

**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-13 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 and standings 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 cannot 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.

## WEBSITE SCORES AND LEAGUE TABLE

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 cannot 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.

#### Regarding the website table:

P = number of matches played

W = matches won

D = matches drawn

L = matches lost

F = goals scored

A = goals against

Pts = total points (3 points for a win; 1 point for a draw; 0 points for a loss)

Please note the far left column (Pos = position in the table) is NOT official. It is part of the software program and that program will not give the same position number to teams that are tied on total points. If two or more teams are tied on points the software program separates them randomly and gives them different position numbers.

If you are wondering how league champions are declared in the U14-U18 competitive divisions LISA applies Rule 303 Determining League Winners. In the drop-down box for ABOUT go to Rules > and click on LISA Rules & Regulations. Then click on Chapter 3 Rules, Regulations and Policy for Inter-club Competition and scroll through to Rule 303. The team with the most points showing on the website table is not necessarily the league champion as the number of matches played and “completed rounds” (as defined in the rules) are taken into account.

In the competitive divisions only “full rounds” are listed on their league schedules. In the non-competitive divisions (U13 and younger) their schedules list games for every Saturday all the way through to the end of the Lower Island season, and that usually means including a partial round.

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.

## MATCH INFORMATION

In the Lower Island district Under-13 teams play 8v8. Each game will consist of 2 x 35-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-13 age division lists games up to and including Saturday, February 29. There is a three-week winter break starting December 21 running through to January 4. Weekly play returns Saturday January 11.

**NOTE:** The Under-13 season does not end on Saturday, February 29. The following weekend, March 7/8, LISA will stage its annual Under-13 full-field 11-a-side festival.

All teams in LISA's inter-club U13 8v8 schedules (Boys, Girls, Blue, White) are entered. So even though there are no March 7 games listed on your weekly schedule your team will have games to play on the March 7/8 weekend. The co-host for the festival will be announced on a later date. 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 2019/20 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.

Good luck with your games

Make it a fun and fantastic season for everyone

*LISA's scheduling committee*