



THE BURLINGTON OLD TIMERS SOCCER CLUB

Established 1985

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

APRIL 4TH 2023

For the past several seasons there has been a noticeable absence of players at scheduled kick-off times. This has caused teams to be short-handed and unbalanced.

There does appear to have been some confusion caused by a misperceived “grace period”. To add clarity and hopefully eliminate the short-handed situations the following policy is brought to your attention:

1. Kick-off times are 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. unless specified in the official Club schedule as posted on the web-site.
2. Players should be at the pitch 15 minutes prior to kick-off.
3. Referees will give 10-minute and 5-minute notifications of impending kick-off time. At 5-minutes the Referee will also call for the coin toss.
4. At the appointed kick-off time the Referee will start their watch, regardless of the teams having fielded sufficient players (8 per side) to actually kick-off.
5. As soon as each team has 8 players on the pitch the Referee will blow the whistle to start play.
6. There will be no time added to compensate for late kick-offs due to lack of players.