



## 2007 ONTFL LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules of this League and the rules of the Official T.F.O. Rule Book are in effect throughout the regular 2007 season and playoffs. It is the Responsibility of the respective team owners/managers to advise team members of the Rules and Regulations.

- 1.) **On field the Referee's decision is final.** All protests must be indicated to the Referee immediately at the time of the specific infraction or ruling. You cannot question the judgement call, but you can protest the application of the rule. If you have problems with the referee's judgment on specific cases, fill out the **Team Report on Officials**.
- 2.) **Game protests** must be submitted in legible writing the day of the game protested and will be ruled and decided upon by the Executive Committee in conjunction with a review of the referee's game report.
- 3.) **Score cards** must be completed and submitted to the referee's before game time. Late players may be added to the scorecard as they arrive.
- 4.) It is the responsibility of Team Managers to pick up and drop off goal post pads according to the Goal Post Pads' Pick-up and Drop-off schedule when necessary. **Lately the officials or field Coordinators have been dropping off and returning goal post pads to and from the fields or using permanent foam pads. Each team are expected to attach pads to the posts and return them to the sideline after the final game!**
- 5.) **A team may not sign a player who has played a League game for an opposing team or League,** without the consent of the former team and the League President.
- 6.) **Team Managers** must ensure that all players have registered and signed a roster release form before any player steps on the field for a practice, exhibition, Spring League or Regular Season games.
- 7.) **Intermediate teams from Divisions "A" to "H" may carry only** (1) Senior player during the regular season and playoffs. The Intermediate teams must declare their chosen Senior player by using the Senior Player Declaration Form provided and must submit it by hand to the League President before the teams first scheduled League game or forfeit that opportunity. Players used in this capacity are to help Intermediate teams generate new playing techniques and are therefore not eligible for the individual awards presented in the aforementioned Divisions and subsequently will not appear in statistical standings.
- 8.) **A team winning the overall intermediate League Championship** may have its roster frozen for the following year and may be required to compete at the SENIOR (Elite) level during that season for all ONTFL play. Any team not wishing to comply will have its members limited to a maximum of four players on any Intermediate team. Exceptions to these rules must be with the consent of that particular Team Manager and the League President.
- 9.) **Players wishing to compete in the Masters Division** must reach the age of 40 years during the same year of registration. The Masters Division has not been necessary for the past 6 years.

10.) All Touch Football Ontario Rosters for participating Trillium Tournament Teams must reduce their roster to 21 players, by July 9<sup>th</sup> , 2007. Player waiver forms must also be signed by all participants and also submitted by July 18th. In certain cases of extenuating circumstances not involving Trillium Tour Teams, exceptions may be made as to allow a player to participate in the ONTFL after the deadline.

11.) Teams must use a regulation football 13.5 PSI, as per the TFO Rule Book, at all games. At the Provincials and Nationals, it may be mandatory for teams to use sponsor's regulation footballs. This Sponsor Rule will not apply in 2007

12.) All players must be dressed in like sweaters accepted by the League. Matching bottoms would be preferable and desirable.

13.) Fighting during a game automatically incurs a game misconduct. Further action may be taken by the Disciplinary Committee. (see disciplinary procedures)

14.) In order to retain use of both Ottawa and Nepean playing fields, the last two teams at all fields of play are responsible for picking up stray garbage, beer bottles, and any miscellaneous items left by either players or spectators. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

15.) Verbal criticism and bad-mouthing towards referees, League Representatives and opposing players or fans on or off fields of play is inexcusable and will not be tolerated. Regardless of the situation, it can do nothing but degrade the quality and status of the ONTFL. Be assured, offending individuals will be handled with strict disciplinary measures.

16.) Teams desiring to report any League activity or information to the media must do so through the Publicity Director. If either teams or individuals proceed on their own to contact local media, press, radio, or TV appropriate disciplinary action will be taken by the League.

17.) In maintaining an organized, balanced and operational league, the Executive reserves the right to make changes as necessary during each season of operation.

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