



## **Biosteel Canada Cup Tournament Rules 2018**

POLICIES, PROCEDURES & RULES, 2018 Biosteel Canada Cup Tournament U13-U18

The objectives of the Biosteel Canada Cup are to promote the game of soccer through sportsmanship, fair play and quality competition. These policies, procedures and rules are intended to support those objectives, and every participant, whether player or official or volunteer, is expected to act in a manner that brings credit to the game. Doing so will add to the enjoyment of everyone.

### **PART A: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

#### **1. Team Eligibility**

Teams must be registered with their provincial, state or national association. Teams are accepted ONLY upon receipt, prior to the published deadline, of: a) Online application b) Registration fee, and c) Proof of approved permission to travel (NYS clubs, excluded). All Teams from outside Ontario must provide proof of Medical Insurance for all players. International teams must provide proof of receipt of visas to enter Canada, if applicable, by the published deadline. Teams will be accepted to play in the Tournament at the sole discretion of the Biosteel Canada Cup Committee. Any Team withdrawing from the Tournament after the published deadline will forfeit its entry fee.

#### **2. Age**

Players must be born on or after January 1st of the following years:

Division Birth Year Under-13 2005 Under-14 2004 Under-15 2003 Under-16 2002 Under-17 2001  
Under-18 2000

#### **3. Team Rosters**

Players Maximum 18 Dress per Game Maximum 18 Team Officials Maximum 4

#### **4. Guest Players**

A maximum of 3 guest players are permitted. Guest players must be registered with their provincial, state or national association. Any team using guest players from another club must have a Temporary

Eligibility Permit for each player as per OSA Rules and Regulations (or equivalent as per their governing body). Players from the same club are not guest players.

## **5. Team and Player Registration**

Unless otherwise approved by the Biosteel Canada Cup Committee, all teams must register online at the Biosteel Canada Cup website or through CAF office on the day before the tournament begins. Any team failing to register as required may be dismissed from the tournament at the discretion of the Biosteel Canada Cup Committee, forfeiting its entry fee. Player identification with a photograph of the player duly authorized by their provincial, state or national association shall be presented at registration. Teams from soccer jurisdictions where such documents are not available will be required to provide proof of age by passport, birth certificate or other identification approved by the Biosteel Canada Cup Committee. Only players whose names appear on the validated team roster are permitted to play in the tournament. No alterations or additions to the original validated roster will be permitted. Team officials must keep the validated roster, it should not be left with the field convenor.

## **6. Wristbands**

At registration wristbands for the number of players and team officials on the validated team roster will be given to the team official. Players and team officials must wear the band for all games. No one without a wristband is allowed on the team bench.

## **7. Divisions may be combined.**

Where two age divisions are undersubscribed the Biosteel Canada Cup reserves the right to combine them. Any team not wishing to participate in a combined division may withdraw from the tournament without penalty up until 2 weeks prior to the International Tournament.

## **8. Scheduling**

Scheduling and the assignment of referees are the responsibility of Biosteel Canada Cup Committee. There shall be a minimum of one hour between each game played by any team.

## **9. Field Convenors**

Field Convenors are appointed by the Biosteel Canada Cup Committee to preside at each game location. They are responsible for checking team rosters, player cards and wrist bands before each game, and for reporting scores. Field Convenors are not authorized to explain or interpret tournament rules.

## **10. Extraordinary Weather**

In the event of severe weather conditions (e.g., continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat or poor field conditions), the Biosteel Canada Cup Committee may change the duration of games, or any other functions of the tournament including the following: a) Relocate and/or reschedule any game. b) Reduce the scheduled duration by up to 50 percent. c) Cancel any preliminary game that has no bearing in determining group winners or wildcards (tournament only). d) Consider a game complete if 25 percent of the game or less was not played when abandoned by the referee. e) Abandon all or part of the Tournament. Please note that permit issuers (City, School Board, College, University, private facilities) retain the right to cancel fields at their sole discretion.

## **11. Forfeited Games**

At the discretion of the Biosteel Canada Cup Committee, teams that fail to show, or otherwise forfeit a game, may be dismissed from the tournament and forfeit all entry fees without appeal. Furthermore, such action may be reported to the governing body of the team involved. The opposing team shall be awarded a win and 3 points in group standings and a 2-0 victory.

## **12. Games Abandoned by Referee**

The Biosteel Canada Cup Committee shall review the circumstances of any game abandoned by the referee. The finding of the Committee and subsequent decision in respect of the tournament shall be final and not subject to any appeal. An abandoned Game is not a forfeit. The matter may also be referred to discipline in the home district of the team(s) involved.

## **13. Discipline**

The Biosteel Canada Cup Tournament and Festival use the OSA Discipline by Review System, and DBR decisions may not be appealed. Any player ordered from the field of play by the referee for misconduct shall receive an automatic one game suspension and shall sit out his/her next scheduled game. Any team official being ejected from a game must appear before the Biosteel Canada Cup Discipline Committee prior to his/her team's next scheduled game. In cases of violent conduct or misconduct against a game official, the offending player or team official shall be dismissed from the tournament and the incident shall be reported to the team's home district / association for discipline. Anyone disputing his/her ejection from a game may request a hearing. Such request must be made in writing accompanied by a \$75.00 hearing fee in cash. The person requesting a hearing must notify the field convenor of his/her intentions within 30 minutes of the conclusion of said game. All team officials are entirely responsible for the behaviour of spectators associated with their team.

