

W.C.S.S.A.A. Boys' Junior Soccer Playing Rules and Regulations

1. Date

- 1.1 The Waterloo County Secondary School Athletic Association Boys' Soccer Schedules shall be played in the months September to November as facilities allow.

2. Location

- 2.1 The locations of the regular season and play-off games shall be decided not later than June of the school year prior to the championship.
- 2.2 The locations of the games shall be as they appear in the W.C.S.S.A.A. Sports Schedule unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

3. Competitive Divisions

- 3.1 There shall be one (1) competitive division.
- 3.2 A Junior soccer player must meet the following age requirements:
- the individual's birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

4. League Structure and Procedures

- 4.1 The league structure and play-offs will be determined based on the number of teams participating in any given year and shall be organized by the board scheduling rep.
- 4.2 Visiting teams may not arrive at the game site more than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the starting time.
- 4.3 Facilities should be set up and available for warm-up activities at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the starting time.
- 4.4 At the end of the game, players and coaches shall line up along their respective sides of the mid-field line and shake hands with their opponents.
- 4.5 The coach of the home team shall report the game results to the convenor on the day of the game.
- 4.6 When allotting points for the games, 3 points will be given for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.

5. Play-Offs

- 5.1 The Junior play-offs shall consist of a qualifying sudden-death game, the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals.
- 5.2 In the event of a tie for the final play-off position, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used:
 - 5.2.1 the win-loss record of tied teams against each other;
 - 5.2.2 if still tied, the win-loss records against higher ranked teams;
 - 5.2.3 if still tied, goals for and against each other;
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- 5.3 For play-off positions other than the final play-off position, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used:
 - 5.3.1 the win-loss record between the teams tied;
 - 5.3.2 if still tied, the win-loss records against higher ranked teams;
 - 5.3.3 if still tied, goals for and against each other including only the teams tied will determine the higher position in the standings;
 - 5.3.4 if still tied, the toss of a coin shall decide the final standing;
 - 5.3.5 if a team forfeits a game or games, and if that team is tied with other teams at the end of the schedule, then that team would be relegated to the lower standing between the teams tied;
 - 5.3.6 in a situation where more than two teams are tied, the process indicated above will be used to find the higher place finisher and then the process will repeat itself among the remaining teams still tied.
- 5.4 All play-off games shall be played on the home field of the team which placed higher at the end of the regular season play.
- 5.5 The quarter-final play-offs will be as follows:
 - 8th Place Team vs 1st Place Team;
 - 7th Place Team vs 2nd Place Team;
 - 6th Place Team vs 3rd Place Team;
 - 5th Place Team vs 4th Place Team.
- 5.6 The semi-final play-offs will be as follows:
 - highest ranked team vs. lowest ranked team;
 - second highest ranked team vs. second lowest ranked team;based on final league standing.
- 5.7 All play-off games shall be played on the home field of the team which placed higher at the end of regular season play.
- 5.8 The championship game will be sudden-death play-off to be played on a predetermined neutral field.

- 5.9 CWOSSA representation will be determined by **final playoff standings**. Specific details will depend each year on the number of representatives. They are to be determined at the pre-season meeting and forwarded to the WCSSAA president before the first league game.

6. Expenses

- 6.1 During league play, the home team will be responsible for paying the referee prior to the start of the game.
- 6.2 In quarter-final, semi-final and final play-offs, expenses will be shared by the teams involved as follows:
 - 6.2.1 if no travel cost is involved between the two (2) teams, each team will share equally the cost of officials;
 - 6.2.2 if traveling is involved and two (2) linesmen are included, the travelling team will pay one (1) linesman and the home team will pay one (1) linesman and the referee.
 - 6.2.3 if played at a neutral site, all costs of officials will be shared.

7. Eligibility

- 7.1 Each competitor must be eligible under all the rules and regulations of W.C.S.S.A.A.
- 7.2 An eligible competitor is one who:
 - 7.2.1 is listed as a full-time student on the daily register of the school;
 - 7.2.2 is certified as eligible by the principal of the school and is in grades 9 - 12
 - 7.2.3 meets the age requirement.
- 7.3 A soccer player must retain his amateur status to be eligible and a sworn statement to that effect may be necessary.
- 7.4 A player will lose his Junior status in a current or subsequent year if he participates in a second regularly scheduled Senior league game. If a player participated on a school senior team in a year when his attending school had no junior team, that player would be eligible for junior soccer the following year providing other eligibility criteria are met.
- 7.5 A player is not eligible for play-off activity unless he has participated in at least two (2) regular season games.

