



BRANTFORD CITY SOCCER CLUB (formerly BYSL)

MEMBER OF
BRANTFORD MINOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO, CANADA

RULES OF OPERATION

A: MEETINGS:

The Annual General Meeting, hereafter referred to as the A.G.M. shall be held in the month of November of each year, when the financial report shall be read, and a copy of the same shall be on hand by request at the meeting. Seven (7) days notice will be given to every voting member prior to the A.G.M.

A special meeting may be called by the President, or at the written request of five (5) voting members in good standing with this league. The express object/objects of such a meeting shall be transacted at this meeting. All voting members are to receive notice of such a meeting.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- ⊗ Roll call.
- ⊗ Reading of minutes of previous A.G.M.
- ⊗ President's address.
- ⊗ Treasurer's report.
- ⊗ Auditor's report.
- ⊗ Correspondence.
- ⊗ Committee reports.
- ⊗ Unfinished business.
- ⊗ New business.
- ⊗ Consideration of amendments to Constitution.
- ⊗ Election of officers (Council Members)
- ⊗ Adjournment.

OTHER MEETINGS:

- ⊗ Roll call.
- ⊗ Reading of minutes.
- ⊗ Correspondence.
- ⊗ Reading of bills and accounts.
- ⊗ Unfinished business.

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☉ New business.

☉ Adjournment.

Should the president wish, special business may be introduced for discussion after the minutes have been read and accepted.

B: PLAYER REGULATIONS:

Any youth in the City of Brantford and neighbouring areas shall be eligible for playing membership, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

All the applications shall be made on a standardized form to be provided by the League and all information called for by the said form shall be furnished.

Completed application forms and fees must be given to the Registrar before players compete in any game.

The fiscal year shall end on October 31 of each year, and all persons indebted to the League must meet their obligations by that date or cease to be members in good standing.

The age groups applicable to all youth soccer played through the Province of Ontario shall be followed by the League.

A coach may protect his/her own child or the child of 1 assistant coach or a sponsor's child or 1 player from his/her last year's team or pick from the blind draft pile before the actual draft starts to a maximum of 2 protected players only. The remainder of the team will be picked on draft night by a blind draft.

C: GENERAL RULES:

COACHES:

Duties of coaches will include training players in the art of soccer, sportsmanship and physical fitness, and ensuring **each player be given equal opportunity to participate with a minimum of half a game playing time each and every game and practice**, excluding discipline purposes.

To keep in good condition all balls, goalie shirts, etc. bestowed by the League and to return to the League. **Either on the date scheduled for Equipment return or a date arranged with his/her convenor.**

If a coach finds at the last minute he/she cannot make his/her appointment, it is his/her responsibility to find his/her own substitute.

Coaches are to report in writing all injuries immediately to the Brantford City Soccer Club office. Please note that the League must give written notice to Brantford Sports Council within thirty (30) days of any injury for which a claim is made.

A coach may not cancel any game in the house league schedule except for an emergency purpose. In which case, he/she will inform his/her convenor, who will inform the other coach, scheduler and statistician at least forty-eight (48) hours before the game. Scheduler informs the referee if a game is cancelled.

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The game sheet must be provided by the coaches completed and presented to the referee before the start of the game.

All coaches are required to hand in player ratings to his/her convenor or the BCSC office no later than 30 days after the end of the season. Please remember that these ratings are very important as we use them to keep our houseleague teams evenly balanced.

REFEREES:

Referees must be thoroughly conversant with the rules of the game, and must be approved by the League.

Referees shall keep a record of the game, time and score, goal scorers and sign the game sheet provided. If a referee cannot keep his/her appointment, he/she must notify the scheduler forty-eight (48) hours in advance. The scheduler will then find a replacement. The only exception to this is for Ontario Cup, C.S.A. or O.S.A. and District Cup games.

Any action detrimental to the game shall be reported by the referee to BCSC within forty-eight (48) hours.

The referee must sign and collect the game sheets properly completed and return same to the scheduler by the first of the month following.

Referees are requested to observe rules as contained in paragraphs 16 & 17 under team rules. In addition to the foregoing, referees will be subject to rules laid down in the League Constitution.

Where a referee fails to keep an appointment, unless there be extenuating circumstances, he/she shall be subject to a fine equal to the sum which would have been received had he/she worked the game.

Where a referee is late for a game; i.e. not ready to start fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, unless there are extenuating circumstances, he/she will be subject to a fine of half his/her game fee.

D: TEAM RULES:

The maximum number of players on a team roster at any one time is to be decided by the Executive Council at the October meeting.

Players shall be enrolled onto teams by the Registrar and/or draft committee only.

No player may be transferred from one team to another without the authorization of the Convenor and/or houseleague director.

No player shall participate in games of the League if he/she has previously played or is playing

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concurrently that calendar year in any other league, unless approval is given by the Executive Council.

Birth Certificates or other evidence acceptable to the Registrar shall be accepted as proof of age. The burden of proof of age shall rest with the player, if required.

