



Brantford City Soccer Club
Outdoor Soccer League-Update to Playing Rules
In effect for 2021 Summer Season *only*



Changes to Game Rules:

- **There will be ZERO tolerance for spitting on or around the field of play/turf.** If spitting is seen by one of the match officials it is an automatic red card and send off.
- Defender and attacker **deliberate** contact is not permitted at **any time**
- The referee should **NOT** make hand contact with the ball, only the goalies should do this. Match Officials are to use their foot to pass the ball when transferring to a player
- The ball shall only be touched by the referee when it is being distributed and collected for sanitizing.
- To reduce body fluid transfer onto the ball surface the following changes have been implemented:
 - Heading of the ball is not permitted. Heading of the ball will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.
 - All drop balls will be converted to an indirect free kick for the team defending.
 - If the drop ball is inside the penalty area after hitting the Referee, the ball automatically goes to the Goalkeeper.
 - Walls for Free Kicks:
 - Deliberate contact between the defender and attacker is not permitted when creating a wall. Failure to comply will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
 - Players are responsible for retrieving out of play balls with their feet, no help from spectators may be provided to retrieve the ball or equipment.
- There will be no coin tosses instead the home team chooses the half of the field.
- No goal celebrations (incorporating physical touching) are permitted. Violations will result in: first offence-a verbal caution to the goal scorer, second offence-yellow card, and third offence-red card. If continual occurrence a yellow or red card may immediately be utilized
- Teams are permitted unlimited on-the-fly player substitutions.
- When a player is injured, Match Officials may only observe and refer assistance to the team bench.
- There will be no handshakes or high five's permitted at any time before, during or after any event.
- Parents/Guardians are considered general spectators and must adhere to social distancing rules and all other public health and safety protocols.
- Player inspections by match officials may still be completed but must be at a distance of no less than two (2) meters/six (6) feet.
- Players are permitted to wear face masks and/or gloves if they would like to do so.
- Goalie changes limited to one per game (one goalie for each half)