2026 TOP RATED – CHALLENGE CUP
INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The object of the Top Rated – Super Cup (TR-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 tournament organizers.

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 at the sole discretion of the TR-CC Committee. Any Team withdrawing from the tournament after official notification of acceptance will forfeit its entry fee.

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

Division	Birth Year
Under 14	2012
Under 15	2011
Under 16	2010
Under 17	2009
Under 18/19	2007/2008

4.Team Roster
Teams may only dress and play up to a maximum of twenty (20) Players in each game of the tournament.

Event	Roster Max	Dress per Game
Tournament	22	20

5. Maximum Playing Time
OSA Competitions Policy 6.5.1 limits playing time per player per day:

Division	Max. Playing Time per Day
U14	150 minutes per Player

Top Rated Events organizers expects coaches will self-monitor playing time in accordance to the OSA policy.

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

6. Divisions may be combined
Tournament: Where two age divisions are undersubscribed the TR-CC reserves the right to combine them.

7. Team and Player Registration
Team registration can be in person or online which will be determined by the event organizers. Online process may involve uploading the require forms into operating system (GotSport).

Any team failing to register as required may be dismissed from the tournament at the discretion of the TP-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 TR-CC 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Substitutions
Unlimited substitutions may be made with the referee's permission:

- After a goal has been scored.
- At the beginning of the second half of play or prior to the beginning of an overtime period if applicable.
- At a goal kick by either team; or
- At a throw in by the team in possession. (Teams may "piggyback")
- In case of stoppage of play for an injury

Under no circumstances may substitutions be made (1) on corner kicks or (2) after the game has ended in a tie and FIFA penalty kicks will be required to determine a winner. No substitution shall be allowed for a player ejected from a game.

11. Discipline
The TR-CC 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 tournament 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 TR-CC Discipline Committee prior to his/her team's next scheduled game.

12. 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 TR-CC 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. The person requesting a hearing must notify the field convener of his/her intentions within 30 minutes of the conclusion of said game. No one may protest a game in which his/her team has not participated.

Note: **A referee's on-field decision cannot be appealed.**

13. Extraordinary Weather
In the event of severe weather conditions (e.g., continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat or poor field conditions), the TR-CC 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.

14. Scheduling
Scheduling and the assignment of referees are the responsibility of the TR-CC Committee.

15. 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 Tournament Committee.

Group of 6
(2 brackets of 3): Two brackets: Bracket A (A1, A2, A3) and Bracket B (B1, B2, B3)

- Cross-bracket matches: Each team in Bracket A plays all 3 teams in Bracket B
- No intra-bracket games: Teams do not play teams within their own bracket

Finalist: The two teams accumulating the most points from all six teams will advance to the finals to determine which team is the Champion (Wildcard 1 vs Wildcard 2). It is possible that the finalists could have played each other already.

Group of 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.

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16. Game Length & Extra Time

Tournament Division	Preliminary Quarter Finals & Semi Finals	Finals
U14 - U18/U19	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.

17. Failure to Show
Teams shall be allowed a 10-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 TR-CC Committee.

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

Any team failing to fulfill its scheduled Showcase game shall forfeit its entry fee and its club/academy + individual team shall be subject to a set fine up to a maximum fine of $600.00.

18. Forfeited Games
Tournament: At the discretion of the TR-CC 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 3-0 victory.

19. Abandoned Games
The TR-CC 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.

20. Player/Team Official Identification.
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.

21. Travel Permits
Non-Peel Halton Soccer Association members are required to provide an approved Travel Permit from the governing districts. Team who fail to secure an approved travel permit prior to the start of the tournament will not be eligible to participate in the event and will be withdrawn immediately with no refund of entry fee.

22. 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 TR-CC Committee, a team that does not observe the colour change or number requirements of this rule may forfeit the game.

Shin guards are mandatory.

23. Field Conveners/AT's
Field Conveners appointed by the TR-CC 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.

24. 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 U14-18 shall use a Size 5 ball.

25. General
The TR-CC 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 TRC Committee and/or the Peel Halton Soccer Association reserve the right to resolve all matters pertaining to The TR-CC Soccer International Tournament.

The TR-CC Committee's interpretation of the rules and all other tournaments or showcase documentation is final.

26. Match Officials
Match Official fees for all tournament matches are included within the tournament entry fee. Participating teams will not be required to provide any additional referee payments at the field or venue. All Match Officials will be assigned and compensated directly by the Tournament Organizing Committee in accordance with Ontario Soccer standards and sanctioned competition procedures.

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, entry fee refunds will be subject to review.