All players shall wear regulation soccer equipment for all games.

All players must wear numbered shirts for all games. No two (2) players on the same team shall wear the same number, nor shall any player change his/her shirt number during a game without the consent of the referee. Numbers shall be a minimum of eight (8) inches in height and of a contrasting colour from the body of the shirt.

Each team shall have its own colours, and all teams shall be required to play in the registered colours, to the greatest extent possible, except the goaltender who shall wear a distinguishing sweater. In the event of both teams using similar colours, the home team will change their colours. The home team is responsible for providing the game ball.

No team or members of a team shall approach prospective donors for trophies without the consent of the Executive Council.

All games shall be played under the laws and in accordance with the rules of the Ontario Soccer Association unless amended by the League by-laws.

Competitions of the League shall take precedence over all League games under the jurisdiction of this League.

Copies of schedules will be forwarded to all team coaches and scheduler. No further notification of games will be considered necessary by the Council.

The duration of games as laid down by the O.S.A. will be used. U9, two (2) thirty (30) minute periods; U11, two (2) thirty-five (35) minute periods; U13, two (2) forty (40) minute periods; U15, 17 and 18, two (2) forty-five (45) minute periods.

The Executive Council will decide the size of the ball to be used in league play as per O.S.A. rules.

Substitutes as permitted according to the laws of the game provided in the O.S.A. rules and League rules. BCSC rules allow unlimited substitution for house league.

All game times shall be scheduled.

All games must start promptly, no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled time. Referees must use their discretion in enforcing this rule and report any breach of these rules to the Referee Scheduler.

Teams must attend all games, regardless of weather, unless otherwise authorized.

Each team is to provide a linesman for all League games and preliminary rounds of playoff competitions. The Referee Scheduler will appoint linesmen and referees for all semi-final and final games.

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Any match will not be valid if there are fewer than seven (7) players on either of the teams to start the game.

In the event of paragraph 20, the team with seven (7) or more players will receive three (3) points for the game, with a score of 1 – 0.

All games having to be abandoned before the start of the second half (sole judge shall be the referee) shall be null and void and shall be played again by arrangement. If the game is abandoned in the second half due to inclement weather, the score will stand, if for any other reason, the Executive Council will rule.

Any team defaulting a game or leaving the field of play during a game will lose points of such game, such points being awarded to the opposing team as per schedule, and will also be liable for further disciplinary measures as the Disciplinary Committee may deem fit. The default game score will be 1 – 0.

Any player given a red card and banished from the game by the referee will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the O.S.A. Directive. The player will automatically miss their next scheduled house league game. Additional games may be missed after meeting with the Disciplinary Committee depending on why the red card was given. Players or Officials of BCSC involved in games in any other League, tournament, competition or game, whatsoever, shall be subject to disciplinary measures by the BCSC Disciplinary Committee as outlined in section E 15 of the BCSC Constitution.

In the event of a team intentionally playing an ineligible player, the game shall be awarded to the opponent, with the score to be determined by the Executive Council and the coach may be notified to appear before the Disciplinary Committee for possible further action.

A cancelled game will be re-scheduled, by the administrator, if time permits or if the game could make a difference in the final standings.

Any outside team playing in the BCSC is to submit its list of players prior to the start of the season and no changes are to be made without approval of the BCSC Executive.

Any team not fully affiliated with BCSC wishing to play house league is required to complete player I.D. cards as supplied by BCSC. All other teams in that division will be required to have I.D. cards.

All house league results to be controlled by a mercy rule. If an eight (8) goal or more differential is achieved by half time or later, the game will be called and awarded to the winning team.

E: COMPETITION RULES:

If any team drops out of the League, games played by the team shall be declared null and void in the League standings.

Points shall be awarded on the results of the game, ie: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

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Should two or more teams finish with an equal total of points in a League standing, they will both/all be declared League Champions and be awarded any applicable medal/trophy. The following will be used determine seedings in the standings for the playoff schedule:

1. Win/Loss/Tie Record of each tied team
2. Goal Differential (Goals For minus Goals Against)
3. Coin Toss

Playoffs will be decided on position of teams in the League at the end of each season. The Executive Council will decide on playoff requirements.

In the event of a tie at the end of a completed playoff game, the game will proceed **straight to penalty shots** and proceed as per O.S.A. rules. For all championship games on Finals Day, if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, **overtime shall be two 10 minute halves – GOLDEN GOAL RULE. If the result is still tied after overtime, the game will be decided by penalty shots and proceed as per O.S.A. rules.**

The referee shall choose the goal at which all the penalty kicks shall be taken.

Each team shall take five (5) penalty kicks; the kicks shall be taken alternately. If, after each team has taken five (5) penalty kicks, each has scored the same number of goals, the taking of penalty kicks shall continue, in the same order, until such time as each has taken the same number of kicks, and one team has scored a goal more than the other.

Each kick shall be taken by a different player, and not until all eligible players of any team have taken a kick may a player of the same team take a second kick.

