

Milton Adult Soccer League (MASL) Rules

1. Our objective is to foster good sportsmanship and an enjoyable experience in the game of soccer. Our focus is to create a recreational and friendly attitude while maintaining a high level of play in our games. We aim to promote respect and consideration for fellow players, for game officials and for club administrators.

All games shall follow the general rules of soccer as set forth by F.I.F.A. and adhered to by The Ontario Soccer Association and The Peel-Halton Soccer Association.

2. **Matches** shall consist of two 45-minute halves and a 5-minute half time break. The duration of games or half time break may be shortened due to adverse playing conditions or other reasons.

Games which have played one half and are terminated or suspended shall be deemed to be complete games. The scores at that point of the game will be the final score. If games are terminated or suspended prior to the half, the game will be deemed incomplete and a replay will be scheduled on a best efforts basis.

Games which cannot be re-scheduled shall result in a tie, except where a team was leading by 3 goals or more prior to the stoppage of the game. The team that was leading will be awarded the win. (This ruling will come under review if stoppage is caused by the team which was leading the game). Goals and cautions in games which are deemed to be incomplete will be treated the same as in a completed game.

3. **Substitutions** may only take place during a stoppage in play caused by the ball leaving the field boundaries or in the case of injury. Unlimited substitutions are permitted during a game.

Substitutions must be initiated by the team with possession of the ball. Both teams can make substitutions once the referee has been notified and gives permission to make the substitutions. If the team with possession does not initiate a change, the opposing team may not make a substitution except in the case of injury and will be at the discretion of the game officials.

4. **Players** must be registered with the Milton Adult Soccer League (MASL) prior to taking part in any official games. Any team which plays an unregistered player in a match, other than a game which has been forfeited, a win will be awarded to the opposing team. Upon review, Milton Adult Soccer League (MASL), may impose further disciplinary actions which may include suspensions or deduction of points etc., if deemed necessary in accordance with the rule violation.

Any player who is under suspension by Peel Halton SA or by OSA shall not be eligible to register with Milton Adult Soccer League (MASL) or participate in any of its games.

All players must be at least 18 years of age during the calendar year in which they register to be eligible to play in Milton Adult Soccer League (MASL).

If a player that has registered and paid has to withdraw from the league before the first game has been played, he will be allowed to do so, there will be a \$50.00 Administration fee. Once the first game has been played there will be no refunds. **(No Exceptions)**

The deadline to add players to your existing roster will be July 8th, 2022.

5. **Each team** must have numbered shirts of the same colour and all players on a team must have a different numbered shirt.

Players must wear the same number for each game.

Each team shall provide a list of player names with their corresponding shirt numbers. If a player does not have his usual numbered jersey at the game, he must inform the game official and must be clearly identifiable on the game sheet and on the pitch in order to be permitted to play in the game.

Any attempts by a team to play a person who is not registered with the club and/or to impersonate a registered player will be penalized with possible loss of points and fines as determined by the club operators upon review.

6. **CAUTIONS & FINES:** In accordance with the OSA & PHSA Discipline policies, the club will adhere to the D.B.R. system (Discipline By Review). Suspensions will be a minimum as described below. Appeals are not permitted of DBR decisions as set forth in Discipline Policy 7.0 of the OSA.

6.1 **Misconduct and violation** of the rules may result in suspensions, fines, point deductions or expulsion from the league without refund to a player or to the team.

Violent behaviour towards the officials or other players will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the league and a fine. Additional fines and suspensions may result for any offense which is brought before the Peel Halton Soccer Association disciplinary board.

Standard Penalties for Player Misconduct

All suspensions are immediate and mandatory. Probationary, suspended or concurrent sentences are not permitted.

If a game is cancelled due to any reason, players who are suspended will have their suspensions carry over to their next official match, next official match could be one of the following: League, Cup, Playoffs, which will not necessarily be against the originally scheduled team.