8. Entries

- 8.1 Entries shall be accepted from coaches or designates only.
- 8.2 A team's eligibility list must be received by the league convenor before the first game.
- 8.3 Coaches may make additions to the eligibility list during the season.

9. Rules and Officials

- 9.1 The official rule book governing play during W.C.S.S.A.A. competition shall be the Federation of International Football Association Handbook with the following exceptions:
- 9.1.1 substitution: there will be unlimited substitution at goal kick, throw-ins, half-time and after a goal is scored. Substitute(s) may only enter the field of play after the referee has given permission and the player(s) being substituted has (have) left the field completely;
(Note: Substitutions may only be made on your own ball possession or as a 'piggy back' on the other teams' substitution.)
- 9.1.2 if a player receives a red card, he must leave the field for the remainder of that game and no substitution will be permitted. A player receiving a red card may not play in his team's next 2 games and his case may be reviewed by the league convenor and W.C.S.S.A.A. Executive;
- 9.1.3 if a player receives two (2) yellow cards in one game OR accumulates 3 yellow cards over any number of games (note: it is the responsibility of each coach to keep a running total of cards received in a season and report them to the convenor), he is removed from the game and automatically suspended for his team's next game. His case must be reviewed by the league convenor and may be reviewed by the seasonal committee;
(Note: To avoid penalizing a player twice, he starts with a clean slate (no yellows) after being suspended in either case.)
- 9.1.4 any player shown a yellow warning card by an official should immediately be substituted, and not returned to the field of play until he has been calmed down and admonished by his coach.
- 9.1.5a any player who receives a yellow card following a suspension will automatically be suspended from his team's next game and his case must be reviewed by the league convenor and the WCSSAA executive;
- 9.1.5b any player who receives a red card following a suspension will automatically be suspended from his team's next 2 games and his case must be reviewed by the league convenor and the WCSSAA executive;
- 9.1.5c any player who receives a yellow or red card following a second suspension will automatically be suspended from his team's next 2 games and his case must be reviewed by the league convenor and the WCSSAA executive;
- 9.2 It is the responsibility of the coach to inform the league convenor of any player on his team who receives a red or yellow card.
- 9.3 Games shall consist of two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves unless otherwise agreed upon by both coaches.
- 9.4 Tie-breaking procedures for sudden-death play-off games will be as follows:
- 9.4.1 two (2) additional ten (10) minute halves will be played with a one (1) minute rest period between the halves;
- 9.4.2 a shoot-out as per FIFA rules shall decide the outcome of the game if still tied

- 9.4.2 if the game is still tied, five (5) penalty kicks will be taken alternately by five (5) designated members of each team -- a coin toss will decide which team kicks first. The team which scores the most penalty kicks will be declared the winner.
- 9.5 The convenor shall be responsible for obtaining competent officials, preferably officials who are members of an approved Board of Officials.

10. Uniforms and Equipment

- 10.1 The home coach shall be responsible for preparing the playing facility and providing soccer nets, corner field flags and the game ball.
- 10.2 Fields shall be clearly marked according to the F.I.F.A. Handbook regulations.
- 10.3 If a colour conflict occurs between teams' uniforms, the home team must wear a second set of uniforms or a set of legally numbered markers of a different colour.

11. Awards

- 11.1 The W.C.S.S.A.A. trophy will be presented to the championship team.
- 11.2 Each member of the winning team and finalist team shall receive a WCSSAA plaque.
- 11.3 Each member of the runner-up team shall receive a W.C.S.S.A.A. plaque (plain).

12. Deportment

- 12.1 A staff member from each school represented must be present and responsible for the behaviour of his/her students.

13. First Aid Procedures

- 13.1 It is the responsibility of each coach to provide for his/her own team medical needs in accordance with his/her School Medical Regulations.
- 13.2 Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, band aids) for their athletes.
- 13.3 Each school must have a First Aid Kit on site during competition.

14. Jury of Appeal

- 14.1 The procedure for all protests, complaints, suspensions is outlined in Bylaw 2, Section 5 of the W.C.S.S.A.A. Bylaws.

15. Length of Season

- 15.1 The training and competitive season for a Junior boys' soccer team shall be from the first school day in September to the C.W.O.S.S.A. Tournament.

16. Voting Procedures for Coaches' Meetings

- 16.1 Voting at the boys' soccer meetings will be limited to one (1) vote per team entered. Representatives must be present at the meeting to vote. Voting by proxy will not be permitted.
- 16.2 A simple majority of votes will rule.