FALL-BACK RULE

When the goalkeeper has the ball at a goal kick or after making a save the opposing team members would "retreat" to the predetermined area of the field. The predetermined areas are as follows:

- **5v5 – 1/2 line.**
- **7v7 – 1/3rds line.**
- **9v9 – No Retreat line.**

With the opposition retreating to the correct part of the field the goalkeeper can now successfully throw or pass the ball to a teammate. Once the player receiving the ball from the goalkeeper receives the ball, the ball is in play and the opposition players can pressure and attempt to win the ball. If the goalkeeper chooses not to wait for the opposing players to "retreat" and throws or passes the ball down the field, the ball is instantly in play and does not require a player from the goalkeeper's team to touch the ball first.

The ball is in play once it leaves the penalty area for 9v9. For 5v5 & 7v7 games 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 prior to the opposition crossing the retreat line)"

15. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of all spectators in their party.
- Any coach that is removed from the game by the game official will not be allowed back on the team's bench for the rest of the festival.
- All Discipline matters will be handled by Sport Discipline Inc. in accordance with Ontario Soccer.

16. PROTEST PROCEDURES

- (a) In the event that a team wishes to protest a decision, the official protest form must be filled out and a payment of \$250 will be submitted to the Festival headquarters at the Leisureplex. Protest forms can be found at Festival headquarters.
- (b) The form must be signed by both the party making the protest and a representative of West Lincoln Festival committee to ensure that the protest is filed. The protest must be filed within 1 hour of the end of the game being played. If it is not within this timeframe, the protest will not be heard.

(c) A protest ruling will be given within 1 hour of the protest being filed. All decisions are final. Protests cannot be made on decisions that have been made regarding a ruling of a previous protest. If the protest is successful, the \$250 fee will be returned to the team filing the protest.

No Protest will be permitted regarding referee decisions during a game.

2026 Sports Ventures Challenge Soccer Tournament & Festival

Hosted By: West Lincoln Warriors Soccer Club

Referee Fees

Age	Game Length	Referee	Asst Ref	Total
U8	25 min	\$20.00	N/A	\$20.00
U9	25 min	\$20.00	N/A	\$20.00
U10	30 min	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00
U11	30 min	\$25.00	N/A	\$25.00
U12	40 min	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$60.00
U13	40 min	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$60.00

Assigning Fees: \$5.00 / game
Stand By Referees X 2: \$250.00 / person / day