| pe | Description of Misconduct | 1st playing seasonal offense | 2nd playing seasonal offense | 3rd playing seasonal offense |
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| | First Caution | No action | | |
| | Second Caution | No action | | |
| | Third Caution | No action | | |
| | Fourth Caution | 1 game suspension & \$10 fine | | |
| | Fifth Caution | 2 game suspension & \$20 fine | | |
| | Sixth caution & any subsequent caution | 3 game suspension & \$25 fine | | |
| 3 | Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game for which neither of the cautions were directed at the game official(s) | 1 game suspension & \$25 fine | 3 game suspension & \$50 fine | see misconduct 1.22 |
| 4 | Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game for which at least one of the cautions were directed at the game official(s) | 2 game suspension & \$25 fine | 4 game suspension & \$50 fine | see misconduct 1.22 |
| 5 | Dismissed or reported by game official for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at anyone other than the game officials | 1 game suspension & \$25 fine | 3 game suspension & \$50 fine | see misconduct 1.22 |
| 6 | Dismissed or reported by game official for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at the game official(s) | 3 game suspension & \$25 fine | Suspended from all league play | |

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| 6A | Dismissed or reported by game official for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at the game official(s) after having been previously dismissed or reported | 6 game suspension & \$25 fine | Suspended from all league play | |
| 7 | Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball | 1 game suspension | 2 game suspension & \$25 fine | see misconduct 1.22 |
| 8 | Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the players goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick | 2 game suspension & \$25 fine | 4 game suspension & \$50 fine | see misconduct 1.22 |
| 9 | Dismissed for "Serious foul play" (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent when challenging for the ball, while the ball is in play) otherwise see 1.21A | 2 game suspension & \$25 fine | 4 game suspension & \$50 fine | see misconduct 1.22 |
| 9A | Dismissed for "Serious foul play" where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious attempt to injure or a complete disregard for the safety of an opponent (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent when challenging for the ball, while the ball is in play) otherwise see 1.21A | 8 game suspension & \$25 fine | Suspended from all league play | |
| | Dismissed or reported for "spitting" at an opponent or any other person" | 4 game suspension & \$25 fine | Banned from league | |
| 1 | Dismissed or reported for "Violent conduct" | 3 game suspension & \$25 fine | Banned from league | |
| 1A | Dismissed or reported for "Violent conduct" where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious attempt to seriously injure a registrant | Banned from league | | |
| 2 | Received a third dismissal in a playing season | Banned from league | | |
| 3 | Played as an ineligible player | 2 game suspension & \$25 fine | 4 game suspension & \$50 fine | Suspended from all league play |
| 5 | Re- enters the field of play or player bench areas after having been dismissed from the game by the game official | 2 game suspension & \$25 fine | 4 game suspension & \$50 fine | Suspended from all league play |
| 1 | Game official assault for deliberate physical contact (pushing, pulling, charging) etc. or attempted physical contact or threatening | Banned from league + \$200 fine | | |
| 2 | Game official assault, striking, spitting, kicking or any form of violent conduct or attempted violent conduct | Banned from league + \$400 fine | | |

5 Instigated and/or participated in a brawl between two teams either before, during or after a game Banned from league + \$400 fine

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Slide tackling is allowed.

6.6 **Team Penalties:** Teams must have a game sheet prepared by kick-off that is legible and clearly identifies each player's name and jersey number. The game sheet must be given to the game officials.

Failure to provide these and other requirements stated in the code of conduct may result in a fine or point deduction to the offending team. A fair warning will be issued to teams prior to a penalty.

7. **General Club Policy:** Misconduct and violent actions by a player may result in suspension and fines. The amount of the fine shall be determined by the club (D.B.R.) in accordance with the Discipline Policy of the Peel Halton Soccer Association and OSA. Fines at this level of disciplinary action may be up to \$250.00 and could include suspension from playing in the province of Ontario. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their players. Should a player be charged or fined by Peel Halton SA or OSA and which results in an additional fine charged to Milton Adult Soccer League (MASL), the player and his team shall be responsible to pay the fine to the club. Discipline at this level is administered by PHSA by D.B.H. (Discipline By Hearing). Players are suspended from play in Ontario until a hearing is held by PHSA and the player is found innocent or serves the suspension and pays all fines charged to him.

7.1 Milton Adult Soccer League (MASL) reserves the right to fine or expel any player or team without refund for failure to comply with the Code of Conduct and if deemed to be necessary for the benefit of all players, teams and the club.

In the event of a tie after regular season play or after the playoffs the following will break the tie:

The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:

- a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
- b) goal difference in all group matches;
- c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- d) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned (Head-to-Head);
- e) if still tied after the above, the league will try to make every attempt to have a penalty kick tie breaker, if this is not plausible an additional playoff game will be played.