

**2021 TOP RATED – CHALLENGE CUP (October 9 – 11, 2021)
INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT U13 - U18**

The object of The Umbro Top Rated – Challenge Cup (UTR-CC) is to promote the game of soccer through sportsmanship, fair play and quality competition. These rules are intended to support that objective, however all rules have their limitations and every participant, whether player or official, is expected to act in a manner that brings credit to the game. Doing so will add to the enjoyment of everyone.

1. 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 the UTRC.

2. Team Eligibility

All participating teams must be registered with their provincial, state or national association. Teams must have proof of permission to travel duly authorized by their governing association (does not apply to Peel Halton District teams). All Teams from outside Ontario must provide proof of **Medical Insurance** for all players.

Teams will be accepted to play in the tournament or showcase at the sole discretion of the UTR-SC Committee. Any Team withdrawing from the tournament or showcase after official notification of acceptance will forfeit its entry fee.

3. Proof of vaccination for indoor facility

News Release for COVID-19: [City of Mississauga Facilities To Require Proof of Vaccination starting September 22.](#)

Note that the 2021 Challenge Cup, will be utilizing the 'Mississauga Stadium' indoor facility for select games and teams participating in those games are subject to follow government guidelines for proof of vaccination.

4. Age

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

Division	Birth Year
Under 13	2008
Under 14	2007
Under 15	2006
Under 16	2005
Under 17	2004
Under 18	2003

5. Team Roster

Event	Roster Max	Dress per Game
Tournament	22	18

6. Maximum Playing Time

OSA Competitions Policy 6.5.1 limits playing time per player per day:

Division	Max. Playing Time per Day
U13 - U18	150 minutes per Player

The Umbro Top Rated Challenge Cup expects coaches will self-monitor in order to respect the OSA policy.

There shall be a minimum on one hour between each game played by any team.

7. Divisions may be combined

Tournament: Where two age divisions are undersubscribed The UTR-SC reserves the right to combine them.

8. Team and Player Registration

There will be no 'in person' registration. Registration will follow an **online** process, involving uploading the require forms into gotsoccer. Emails will be sent to managers and coaches on the process to follow.

Any team failing to register as required may be dismissed from the tournament at the discretion of the UTR-SC 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 UTR-SC 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 convener.

9. Guest Players

Any team using guest players from another club must have a Temporary Eligibility Permit (TEP) for each player as per OSA Rules and Regulations (or equivalent as per their governing body). There is no limit to number of guest players.

Players from the same club are not considered guest players.

10. Game-Sheets

Game-Sheets must be completed and signed by a team official and presented to the **match officials** for verification no later than 15-minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff time for each game. Only players and team officials on the approved roster may be included on a game sheet.

Each team must provide its own game sheets – download and print from the official event website.

11. 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.

12. Discipline

The UTR-SC uses the OSA Discipline by Review System. 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.

In cases of violent conduct or misconduct against a game official, the offending player shall be dismissed from the tournament or showcase.

Any team official being ejected from a game must appear before The UTR-SC Discipline Committee prior to his/her team's next scheduled game.

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 convener of his/her intentions within 30 minutes of the conclusion of said game.

13. 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 UTR-SC 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.

14. Extraordinary Weather

In the event of severe weather conditions (e.g., continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat or poor field conditions), the UTR-SC 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.
- d) Consider a game complete if 25 percent of the game or less was not played when abandoned by the referee.
- e) The City has the right to cancel fields in the case of lightning or unplayable conditions.

15. Scheduling

Scheduling and the assignment of referees are the responsibility of the UTR-SC Committee.

16. Determining Group Winners

Tournament: 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) Most goals scored
- e) Kicks from the penalty mark as per FIFA at a time and location determined by the UTRC Committee.

17. Wildcards

Tournament: Wildcard teams selected for quarter final or semifinal games will be those with the best non-qualifying record determined by the number of points accumulated. If tied on points, criteria 15a, 15c, 15d, 15e 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.

18. Game Length & Extra Time

Tournament Division	Preliminary Quarter Finals & Semi Finals	Finals
U13 – U18	2 x 35 min	2 x 35 min

Tournament: A quarter final, semifinal or final game tied after regulation time shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark. No overtime. 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.

19. 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 the UTR-SC Committee.

If a team pulls out or fails to register, its games shall be considered forfeit.

20. Forfeited Games

Tournament: At the discretion of The UTR-SC 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 opponent of a team which has forfeited a preliminary game shall be awarded a win and 3 points in group standings and a 2-0 victory.

21. Abandoned Games

The UTR-SC Committee shall review the circumstances of any game abandoned by the referee. The finding of the Committee and subsequent decision shall be final and not subject to any appeal. An abandoned Game is **not** a forfeit.

22. Arrival Time for Tournament Finals

Tournament: All players and team officials playing in the final game must report to the match convenor 30-minutes before kick-off to submit the team roster form and player/team official identification.

23. 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 the UTR-SC Committee, a team that does not observe the colour change or number requirements of this rule may forfeit the game.

Shin guards are mandatory.

24. Field Conveners

Field Conveners appointed by The UTR-SC Committee shall be on duty at each game location. They are responsible for general questions, collecting forms and reporting scores. Field conveners are not authorized to explain or interpret tournament or showcase rules.

25. Game Balls

Game balls may be supplied by teams participating; each team will supply a regulation size ball, from which one will be selected by the referee to be used in the game. Divisions U13-18 shall use a Size 5 ball.

26. General

The UTR-SC Committee and/or the Peel Halton Soccer Association will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament or showcase is cancelled in whole or in part; and also will not be responsible for expenses such as parking tickets incurred by teams and families. The UTRC Committee and/or the Peel Halton Soccer Association reserve the right to resolve all matters pertaining to The UTR-SC Soccer International Tournament.

The UTR-SC Committee's interpretation of the rules and all other tournament or showcase documentation is final.

27. Refund Policy

Upon acceptance, the team's entry fee is non-refundable. If your team is accepted and later withdraws, the entry fee is non-refundable.

If the tournament is cancelled due to events beyond the control of the Tournament Committee, the entry fee refunds will be subject to review.