# St. Catharines Club Roma Soccer TiAmo Super Cup Showcase 2025

August 1st to 4th, 2025

# **TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND RULES SHEET**

For Coaches/Officials/Convenors
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND RULES

# General Information:

- 1. Tournament headquarters are at Club Roma in St. Catharines, ON (125 Vansickle Road). One week prior to the tournament, teams are expected to provide the following:
  - A. Proof of registration with a FIFA affiliated organization for each player and coach in the team party.
  - B. Proof of permission to travel from the teams local/provincial/country association.
  - C. Proof of medical insurance for all players and coaches/managers if coming from outside Ontario.
  - D. TRP's for any player not registered to the club of guest players. Guest players from within club do not need this paperwork completed, however proof of registration is required.
- 2. The cost for the tournament is \$1,600 (Canadian). Tournament fees are expected to be submitted by July 1, 2025. There will be an earlybird discount of \$200 if registered prior to February 28, 2025.
- 4. The Tournament Committee and Club Roma will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part. Registration fees will be refunded if the tournament is cancelled prior to its commencement on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Refunds are not provided once a team has been accepted into the tournament.
- 5. Each team will play a minimum of one game, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Finals for all divisions will be held on Monday August 1, 2025.
- 6. In the event of bad weather, the Tournament Committee has the right to shorten games or adjust the schedule to complete the balance of the schedule, recognizing it is also trying to accommodate teams with the best resolution.

# <u>Tournament Rules</u> (Revised August 18, 2024)

#### 1. LAWS

 All games will be played in accordance with the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game as observed by the Ontario Soccer Association.

#### 2. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- All participating teams must be registered with their provincial, state, or national association. Teams must
  have proof of permission to travel by their governing association (does not apply to Niagara District teams).
  All teams from outside Ontario must provide proof of Medical Insurance for all players and
  coaches/managers. Rosters, Permit to Travel and Medical forms are expected to be uploaded to GotSport.
- Only players who are shown to have proper registration are eligible to play in the tournament.
- Any team withdrawing from the tournament after being accepted will forfeit their entry fee.
- Teams unable to show permission to travel by the governing association will not be able to participate and will not forfeit their entry fee.

# 3. DIVISION AGES

| Division | Birth Year |
|----------|------------|
| Under 13 | 2012       |
| Under 14 | 2011       |
| Under 15 | 2010       |
| Under 16 | 2009       |
| Under 17 | 2008       |
| Under 18 | 2007       |
| Under 21 | 2004-2006  |

#### 4. TEAM ROSTERS

- Teams can roster up to 25 players, and dress 20 players for a game.
- Teams can have up to 3 Guest Players for the Tournament. A guest player is defined as a player not on their
  official roster, stamped by their governing body. A callup from a team inside their club, or from outside their
  club. If from outside their club, the appropriate paperwork to temporary registration must be completed
  and uploaded with the teams official roster.

# 5. PLAYING TIME

- There is a limit on playing time, in accordance with Ontario Soccer Rules of 150 minutes per day.
- There will be a limit of 150 minutes of player time per day, and a minimum of 2 hours break between games for any team.
- Games will be 35 minutes per half. Tied games will not go to extra time.
- Semi-finals if required, will be 35 minute halves. If tied they will not go to extra time and will go directly to penalty kicks.
- Finals will be 40 minute per half. If tied they will not go to extra time and go directly to penalty kicks.

#### 6. COMBINATION OF DIVISIONS

• Where there is not enough teams to have a division within ones own age group, age groups may be combined.

#### 7. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- The home team is responsible for supplying the game balls.
- The home team is responsible for changing jerseys should the referee ask due to a conflict of jersey colours between the two teams.
- The home team is responsible for reporting the score into the GotSport system at the end of the game, and then return the game sheets to the referee. The coach should use the QR Code on the GotSport Gamesheet to complete this, if a password is asked, it is at the top of the gamesheet.

# 8. POINT SYSTEMS FOR U13 TO U21 SOCCER

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss

# 9. DETERMINATION OF DIVISION LEADERS

- Division leaders will be determined by the following criteria, in order:
  - A. Most points
  - B. Performance head-to-head
  - C. Goal difference
  - D. Goals against (fewer)
  - E. Goals for (more)
  - F. Number of Yellow Cards (Red Cards count as 2) (fewer)
  - F. Penalty shots (as per F.I.F.A. rules)

#### **10. SUBSTITUTIONS**

- Unlimited substitution is permitted during a game, but may only be made at the following stoppages of play:
  - A. When a goal is scored
  - B. At a goal kick
  - C. At the beginning of the second half
  - D. At the beginning of the first or second half of extra time
  - E. For an injured player at the referee's discretion
  - F. On own throw-in, piggybacking is allowed

# 11. COACHING

Coaches must stay within the technical area that extends one yard either side of the team bench and one
yard for the sideline. Coaching outside of this area will not be permitted. Only team officials are allowed in
this area. Team officials are reminded that they are not allowed on the field of play without the referee's
permission.

#### 12. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A player receiving two (2) yellow cards during the tournament will be suspended for the next game.
- A player receiving a red card will be suspended from the next game but could be more depending on the infraction and discipline set by the discipline committee for the tournament.
- A player found having violent conduct or misconduct against a game official will be suspended from the rest of the tournament.
- A player receiving two (2) red cards during the tournament will be suspended from the tournament.
- The referee's jurisdiction regarding cautions and ejections shall be extended to cover all the officials who will
  be subject to the same disciplinary action as players. Coaches will be held responsible for the behaviour of all
  spectators in their party.
- Any coach that is removed from the game by the game official will be suspended for a minimum of 1 game.

#### 13. PROTESTS

- If a team wishes to protest a decision, the official protest form must be filled out and a payment of \$100 will be submitted to tournament headquarters at Club Roma. Protest forms can be found at tournament headquarters.
- The form must be signed by both the party making the protest and a representative of Club Roma to ensure that the protest is filed.
- The protest must be filed within 1 hour of the end of the game being played. If it is not within this timeframe, the protest will not be heard.
- A protest ruling will be given within 1 hour of the protest being filed. All decisions are final. Protests cannot be made on decision that have been made regarding a ruling of a previous protest.
- If the protest is successful, the \$100 fee will be returned to the team filing the protest.
- On-field decisions made by the referee cannot be protested.

# **14. REFEREE FEES**

• All referee fees will be paid for by the tournament committee. Referee will receive \$50, and Assistant Referees will receive \$35.

# **15. FAILURE TO SHOW**

- Any team failing to show for a scheduled game will result in dismissal from the tournament and the tournament fee forfeited. A result of 1-0 will be recorded in favour of the team that should have played the team failing to show.
- 7 players are needed to begin a game.
- There will be a 10-minute period of grace given to allow players and coaches to arrive.
- A refund will not be granted should a team fail to show for games or for the tournament.

#### **16. ABANDONED GAMES**

• The tournament committee will look at reasons for abandonment and determine the result of the game should a referee abandon any match. The result as determined by the committee cannot be protested.

#### 17. UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS

- In the event of severe weather conditions, and fields are determined to be unplayable, the tournament committee may change the duration of games and location of games to ensure that they are able to be played. The amount of time needed to have games considered to be completed may be reduced as well, as low as 25% of the game having been played.
- In the event of severe weather conditions, games that do not have a bearing on determining group placements to semi-finals or finals may be cancelled.

#### **18. FIELD CONVENORS**

• There will be field convenors at every field. They are responsible for answering questions and helping in reporting scores. Field convenors are not there to interpret rules, however, can contact the tournament committee to ask for an interpretation of a rule.