

2018 LCBC Soccer Information & Rules

League Information

Game information:

- Premier – Monday nights – The first game will be on June 4th.
- Competitive – Thursday nights – The first game will be on May 31st.
- Recreational – Tuesday nights – The first game will be on May 29th.
- Each team will play at least 10 games.
- All games will be played on the fields of LCBC.
- Games will begin at 6:15 PM and 7:15 PM sharp, unless noted differently on the schedule, with both teams meeting at the center at 6:10 PM and 7:10 PM each night for a coin toss and an opening prayer by a player from the home team.
- Games will begin on time, even if one team is short players.

Team Rosters/Players:

- All players must be at least 18 years old before August 8, 2018.
- The League reserves the right to add players to team rosters.
- There are no restrictions on the number of male and female players on the roster.
- Only players that have registered with the league, paid the league fee, signed the player waiver, and appear on a roster may play in scheduled games due to liability reasons (see guest players).
- Guest players – Any team that will be short players for a scheduled game may register guest players. A substitute keeper may be used regardless of the number of field players attending the game if your regular keeper is not available to play. The guest player must register at the shed, sign the waivers, pay their \$10.00, and wear a pinny. No team may use more than 8 guest field players during the season. Teams may use an unlimited number of guest keepers. No guest players may be used during playoffs.
- Any team allowing someone to participate in a scheduled game that is not on their roster or a registered guest player will forfeit that game. If a team violates this rule a second time during the season they will forfeit that game and forfeit the right to be in the playoffs.

Game Duration:

- Games will consist of two 25-minute halves with a 5 minute half time.

Equipment:

- No jewelry.
- All team members must wear the same colored shirt with a number on the back or a league pinny.
- All players must wear shin guards upon entering the field. No exceptions.

Cards:

- Yellow cards will accumulate during the season. Any player accumulating three yellow cards will receive a one game suspension.
- Any player committing a second yellow card offense in a single game will receive a soft red and will sit out for the rest of the game. This will be recorded as a red card only and not count towards the yellow card rule.
- A soft red infraction will result in that player sitting out the rest of the game, and the team does not play short.
- A hard red card infraction will result in that player sitting out the rest of the current game and the next scheduled game. The team will finish the game one player short.
- The Lead Team reserves the right to review any and all cards or any other misconduct and impose sanctions, as deemed appropriate, against the player. The sanctions may include a meeting with the player and the Lead Team, additional game suspensions, or suspension from the league.

Standings/Scores:

- Three points will be given for a win.
- One point will be given for a tie.
- Zero points will be given for a loss.
- A forfeit will be recorded as 8-0 and does not count as a shutout.

Tiebreakers:

- In the event of a tie in the standings the following tiebreakers will be used in the order that they are listed.
 1. Head to head competition.
 2. Fewest amount of goals scored against.
 3. Fewest cards.
 4. Greatest number of shutouts.
 5. Coin flip.

Determining a winner:

- Regular season games may end in a tie.
- Championship and playoff games must have a winner. If the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the following procedure will be applied.
 1. Two 5 minute golden goal overtime periods. At the start of the first overtime period each team will reduce their players on the field by one male and one female. At the start of the second overtime period both teams will reduce their players on the field by one additional male. There will be a coin flip to determine ends of field and play will start with a drop ball at midfield. If there is no winner at the end of the first overtime

period then teams will switch ends of the field and play will start with a drop ball. Normal substitution is allowed during the overtime periods.

2. Penalty kicks. Only the players on the field at the end of the second overtime period may participate in the penalty kicks. Three members of each team (one must be a female) will take turns kicking from the mark. If the score is still tied then one player from each team will alternate taking kicks from the mark until there is a winner. No player may kick a second time until all members of their team on the field have kicked. If one team has less players on the field at the end of the second overtime period due to a red card, the FIFA rules will apply. Any player on the field may act as keeper for their team.

Inclement Weather:

- Games will be cancelled if the forecast is calling for thunderstorms or if there is a tornado watch for the area at game time.
- If games need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the league will send out an email to the email that you listed on your registration form by 5 PM.
- Games may be made up on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday nights. There may be times when some teams may need to play two games in one evening. If games are cancelled due to rain, then the games will be played on a future evening determined by the league Lead Team. In the event that games are unable to be rescheduled, each team will receive 1 point for the game for league standings.
- If weather turns bad once players are at the fields, the officials and commissioner will make the call on games.
- The Lightning Rule is 30 minutes after the last flash/crash to resume play. Officials and league Commissioner will monitor the lightning rule.
 1. If at least half of a game has been played when the game is suspended for weather, the game will be considered official. The game will not restart. If the officials lift the restriction, the next set of games will start.
 2. If part of the division has completed a game that night, but other games are cancelled, the teams that do not play will have their games rescheduled by the assigner.
 3. When games are called by officials due to weather, it is for the players' safety. All players are to leave the fields immediately.
- If the temperature or heat index during the games is above 90 degrees the referees will stop the game about half way through each half to provide water breaks. The game clock will continue to run during the break. Games could also be cancelled and rescheduled if the heat index creates unsafe playing conditions.

Playoff/Championships:

- Playoffs will be held during the last two weeks of the season.
- The top four teams in each division will advance to the playoff round.
- The end of the season award celebrations will be scheduled for the final night of play in each division.

League Rules

- Standard FIFA rules apply unless otherwise noted.
- Games will be played 8v8 including the keeper.
- There are to be at least 2 females playing on the field at all times. If only one female is available to play at any given time, then the team will play with only 7 players. If there are no females available to play, then the team will play with 6 players.
- Each team must have at least six players to start the game or they will forfeit. The game can then be played for fun if both teams agree and any registered player from any team may participate in the game.
- Kickoff can be played forward or back, but teams can't score directly from the kickoff.
- There are no off sides.
- Both teams may substitute on either team's throw-in, goal kicks, and after a goal is scored. Players must get the referee's approval to enter the field. Players are to notify the referee at the time of substitution by standing at the midfield sideline.
- There are no slides. A slide is when a player goes down to play the ball and any part of his/her body in addition to feet makes contact with the field. Players may slide to save a ball from going out of touch, but no other players may be in the area. If a player slides and there is no contact with another player, then the game will restart with an indirect free kick (no card). Players will receive a yellow card if they slide and make contact with another player in a non-violent manner, and the game will restart with an indirect free kick. If the slide is considered violent, then the player will receive a hard red, and play will restart with a direct kick.
- No dissent will be tolerated. Only the team captain may address the officials with a concern during halftime or after the game.
- Foul language is not acceptable. Referees will issue a verbal warning if no spectators could hear the foul language. If in the opinion of the referee the foul language can be heard by any spectator, the player will receive a yellow card. If the foul language is directed at another player or official, the referee will issue a soft red.