

St. Catharines Club Roma Spring Kickoff, Presented by Boston Pizza

April 24th to April 26th, 2026: Boys U12 through U18
May 1st to May 3rd, 2026: Girls U12 through U18

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND RULES SHEET

For Coaches/Officials/Convenors

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION, RULES AND SPECTATOR CODE



General Information:

1. Tournament registration will be done online on GotSport, our tournaments registration, scheduling, and scoring reporting system.

- U12 and U13 will be tournament format as we are co-hosting these age groups with the Niagara Soccer Association.
- all players must be in GotSport by April 10, 2026 and then rosters will be frozen.
- temporary registration permits for guest players (maximum of 3 players that are not on your official OSA roster)
- signed code of conduct sheet. One coach/manager can sign for the entire team.
- teams coming from outside the boundaries of the Niagara Soccer Association must provide an approved travel permit from their home District.

2. **The cost for the tournament** is \$750 for U12 and U18. Your team must be registered and the tournament fee paid for by April 10, 2026. Tournament fees will not be accepted before your first game.

3. All players must be registered as travel competitive or recreational, select, or all-star players with the participating club. Each team is allowed three (3) guest players for which the team will provide a TEP form for the player. **Proof of status will be required from your local association.** Any violation of the above rules may result in dismissal from the tournament and the tournament fee will be forfeited. TEP's are not needed for players you are calling up from within your own club, however, proof of registration with the OSA is required.

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 each weekend.

5. 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.

6. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this event.

7. Recreational Club (L5, L6, and L7) and Competitive Club (L3 and L4) league teams are allowed to enter the tournament, the divisions for such will be combined unless there are enough teams of each to separate into different tournament groups where teams of the same classification will be grouped together.

Tournament Rules U12 to U18
Updated November 27, 2025

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. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

- The first team listed on the schedule is the home team. **The home team will supply the game ball.** Where both teams' playing colours are similar, the home team will change at the request of the referee.

3. GAME SHEETS

- Gamesheets will be printed by the tournament committee, no need to produce game sheets for your games.

4. NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A team U12 to U18 may register up to 25 players for the tournament, however only 20 may appear on a game sheet. The tournament will provide awards for up to 20 players and 2 coaches for the tournament.
- Players can only be registered to one team in the tournament.
- If a team wishes to check the player books/OSA roster, they can check player books before the start of the game, or at half-time if the eligibility of the player is in play. The team must also be able to supply the team roster sheet that is stamped at registration. TRP forms must be provided for players that are callups from outside the team's club.

5. DURATION OF PLAY – ALL DIVISIONS U13 to U18

- Preliminary rounds 2 x 25 minute halves, 5 minute half-time. Tied game will NOT go to extra time.
- Finals: 2 x 25 minute halves, 5 minute half-time. Tied game will NOT go to extra time, and will go straight to penalty kicks in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules, if required.

6. POINT SYSTEM for U13 through U18 Soccer

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

7. DETERMINATION OF DIVISION LEADERS

- Division leaders will be determined by the following criteria, in order:
 1. Most points
 2. Performance head-to-head
 3. Goal difference
 4. Goals against (fewer)
 5. Goals for (more)
 6. Penalty shots (as per F.I.F.A. rules)

8. SUBSTITUTIONS

- Unlimited substitution is permitted during a game, but may only be made at the following stoppages of play:
 - when a goal is scored
 - at a goal kick
 - at the beginning of the second half
 - at the beginning of the first or second half of extra time
 - for an injured player at the referee's discretion
 - on own throw-in, piggybacking is allowed

9. 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.
- Parents and other fans are not allowed in this area and must remain on the opposite side of the field from the players' benches. This rule will be strictly enforced. No exceptions.

10. 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.

11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A player receiving two (2) yellow cards during the tournament will be suspended from the next game.
- A player receiving a red card will be suspended from the next game.
- A player receiving two (2) red cards during the tournament will be suspended from the tournament and not eligible for further games.
- 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 not be allowed back on the team's bench for the rest of the tournament.

12. PROTEST PROCEDURES

(a) In the event that a team wishes to protest, **the official protest form must be filled out and a payment of \$100 will be submitted to tournament headquarters at Sir Winston Churchill.** Protest forms can be found at tournament headquarters or online on the Club Roma Soccer website.

(b) Protests cannot be made based on a referee decision on the field of play during the game.

(b) 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.

(c) **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.**

(d) 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.

(e) If the protest is successful, the \$100 fee will be returned to the team filing the protest.

13. REFEREE FEES

Middle Referee - \$45- per game, Assistant Referee - \$35 per game

Fair Play Code for Spectators

1. I will remember that children play sports for their enjoyment and development, not for my entertainment.
2. I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will encourage participants to do the same.
3. I will respect the officials' decisions, and I will encourage the participants to do the same.
4. I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
5. I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and officials.
6. I will show respect for my team's opponents; without them there would be no game.
7. I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials, or other spectators.