

# Tri-County Under 9 Soccer League Responsibilities

## U9 League Organizer

This is a two-year position that rotates among the three participating soccer associations – Exeter (South Huron), Grand Bend & Parkhill (North Middlesex).

2008.2009    Grand Bend  
2010.2011    Parkhill  
2012.2013    Exeter

The League Organizer is responsible for:

1. The schedule.
  - Each team will play all other teams in the league once during the season in a game that counts towards the stats.
  - Each season shall consist of a minimum of 10 games.
  - If there are less than 11 teams in the league in any given year, exhibition games may be scheduled before the start of the regular season to ensure the 10-game minimum. These games will not count towards the stats.
2. Statistics.
  - All coaches will report the score of their game to the organizer within 48 hours.
  - The organizer will compile the game scores and update the stats within 72 hours of the game.
  - The organizer will then forward the stats to the convenors to be posted on each association's website (if they have one).
3. Tournament.
  - Based on the statistics, the organizer will divide the teams into three divisions at the end of the season.
  - Each soccer association will host a division tournament. The organizer will assign which division will play at each soccer association's field. This decision will be based on the placement of teams. Example: Two Exeter teams are in the "A" Division, one in the "B" and one in the "C", therefore South Huron will host the "A" Tournament.
  - Notify each convenor of the number of players on each team participating at the tournament his/her association is hosting.

## **Under 9 Convenor**

Each soccer association will have a U9 Convenor. The convenor is responsible for:

1. Teams.
  - Participating players will be divided in an even and fair manner amongst the association's teams. (If the association has more than one team, each team needs the same approximate number of players of varying ages and gender.)
  - Each team must consist of both male and female players.
  - Each team must consist of various age groups. (Players range in age from 7 – 9 years and should be equally represented on all teams, as much as is possible.)
  - Knowingly grouping strong players on one team is not allowed.
2. Contact Person.
  - Available to answer coaches' questions and concerns.
  - Available to represent the league at the pre-season league meeting.
  - Brings any concerns or suggestions for improvement to the attention of the league organizer.
3. Tournament Preparations.
  - Book referees for the division tournament hosted by his/her association.
  - Ensure an association representative is present the day of the tournament in the event of any dispute. The convenor can act as the representative if convenient.
  - Purchase sufficient number of medals for all teams participating in the division tournament being hosted by his/her association.

## **Association**

During the season, each association is responsible for:

1. Referees
  - A qualified referee must be scheduled for each home game.
  - In the event of a game postponement, a referee must be rescheduled for the new date.
2. Fields
  - Grass must be cut to a playable height.
  - Lines must be clearly marked.
3. Pennies
  - To assist the referee, pennies must be supplied and worn by the home team in the event of similarly coloured team shirts during a game.