

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER BY-LAWS

1. **Rules**

The NCSSAA soccer league is played under the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Laws of the Game.

2. a) Each team roster will be limited to 22 players. All registered players will be allowed to dress and play in a game.
- b) For girls' soccer only, "junior" is defined as: the individual's birth certificate indicates that she has not reached her 16th birthday by January 1 prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.
- c) For the girls' soccer only, schools may only enter a team into a junior league if they concurrently enter a team into a senior league. Exceptions may be granted under exceptional circumstances by the Board of Athletics

3. **Duration of Play and Substitutions**

- a) A game will consist of two 35 minute halves. Half time will be 5 minutes. Timing will be the responsibility of the referee
- b) **Tie-breaking Procedure:** If tied at the end of regulation time, all playoff games will be extended by TWO (2) complete 10 minute halves. If the game is still tied, kicks from the penalty mark (5 per team, then 1-1 if needed) will decide the outcome.
- c) Substitutions will be permitted at goal kicks, half time, after a goal, for an injured player, and on a team's own throw-in. Once a substitution on a throw-in has been initiated, the opposing team may substitute players as well.

4. **Playing Conditions**

The home team is responsible for the preparation of the field, which includes proper lines, corner posts that extend a minimum of 1.5 m above the ground, and nets that have been safely and suitably fixed to the goal and to the ground. An official game ball, in good condition, must also be supplied.

Each team must provide a referee's assistant. Students who referee in place of regular officials shall be compensated at a reduced rate of \$15.00.

The decision as to weather conditions are bad enough for a game not to be played rests entirely with the referee. Games cancelled in this way will be rescheduled.

5. Discipline

- a) It is compulsory for a player who has been cautioned, with the exception of the goalkeeper, to be substituted for at the time of the infraction. This player may re-enter the game at a regular substitution period **following a ten minute cooling off period**
- b) The following guidelines will be used by the convenor for disciplinary infractions. All suspensions are a minimum punishment and are subject to review.
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| 3rd caution: | 1 game suspension |
| 4th caution | 2 game suspension |
| 5th caution: | suspension for the remainder of the season and playoffs |
| 1st ejection | 2 game suspension |
| 2nd ejection | suspension for the remainder of the season and playoffs |
- c) A team playing a suspended player or being coached by a suspended coach will forfeit that game, and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- d) At a sanctioned event, any sanction not completely served at the event in question will carry over to league play.

6. Uniforms

Players should not wear anything that may be injurious to another player or themselves (i.e. jewellery or articles that can be considered as dangerous). All players should be dressed in school-coloured, numbered shirts, which are tucked into their shorts. It is the responsibility of the HOME TEAM to provide an alternate (or marker) if the shirt of the visiting team is similar. Goalkeepers must wear shirt colours that are not common to either team. All players must wear shin guards entirely covered by their stockings.

All religious / ethnic headwear / sweatpants will be allowed unless the referee deems it a safety hazard. Shin guards may be worn underneath the sweatpants, as long as they are covered.

Casts are allowed if they meet the following criteria: Plaster Paris casts must be covered with bubble wrap. Fibreglass casts must be covered with foam (minimum 1" thickness).

7. Standings

For the purpose of maintaining standings, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie.