



2011 CLUB HANDBOOK

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2011 Season Schedule

- May 28, 29** - Kick Off Weekend/team photos scheduled
- May 30 – August 18** Regular season games
- June 18, 19** Boys Rep. Tournament – No Tyke & Micro Programs
- July 9, 10** - House League Mid-Season tournament, photo retakes
- July 23, 24** – All Star Tournament – No Tyke & Micro Programs
- August 20** – Tyke & Micro World Cup – Season ends
- August 21** – Adult tournament – Season ends
- August 27, 28** – Laird Memorial Cup – House League tournament
- September 10, 11** – Girl’s Rep tournament

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Players Code of Ethics

- I believe that the true essence of sport is to strive for personal achievement and excellence through full and honest effort.
- I am committed to participating in the sport with integrity, striving to win only by legitimate means.
- I pledge to learn, understand, and adhere to both the written rules of my sport and the accepted rules of fair play.
- I believe that violence and physical intimidation are harmful to the sport, and I refuse to use such tactics.
- I understand that officials, team mates, and opponents are integral to the sport and are worthy of my respect.
- It is my responsibility to maintain self-control. I will accept the official’s decisions without argument, play with intensity and without hostility, and behave graciously in triumph or defeat.
- I must always remember that children play for their enjoyment, not mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules of the game and by the fair play codes.
- I understand that I need to be appreciative of volunteer coaches and officials and I agree not to interfere so that they may do their job.
- I will never ridicule or criticize my or any child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I believe that honest effort, skill improvement, and fair play are no less important than winning.
- I pledge to insure that my behaviour sets a good example for proper conduct.
- I support all efforts to remove violence from children’s sports.

Spectator Behaviour

As a spectator, you are there to enjoy the game. All spectators should keep in mind the following, to ensure the game is fun for all...

- Spectators should refrain from making any comments to the referees, assistants, and lines people.
- Make sure you and all your belongings are behind the spectator lines (at least six 6 feet from the side of the field).
- Do not sit behind the goals at any time during the game.
- Sit on the side of the fields opposite the player’s bench.
- Smoking is prohibited at all Town soccer parks.
- For the safety of everyone and for sanitary concerns, do not bring pets to the games.

- Spectators may not enter the field of play unless invited by the referee and only then at the request of a coach due to player injury.
- Parking at the Civic Centre should be done behind the Civic Centre building (east lot), on the west side of fields CC1 and CC2, or to the north of CC2. It is especially important during tournaments to keep the roadway clear and people safe. Parking on Civic Centre Road may result in a parking ticket.
- Do not allow children to climb trees for their safety and the tree's health.
- Do not allow children to climb the back of the nets or play with the corner flags.
- NO alcohol or other illegal substances are permitted at any LSSC event.

Referee Abuse, Zero Tolerance Policy

The Lake Simcoe Soccer Club supports a zero tolerance policy on referee abuse. The referee is the person in charge of the game. It is their sole decision as to the outcome of any situation. To this end, LSSC backs its referees 100% and will not change a decision based on any information received from any other source.

LSSC aims to provide a safe work environment for our referees. The following are guidelines endorsed by LSSC pertaining to appropriate contact with referees:

- The coach may request a clarification about a particular call only once but may not dispute the response. The referee is not required to further discuss the call.
- No spectator shall approach a referee about any matter related to the game, including time remaining. Please talk to the coach for any explanations or contact the LSSC Head Referee.
- Anyone verbally or physically abusing a referee will be asked to leave the vicinity of the field of play. The match in play at that time will not continue until the person in question has left. If the person fails to leave within 5 minutes, the referee will end the match and leave.

Verbal abuse can consist of anything from simply questioning every call to offensive, insulting, and obscene language. In all cases of abuse, the referees are instructed to stop the game, call both coaches onto the field, explain the situation to them and instruct them to ask the spectator to leave. LSSC does not expect teenage referees to approach an abusive adult.

Anyone found guilty of disregarding any of the above three points will face disciplinary action. For a coach, this could mean a ban on attending further LSSC games. **Please remember that our young referees are learning and need support and respect.**

Zero Tolerance Policy Regarding Abuse of any Non-Referee

This policy covers abuse of any player, coach or spectator by any player, coach or spectator at any LSSC sponsored occasion. Any person judged by the Discipline Board to be guilty of abusive conduct will be reprimanded in writing. A second conviction during the same season will result in the person being restricted from all services rendered by LSSC including attendance at all soccer activities with LSSC. A member may be reinstated subject to a review hearing of the Discipline Board.

Policy Procedures: Where the abuse is not reported or reportable by a game official the following steps should be taken:

1. The member must make a written complaint to a member of the Executive, copying the LSSC within 72 hours of the incident.
2. The Club's Discipline Board will then review and deal with the report as per their guidelines.

Inclement Weather

Unless otherwise notified by LSSC, all teams, regardless of the weather or playing conditions, must be present at the scheduled time and location for all of their games. If one team fails to field the minimum players (mini, 5; youth, 7) 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, that team will forfeit the game, regardless of weather conditions. Any time spent waiting for teams to reach the minimum number of players will be deducted by the referee from the teams' playing time.

LSSC will employ the OSA's recommended 30 second flash to bang method: If lightning is seen and thunder follows within 30 seconds, this is defined as active lightning. If there is active lightning present at the time just prior to or during the game, the referee will delay the game for up to 15 minutes. All teams must seek shelter in their vehicles (or enclosed structures) for the duration of the wait period and/or until the referee restarts or cancels the game. A game is deemed complete if 33% or less remains not played when called by the referee due to weather, playing conditions, or any other reason at his or her discretion. Every effort should be made to complete a scheduled game.

Cancelled Games

Any cancelled games must be made up as soon as possible. Both coaches must notify LSSC immediately of any cancelled games. The club will reschedule a make up game. All teams must be prepared to play make up games if required. If games remain not played at the end of the season and they do not affect the final standing then the game will not be rescheduled.