



2007 CLUB HANDBOOK

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Message from the President

To Members and Supporters of the Lake Simcoe Soccer Club:

At this time, I would like to welcome all members to the upcoming 2007 Soccer season.

This season looks to be our most successful season yet. With the tremendous success we had in the 2006 season, the 2007 season will be even more promising. I am extremely pleased with the hard work shown by all executive members and truly believe all player, coaches, officials, spectators and sponsors will reap the rewards of their efforts. All we need now is the cooperation of Mother Nature to make this season a season to remember.

We are also desperate for volunteers! We need you to keep the club operating for our children. We have many positions that have yet to be filled. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, I would love to hear from you. Have a great season!

I would like to wish everyone success both on and off the field.
Play hard and play fair.

Sarah Gill
President

Age Divisions and Game Duration **House League 2007**

The breakdown of divisions will depend greatly on registration numbers.

- Tyke 2003- 1 hour
- Micro 1 2002- 1 hour
- Micro 2 2001 2x20 min. per half preceded by a 20 minute warm-up/practice
- Under 7 2000 2x25 min. per half
- Under 8 1999 2x25 min. per half
- Under 9 1998 2x30 min. per half
- Under 10 1997 2x30 min. per half
- Under 12 1995/96 2x35 min. per half
- Under 14 1993/94 2x40 min. per half
- Under 15-18 1990-92 2x45 min per half
- Competitive, Recreational, Ladies and Mens - schedules and times are set by the league separately.

Soccer Happenings

This looks to be a promising year for the 2007 soccer season. This year, due to the great success of last year, the Club will be hosting two rep tournaments . One will be for girls and the other for boys. We will also attempt to run our first All Star Tournament. All-Star tournaments offer an excellent opportunity for players and coaches to see what more competitive soccer is like without making the commitment to a full competitive program.

Our hope is to showcase the talent we have in our area, bring recognition to our club and to our town. We are always looking for coaches and volunteers in all areas of soccer, if interested please contact the club. Coaching certification is required to coach at the representative and All Star level of soccer. Please contact the Director of Representative Soccer or the Head Coach for additional information.

This year we are also looking forward to opening the concession stand at the Civic Centre. It will be selling hotdogs, pizza, pop, and snacks.

Lake Simcoe Soccer Club **Player's 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 sport with integrity, and to 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 sport, and I refuse to use such tactics.
- I understand that officials, teammates and opponents are all integral to 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 but 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, and to let them do their job.
- I will never ridicule or criticize my 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 sport.

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 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 players' bench.
- If you must smoke, please stay at least 20 feet from the field of play when doing so.
- 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 because of 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 the new lot to the north of CC2, especially 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 for the tree's safety.
- 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.

Lake Simcoe Soccer Club **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 the outcome of any situation. To this end, the Club backs our referees 100% and will not change a decision based on any information received from any other source. The Club aims to provide a safe work environment for our referees. The following are guidelines endorsed by the Club pertaining to appropriate contact with referee.

- The Coach may request a clarification about a particular call only once and 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 Club Head Referee (Referee in Chief)
- Anyone verbally or physically abusing the 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. The Club does not expect 12 or 13 year old 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 games of the LSSC.

Please remember that our young referees are learning and need your support and respect.

Inclement Weather

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

The OSA recommends the use of the 30 second flash to bang method to determine the suspension or termination of a soccer game as a result of inclement weather. If lightning is seen and the 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 15 minutes 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 the Club immediately of any cancelled games. The Club will reschedule the 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.

2007 Season Schedule

April 30th Last Date for Registration

May 5th+6th Player Evaluations

May 7th-18th Division Creation and Team Balancing

May 23rd House League Coaches Meeting

June 2nd+3rd Kick Off Weekend/Pictures

June 4th-August 24th Regular Season Games

July 6th All Star Tournament Registration Deadline

July 7th+8th House League Mid-Season
Tournament/Picture Retakes

July 28th+29th All Star Tournament

August 11th-12th Boys Representative Tournament

August 25th+26th Laird Memorial Cup (House League
Tournament)

September 8th+9th Girls Representative Tournament