

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the **2018/19 season**

Welcome to the 2018/19 Lower Island soccer season. Inter-club play for the Under-13 division begins Saturday, September 15.

All league schedules and team contacts are posted on the LISA website <https://www.lowerislandsoccer.com/>. Go to “Competitions” and in the drop-down box select either “Small Sided – Boys” or “Small Sided – Girls” and then click on the schedule for your league.

It is each team’s responsibility to check their website schedule to make sure their team contact information is correct.

If there are any mistakes or updates please let your club registrar know as soon as possible and have your club registrar inform the LISA office. In addition you will need to inform your opposing teams so they will know how to get a hold of you.

While email addresses are included in your team’s contact information on the website LISA does not consider the sending of an email an official communication between teams. When exchanging game and field information there must be definite confirmation. “Read Receipts” are not considered definite confirmation. Initial contact with your opponent must be by phone.

NOTE: with the scheduling and standings system that is used on the LISA website two or more teams from the same club can not have the same nickname. For instance, if one team uses F.C. then no other team from that club can be identified as F.C. If one team calls itself Strikers then no other team from the club can be known as Strikers. If no team nickname was supplied when your club declared its teams for scheduling LISA will use the surname of one of the team contacts or assign a nickname.

If you are not the appropriate person to receive scheduling information and other notices that are sent out from the LISA office throughout the season then make sure you pass this package onto the person who should receive it. And ask that person to provide your club registrar with his or her contact data – and have your club registrar notify the LISA office – in order for future emailings to be sent directly

to the correct person. There is important information in here that team officials and club personnel need to know. In addition other notices are sent out throughout the season, including information about LISA's annual festivals, and, when required, scheduling changes.

If you are wondering why Home Fields are not listed on your schedule many clubs assign fields on a week-by-week basis depending upon how many home games they have and what fields are available for their use that weekend. In addition, some clubs rotate their teams through their various fields.

So Home Fields do not exist on the schedules. Besides team officials are supposed to be in contact with each other as their games approach in order to confirm their scheduling data. It does not matter which team, home or visitor, initiates the communication.

If a club does not have enough fields to accommodate all its home games the teams without an assigned field should contact their opposition as soon as possible to see if the "visiting" team's club can supply a field in order to play the game. If the teams can not play their game because a field is not available at either club they should try to agree upon a date to make it up as soon as possible.

MATCH INFORMATION

While Under-13 is a *non*-competitive division in the Lower Island district scores are recorded and posted on the LISA website. In addition the website includes U13 standings – but *no* league champion will be recognized. (Competitive league play begins at U14.)

For all your scheduled games BOTH TEAMS must report to your league's score recorder (listed on your website schedule) by 5 p.m. the day your game is played.

Sometimes it is difficult to do that, especially if you had to travel to an away afternoon game. In such cases submit your score as soon as possible that evening. But, as ***both*** teams are responsible for reporting to their score recorder, hopefully the home team was able to make the deadline.

Reporting scores by email is preferred.

When reporting your score you need to ***include the division and section (i.e. Boys or Girls; age division; your section is either Blue or White) as well as the name of the clubs and teams involved.*** All too often score recorders get reports that have important information missing and therefore can not identify the game that was played. Just naming the two clubs is not sufficient as those two clubs could be playing

each other in other leagues – and in some cases within that same league as clubs can have more than one team in a schedule.

And remember, **you must also report to your score recorder if your game was NOT played** and provide the reason why the game did not take place. This includes anytime the fields are closed. Score recorders do not necessarily know when fields are closed or on what field you were scheduled to play.

Once standings and scores are posted if you noticed any mistakes or if there are any missing scores for your games contact your score recorder as soon as possible.

Sometimes different scores are reported for the same game. Actually this happens more frequently than you probably expect. If the score posted on the website is not what you think it was that is not an issue as long as the result is correct (i.e. the team that won is correctly identified or it was a draw).

While the standings database shows Goals For and Goals Against that data is only there for interest sake. For competitive league play (i.e. U14 and older) goal differential, goal ratio, goals for and goals against are **NOT** used for any official tiebreaking formula, *including the determining of league champions*.

For example, if one team reports a 6-1 score and the other a 5-1 score one of those will be posted on the website. There is no need to chase down a referee's report to determine which one is correct, as long as both reports are for the same team winning that game.

In the Lower Island district Under-13 teams will play 8v8 up to, and including, Saturday, February 2. These games will consist of 2 x 35-minute halves, using a size #4 ball. Your match day is Saturday and your start times vary.

Starting Saturday, February 9, Under-13 teams will play 11-a-side on full-sized fields. These games will consist of 2 x 35-minute halves, using a size #5 ball. Your match day will be Saturday.

Your 8v8 schedule for the Under-13 age division lists games up to and including Saturday, February 2. New schedules for 11-a-side full-field play will be issued sometime in January or early February. The 11-a-side schedules will be in effect for four Saturdays – February 9, February 16, February 23 and March 2.

NOTE: The Under-13 season does not end on Saturday, March 2. The following weekend, March 9/10, LISA will stage its annual Under-13 full-field 11-a-side festival. All teams in LISA's inter-club U13 11-a-side schedules (Boys, Girls, Blue,

White) are automatically entered. In addition Upper Island teams will also be invited. So even though there are no March 9 games listed on your weekly schedule your team will have games to play on the March 9/10 weekend. The festival will be co-hosted by Lakehill. More details about the Under-13 festival will be circulated closer to that weekend.

Please note that the following two rules will be in effect for the entire *8v8 2018/19 Under-13 Lower Island season:

OFFSIDE for U13: When a team is on the attack, the FIFA offside rule is in effect in the attacking one-third (1/3) of the field and shall be applied accordingly by the referee. If line-persons are used they only need take reference at the 1/3 field marking. **Cones** on the sideline WILL be needed to mark the 1/3 field limits.

GOAL KICK RETREAT LINE for U13: All players from the opposing team will retreat back behind the existing offside line marked by cones at the 1/3 mark of the field, which will be also known as the retreat line. Players from the opposing team may not pass the retreat line until the ball has been touched by the player receiving the goal kick. If the goal kick is kicked past the retreat line the ball is deemed in play as soon as it crosses the retreat line. In case of a violation of this rule the restart will be a retake of the goal kick.

*When the Under-13 division switches to 11-a-side full-field play for February 9 onward FIFA's standard offside rule will come into effect. However the same goal kick retreat line rule (as noted immediately above) will remain.

Good luck with your games
Make it a fun and fantastic season for everyone
LISA's scheduling committee