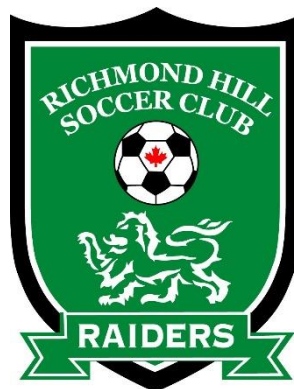


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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide all members with an understanding of how the House League operations of the Richmond Hill Soccer Club (the Club) are conducted. In particular, it describes registration procedures and the playing rules that are used for the various age groups organized by the Club.

Members can refer to the Club Library of documents for further information on Club operations:

1. RHSC Constitution
2. RHSC Policies and Procedures
3. House League Rules and Regulations
4. Competitive Team Policies and Procedures

A definition of terms used in any of our documents can be found in the Club Definitions document.



Club Definitions

Any member who has questions or concerns about the Club can submit an email to info@richmondhillsoccer.com.

2 Registration

1. All Players and Team Officials must be registered with the Richmond Hill Soccer Club (RHSC) on the Ontario Soccer Association's (OSA) computerized system. Players will be assigned to their respective teams in the League database by Club officials.
2. A Player must be registered twenty-four (24) hours prior to playing in any League, Cup or Playoff game.
3. Age groupings shall be taken from the OSA's Registration Guide.
4. A Team found guilty of using an ineligible player shall forfeit the game to their opponent, with a 3-0 score being recorded, and may be subject to further disciplinary action at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.
5. The League Committee shall rule on all disputes with regard to player registration, and the Committee's decision will be final.

2.1 Player Requests

When registering a player, a parent may request that their child be placed on a team with another child. Requests are subject to the following conditions:

1. Requests must be one-to-one player reciprocated requests i.e. each player must have requested that they be on the same team as the other.
2. Requests must be made when registering the player.
3. Requests will not be taken after the deadline specified on the RHSC registration form.
4. The reciprocal player request must also be made by the deadline on the registration form.
5. The Coach, one Assistant Coach and Sponsor may each have one matching request for their children.
6. Requests are accepted at the discretion of the RHSC. Submitting a request is not a guarantee that it will be provided.
7. Any appeals for exceptions to this policy must be made in writing to the League Committee.

2.2 Withdrawals & Refunds

All requests to have a player withdraw from a program must be made in writing clearly stating the player's name, the age and team currently registered with (if known) and the reason for the withdrawal. All requests must be mailed or delivered to the Club. Withdrawal and refund requests will not be handled over the telephone.

Consideration for refund requests will be given according to the following guidelines:

Situation	Details	Refund Information
Refund request received prior to the start of the program.	Written notification is received prior to the start of the program.	Receive a refund less a \$75 administration fee.
Refund request received after the start of the program.	Written notification is received after the program has started and within 24 hours after the second session of the program.	Receive a refund less a \$75 administration fee and a prorated deduction based on number of sessions into the program.
Refund request received after the second week of program.	Written notification is received later than 24 hours after the second week of the program.	No refund or credit will be issued.
Program is cancelled.	A player cannot be accommodated due to divisions being full, insufficient enrolment in a program, or other reasons as determined by the Club.	A full refund will be made.
Participant is removed from the program by the Club.	A player is removed from the program by the Club due to discipline, breach of Club Policies or other issues.	No refund or credit will be issued.
Participant can no longer attend due to medical reasons.	Written notification is received. A doctor's note must accompany the request for withdrawal for a refund to be considered.	A pro-rated refund for any games remaining as of the date the refund request is received, accompanied by a doctor's note.

Submission of a refund request does not guarantee a refund. Please allow four to six weeks for refund processing. Note that non-attendance does not constitute a notice of withdrawal.

2.3 Failed Payments

All instances of failed payments when depositing cheques or processing deferred credit card transactions will be subject to an administrative fee of \$30.

3 General Playing Rules

3.1 Referees

1. All participants must respect the Referee or Game Leader ("**Game Officials**").
2. The Referee's decision is final.
3. Games will be officiated primarily by youth referees. Coaches must use discretion and show respect at all times when dealing with these young officials. The Club will not tolerate the abuse of any Game Official, of any age, for any reason.
4. The Club will do its best to assign referees to all U9 to adult games, pending referee availability.
5. Each Coach must sign the Game Sheet prior to the start of the game.
6. In the event that a Referee does not show up to officiate a game:
 - a. Each team must provide a referee for ½ the game unless the Coaches agree on an official for the entire game.
 - b. The appointed Referee(s) will have the same authority as any Club assigned Referee.
 - c. The Game Sheet must indicate that the Referee is a "no show" and the Coaches agree on the official(s) selected.
 - d. Once the game has begun, the game is considered an official league game. The game will not be rescheduled or replayed.