#### **14. Protests**

Protests must be made in writing by the team manager or coach and must be accompanied by a fee of \$75.00 in cash. Protests must be received by the Biosteel Canada Cup Tournament Committee within one hour of the conclusion of the game being protested. In the event that a protest is upheld the protest fee shall be returned. No one may protest a game in which his/her team has not participated. Note: A referee's on-field decision cannot be appealed.

#### **15. General**

The Biosteel Canada Cup Committee and/or the North York Association will not be responsible for (a) any expenses, including registration fees, incurred by any team if the tournament is cancelled or abandoned in whole or in part and (b) expenses including parking tickets incurred by teams and families. At the sole discretion of Biosteel Canada Cup tournament registration fees may be refunded in whole or in part if the tournament is cancelled or abandoned in whole or in part. Biosteel Canada Cup Committee reserves the right to resolve all matters pertaining to the Biosteel Canada Cup International Soccer Tournament. These "Policies, Procedures and Rules" take precedence over any other published by the Biosteel Canada Cup. The Biosteel Canada Cup Committee's interpretation of the policies, procedures and rules and all other tournament documentation is final.

### **PART B: RULES OF PLAY**

#### **16. Laws of the Game**

All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as observed by FIFA, CSA (Canadian Soccer Association) and OSA (Ontario Soccer Association) as well as competition rules set by Biosteel Canada Cup.

#### **17. Maximum Playing Time**

OSA Competitions Policy 6.5.1 limits maximum playing time per player per day.

Division Maximum Playing Time per Day U-13 & U-14 150 minutes per Player U-15 & older 180 minutes per Player

Biosteel Canada Cup expects coaches will self-monitor in order to respect the OSA policy.

## **18. Team Check-in and Wristbands**

All players and team officials must report to the field convenor at least 30-minutes before their first game wearing their wristbands and presenting the validated team roster form and player/team official identification. At the discretion of the field convenor this process may be required prior to subsequent games as well. If a wristband must be replaced, the player or team official must report to the field convenor presenting also the roster form and identification. **No Wristband, No Play.** Note: if a wristband comes off during a game it must be replaced before the team's next game. The player or team official must report to the field convenor with the team roster and player / team official identification.

## **19. Game-Sheets**

Game-Sheets will be supplied by field convenors. Team officials must report to the field convenor to sign the game sheet no later than 30-minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time for each game.

## **20. Player Uniforms and Equipment**

The equipment of all players must conform to the Laws of the Game as set out by FIFA. All players must wear a number on the back of their shirt. This number must coincide with the player's name and number as shown on the game sheet. Each player on a team shall have a different number. If team colours clash, the home team shall be responsible to change colours; the home team being the first team listed in the schedule. At the discretion of Biosteel Canada Cup Committee, a team that does not observe the colour change or number requirements of this rule may forfeit the game. Shin guards are mandatory.

## **21. Game Balls**

Divisions U13-U18 shall use a Size 5 ball. Game balls may be supplied by Biosteel Canada Cup; if not, each team will supply a regulation size ball, from which one will be selected by the referee to be used in the game.

## **22. Game Length**

Tournament Division

Preliminary, Quarter Final & Semi Final

Final

U13 & U14 2 x 30minutes

2 x 40minutes

U15, U16 & U17/18

2 x 30minutes

2 x 45- minutes

A quarter final, semi final or final game tied after regulation time shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark. As per FIFA, only players on the field of play at the end of regulation time shall be eligible to take part in the taking of kicks from

the penalty mark.

## **22. Substitutions**

Unlimited substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play at the discretion of the referee. No substitution shall be allowed for a player ejected from a game.

## **23. Determining Group Winners**

Each team will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and zero points for a loss. At the end of the preliminary round, the group winner shall be the team with the most points. If teams are tied on points, the following criteria shall be used to determine the winner: a) Most wins b) Winner of the game between the two teams tied (applies to 2-way ties only) c) Best goal differential (i.e. goals for minus goals against) d) fewest goals against. e) Most goals scored. f) A drawing of lots at a time and location determined by Biosteel Canada Cup Committee with or without the presence of team officials.

## **24. Wildcards**

Wildcard teams selected for quarter final or semi final games will be those with the best non-qualifying record determined by the number of points accumulated. If tied on points, criteria 24a, c, d, and e shall apply. In the first play-off round, no wildcard team shall play against a team from the same preliminary group. In such an event all teams shall be rotated forward until there is no conflict. In a group of five (5) Teams where all other groups are four (4) the co-efficient formula will be decided by dividing the total points by 4 and multiplying the result by 3. The Goal differential will be decided by dividing the total goals for minus the goals against then dividing by 4 and multiplying by 3.

## **25. Failure to Show**

Teams shall be allowed a 15-minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before they are considered to have failed to show. A minimum of 7 players constitutes a team and the game shall be started if a team has at least that number of players. The period of grace shall only be allowed if a team has less than the minimum number of players required present at the field. In the event of a failure to show, the offending team shall forfeit the game. If both teams fail to show, a ruling will be made by Biosteel Canada Cup Committee. If a team pulls out or fails to register, its games shall be considered forfeit.

## **26. Arrival Time for Tournament**

Finals All players and team officials playing in the final game must report to the field convenor 45-minutes before kick-off wearing their wristbands and presenting the team roster form and player/team official identification.