The referees shall toss, and the team captain who wins the toss shall take the first kick.

The team which scores the greater number of goals shall be declared the winner.

Only those players on the field at the end of the game or extra time, if played, shall be eligible to take part in the taking of the penalty kicks.

Other than the player taking the kick, and both goalkeepers, all players shall remain within the centre circle whilst the taking of penalty kicks is in progress.

In the event of circumstances making the above procedure impossible, ie: atmospheric conditions, the sole judge being the referee, the extra time may be dispensed with and the game will go directly to penalty kicks.

F: MINI SOCCER:

MINI SOCCER WILL BE PLAYED IN THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS:

U7, U8 BOYS AND GIRLS AS OF DEC. 31 OF THE YEAR OF PLAY.

No official standing will be kept. The mini soccer committee, being the Convenors of the divisions, will keep only unofficial standings to help the progression of players through the league.

Press reports will not contain a score. The coach of the home team will list the names of the team with three (3) players from each team who were the stars of the match.

All players participating in mini soccer will receive a memento. (Certificate, medallion, or trophy)

Draft Procedure: Coaches will be allowed to protect only their own child, and the child of their

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assistant. Convenors are responsible for breaking down the teams with emphasis being given to special requests (ie: transportation needs, family relatives etc.) and by the area they live in as much as possible. Teams will have a maximum of twelve (12) players.

MINI RULES:

The game will be divided as follows: Four periods of twelve (12) minutes each. A two (2) minute break to change players at the 6 minute mark of each period. A five (5) minute break at half time, when the teams will switch sides. NOTE: After each 6 minute period, the ball will be kicked off from mid field with the teams alternating kick-offs throughout the game. The home team kicks off to start the game. **Time will not stop during player changes at the six minute intervals.**

Substituting will take place at the break times only, injuries excepted. Each player will participate a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

There are 7 players allowed on the field, one of which will be the goalie. The minimum number of players a team can play with is five.

Coaches or assistant coaches along with their players are only allowed in the area separating the fields (ie: D'Aubigny fields # 1-green & 2 – yellow). **Spectators must sit on the opposite side of the fields to the players, and the coaches are responsible for making sure this happens.**

No off-side will apply.

The normal throw-in rule will apply with one (1) re-throw-in allowed.

Refereeing – The league will provide neutral officials when possible. Otherwise, the two coaches will choose a third person to act as a referee. The referee will have complete charge of the game and the coaches and parents will abide by his/her decision.

The ball will be considered “frozen” immediately when the referee, in his/her discretion, considers that it is “in the possession of” the keeper.

Any player may re-start play from a goal kick or otherwise in the six (6) yard area.

No goal can be scored by an opponent from a kick taken within the six (6) yard area. To be allowed, a shot must come from outside the area and if it goes in off an attacker in the area it will not count; but will count if it goes in off a defender in the area. Any player may enter the area to pass the ball out.

The goalkeeper can only be changed after the second period in the first half, at half time, and after the second period in the second half.

The goalkeeper cannot pick the ball up outside the six (6) yard area, but may kick the ball into play.

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Goal kicks may be taken from any point inside the six (6) yard area, but once positioned, must be taken from there.

On taking the goal kick, no opponent is to be closer to the six (6) yard area marking than ten (10) yards; but he/she may move as soon as the kick is taken. A defender may be within the ten (10) yard zone to receive the kick.

Penalty shots are to be taken from a spot directly in front of the midpoint of the goal, six (6) yards out.

The BCSC Zero Tolerance Policy is in effect. Coaches, managers, team officials and parents shall not criticize the official at any time and shall encourage the same attitude amongst all the players and supporters. Any person not abiding by this policy will be subject to discipline by the BYSL Disciplinary Committee.

The game sheet must be provided by each coach, and presented to the referee before the start of the game.

Any decision not differentiated in the above rules is to be governed by the rules of the BCSC.

G: GAME PROTESTS:

In all games under the jurisdiction of the BCSC, in matters of judgment, the decision of the referee shall be final and no protests shall be entered.

In matters of law, the FIFA law, by-laws of the C.S.A., O.S.A, District Association, or the competition rules shall be adhered to.

Protests relating to matters of law must be noted on the game sheet and should be signed by the two (2) coaches and the referee at the end of the match.

The Convenor or his/her designate must be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of the protest.

The Convenor must call a special meeting of five (5) members of the Executive and/or Convenors within seventy-two (72) hours of the protest.

All parties involved will be advised by telephone twenty-four (24) hours prior to the special committee meeting.

Further appeals shall be submitted in accordance with Section 12 of the O.S.A. Constitution with appropriate deposits. The responsibility, in all aspects, shall remain with the person making the appeal.

H: NOTES:

ALL MATTERS NOT HEREIN PROVIDED FOR OR OF AN EMERGENT NATURE, SHALL BE DECIDED BY THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE O.S.A. CONSTITUTION.

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