

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the 2019/20 season

Welcome to the 2019/20 Lower Island soccer season. Inter-club play for the Under-11 division begins Saturday, September 14.

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 system that is used on the LISA website two or more teams from the same club cannot have the same nickname. 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.

Under-11 is a non-competitive division in the Lower Island district so you do not report results to a Lower Island score recorder as scores are not recorded and there will be no standings posted on the LISA website. (Competitive league play begins at U14 for both boys and girls.)

MATCH INFORMATION

In the Lower Island district Under-11 teams play 8v8. Each game will consist of 2 x 30-minute halves, and the teams will use a size #4 ball. Your match day is Saturday and your start times vary.

Your schedule for the Under-11 age division lists games up to and including Saturday, March 7, which is the end of the Lower Island season. There is a three-week winter break starting December 21 running through to January 4. Weekly play returns Saturday January 11.

NOTE: There are no games listed on your schedule for Saturday October 19 as that is the weekend of LISA’s annual Under-11 festival. All teams in LISA’s inter-club U11 schedules (Boys, Girls, Blue, White) are automatically entered into the U11 festival. So even though there are no October 19 games listed on your weekly schedule your team will have games to play on the October 19/20 weekend. The festival will be co-hosted by the University of Victoria and take place on fields at the university campus. More details about the festival will be circulated closer to that weekend.

Please note that the following two rules will be in effect for the entire 8v8 2019/20 Under-11 Lower Island season:

OFFSIDE for U11: 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 U11: 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.

Good luck with your games

Make it a fun and fantastic season for everyone

LISA's scheduling committee