

## **PLAYING REGULATION 13.0 – SOCCER (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

1. **SAFETY GUIDELINES:** Each HSSAA Member School shall ensure that the current Physical Education Safety Guidelines - Secondary Inter School Module, outlined according to the following critical components: EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING / FOOTWEAR, FACILITIES, SPECIAL RULES / INSTRUCTION and SUPERVISION, be adhered to at all times. Specific details on the Critical Components will be provided at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting.
2. **AGES:** All competitors shall meet the age requirements as per [Article VI, Section III](#) I of the HSSAA Constitution
3. **EVENTS:** There will be competition for Junior and Senior team Champions.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** As governed by HSSAA Constitution [Article VI](#).
5. **ENTRIES:** Each HSSAA Member School may enter one team per Division.
6. **RULE BOOK:** F.I.F.A. Laws will apply, unless otherwise stated in HSSAA Playing Regulations.
7. **OFFICIALS:** To be of the highest caliber obtainable. Assigning Referees are to be discouraged from assigning the same Referees to the same teams as much as possible. Junior and Senior playoff matches will use 3 referees, one Head Referee and 2 Assistant Referees.
8. **UNIFORMS:** Soccer boots or running shoes will be permitted. Football boots will not be permitted. Otherwise, not specified. Shin guards must be worn.
9. **STARTING TIME:** To be set by the Athletic Convenor prior to the preseason coaches meeting
10. **AWARDS:**
  - a) Trophies will be given to the winning teams in each Division.
  - b) Gold medallions will be given to each member of the winning team.
  - c) Silver medallions will be given to each member of the finalist team.  
(MAX 18 Per Team)
11. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:** As governed by Constitution [Article XVI, Section XI](#)
12. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**
  - a) Each team shall be allowed 1 time out per game taken when the ball goes out of bounds. This time out will last 1 minute and it is the Captain's responsibility to ask the referee for the time out. Substitutions may be made at this time.
  - b) Substitutes shall be allowed only at goal kicks, half time, goals scored, injury to a player, time outs and on any throw in at the referee's discretion. Substitutes must be waived in by the Referee. Goalkeepers must inform the Referee verbally when changing.
  - c) All games, Junior or Senior, league and playoff, shall be 35minute halves.
  - d) Playing fields should be properly marked. Each team must provide an assistant. The home team will provide Corner Flags, Nets, Good Leather Ball. Colour conflict will be solved at this time, with the home team changing.

- e) 3 points for a win and 1 for a tie will be awarded. There will be no overtime until the playoffs.
- f) Game reports must be signed by the Referee and should be sent upon request to the Athletic Convenor. Names of any players receiving a caution must be communicated to the Athletic Convenor by 12:00pm the next school day.
- j) Any player who strikes or threatens a coach or an official will be suspended from all further competition.
- k) OSA policy in effect for all cautions. The athletic convenor will provide the current OSA policies each year at the pre-season meeting.
- l) If a player or coach is ejected from a game, that player or coach will be suspended for at least the next scheduled game. If he is ejected again, he will be suspended for the rest of the season. In either case, the referee is to make a special report to the Athletic Convenor on the back of the game sheet
- n) In the event of a preliminary playoff game, quarter-final, or semi-final playoff game ending in a tie at the end of regulation time, the winner shall be determined by a "Shootout" in accordance with the current edition of the FIFA Laws.
- o) In the event of a Championship Final ending in a tie, two 10 minute overtime halves will be played (GoldenGoal format). If a tie still exists at this time, a "Shootout" as per the current edition of the FIFA laws will occur.
- p) All schools shall provide a list of potential tournament dates they are planning to host to the Athletic Convenor by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- q) All tournaments shall be hosted only before the first regular season match day and only on Friday's thereafter
- q) A "cooling period" after a caution can be initiated at the referee's discretion.