3.2 Uniform

1. Players must wear the full uniform provided by the Club. This includes the proper shirt, shorts and socks.
2. Teams are not allowed to put individual Player names on the uniform.
3. Players must wear shin guards for the duration of all practices and games.
4. Shoes appropriate to the season and facility must be worn. E.g. outdoor cleats or indoor soccer shoes. Under no circumstances are metal studs to be worn.
5. No jewellery of any kind can be worn.
6. No headwear may be worn except for the following cases:
 - a. A headscarf can be worn on the field as long as it is not attached to the jersey and it does not pose any danger to the player wearing it or any other player on the field. It can only be worn by female players. The head scarf should match the colour of the uniform if possible.
 - b. Turbans / patkas / keski are permitted; however, the head covering must be safe and not pose a danger to the wearer or other participants. Please refer to the following images of appropriate head coverings. Please note that these images are examples only and are not a comprehensive listing of all acceptable head coverings:

Figure 1: Acceptable Head Coverings



7. Players are allowed to wear a soft cast made of soft lightweight padded materials as long as it does not present a danger to the individual or any other player. The referee will make the final decision as to the acceptability of any cast.
8. Ontario Soccer has stipulated that players can wear an insulin pump on the field as long as the player has a medical note stating the necessity for it and it does not present a danger to the individual or any other player.

3.3 Ball Size

1. U6 to U8: Shall play with a size 3 ball.
2. U9 to U12: Shall play with a size 4 ball.
3. U13 to adult: Shall play with a size 5 ball.

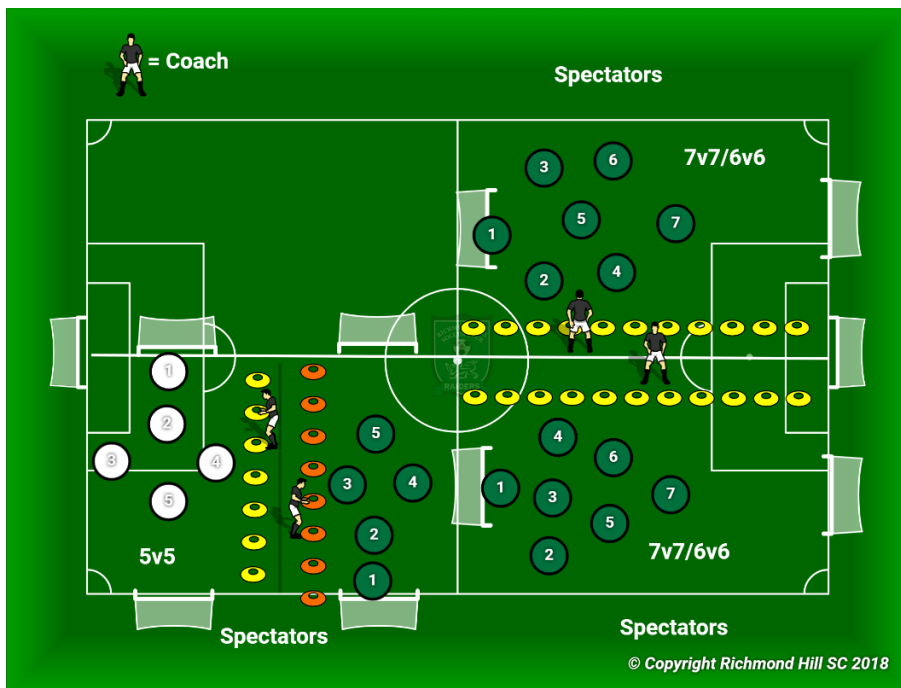
3.4 Location of Players, Team Officials & Spectators

The following applies to 4v4 and 5v5 play:

1. For ages U6 to U7, one coach from each team is allowed on the field, out of the way of the ball and out of the penalty area. For the U8 age groups, one coach from each team is allowed on the field, out of the way of the ball and out of the penalty area for the first 3 games of the season.
2. Parents or spectators must sit off the field.

The following applies to 6v6 play:

1. The only Players and Team Officials allowed on the team bench are those who are registered with that Team and listed on the game sheet. In addition, they must be on the official roster on record at the Club.
2. Coaches and Players must be at the designated technical area (bench) on one side of the field
 - a. In the event that a field does not have a bench, Coaches and Players should be on the opposite side of the field from spectators.
 - b. Team Officials are not to cross the centre line and interfere with the opposing team.
3. Parents and spectators are to remain on the opposite side of the field from the technical area of Coaches and Players. Nobody can be behind either goal area.



In all age groups, Parents should not leave children unattended at games. Coaches must notify all parents of this.

3.5 Fair Playing Time

Coaches must make every effort to ensure each player receives a fair amount of play in every game. Exceptions to this rule include situations where a player becomes injured or ill during a game or is removed for discipline.

3.6 Grace Period

1. A grace period of fifteen minutes will be allowed in the event that a team has less than three players for 4 or 5 a-side player or four players for 6 a-side play.
2. In the event that either team has less than the minimum required players, teams should play an exhibition game with a mix of those players who are present at game time.

3.7 Game Reporting

1. It is the responsibility of the Referee to report on game results.
2. U6 to U8 Team Officials need only report if their game has been cancelled.

3. U9 to Adult Team Officials should report if their game has been cancelled, or if a referee was not present at their game.
4. Games where referees do not show should still be played and will be counted. The Home Coach must advise the Club within one week of a referee no-show and of the game results.

3.8 Game Cancellations

1. All games will be played as scheduled unless:
 - a. The indoor facilities have been closed by the Town of Richmond Hill.
 - b. The Game Official calls the game due to weather, discipline or unforeseen circumstances.
2. If games are cancelled and when possible, the Club will send an email to affected coaches or post a message on the Club's website by 4:30 pm. In the event that no posting is on the website, all players are asked to attend the game.
3. Games cancelled during the Indoor Season will not be rescheduled.

3.9 Weather

1. Winter storms: The Club does not generally cancel indoor games due to weather unless the facilities are closed. Indoor games cannot be rescheduled due to lack of facility space.

3.10 Number of Players

Age Group	Number of Players
U6 – U7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 4 players per team on the field (no goalkeeper). • No Minimum: coaches must work together to share players across the 2 teams so an enjoyable game can be had for all players
U8 – U10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 5 players per team on the field (one goalkeeper and 4 players). • No Minimum: coaches must work together to share players across the 2 teams so an enjoyable game can be had for all players
U11 – Adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of 6 players per team on the field (one goalkeeper and 5 players). • No Minimum: coaches must work together to share players across the 2 teams so an enjoyable game can be had for all players

3.11 Field

1. All games will be played inside at the Richmond Green Sports Centre or the Richmond Green Sports Dome, unless otherwise notified.
2. U6 – U10 will play on half the field in the Sports Centre and on an eighth of the field in the Sports Dome.
3. U11 and older ages will play on the full field in the Sports Centre and on a quarter of the field in the Sports Dome.

3.12 Game Duration

1. The referee will determine the time of each half when both teams have completed their warm-up.
2. Warm up should not be longer than 10 minutes.
3. The warm-up and game will last no more than 55 minutes after the scheduled start time.

3.13 Indoor Playing Rules

1. Substitutions may be done at any stoppage. This must be done at the half way line.
2. There are no off-sides in any indoor game.
3. If the ball hits the ceiling, a drop ball shall be awarded.
4. Instead of a throw-in, an indirect free kick is taken to re-start the game when the ball is kicked out of bounds.
5. Players must be at least 5-meters away from the ball on all free kicks.
6. All free kicks are indirect; excepting penalty kicks, which are taken 6 yards from the goal line.

3.14 Standings

1. No scores or standings will be kept for the Indoor League.

4 Code of Conduct

1. All participants agree to abide by the Code of Conduct contained in the RHSC Policies and Procedures v1.1, April 24, 2014.

5 Discipline

1. A Discipline Committee shall be in place to adjudicate league misconduct and infractions. The committee shall consist of at least a chairperson and 2 more committee members.
2. In all cases of alleged physical assault on a Game Official, by a Player, Club or Team Official, he/she shall be suspended immediately until the case has been dealt with by the Discipline Committee.
3. A Player who receives a red card must leave the field immediately. All Players receiving a red card will automatically receive a one game suspension and may receive further disciplinary action in line with their offence. The player can appeal the red card within 48 hours of the game.
4. Any Coach, Manager, Team or Club Official ejected from a game must attend a hearing by the Discipline Committee. Notification of hearings is made by email or telephone.
5. Any Player, Club or Team Official reported for violent conduct during a match who is found guilty of such conduct, may be suspended for the remainder of the season.
6. Every Team is responsible to the League for the actions of its Players, Team Officials and Spectators and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators from abusing, threatening, or assaulting Game Officials, Club Officials, Players, and Facility Staff.
7. Anyone found guilty and subsequently penalized by the Discipline Committee, has the right to appeal the decision to the appropriate committee of the York Region Soccer Association in accordance with their Policies and Procedures on Appeals.
8. Any Player, Coach or individual under suspension as a result of disciplinary action, shall not be allowed to participate in any soccer games or practices until the suspension has been served.