

OFSAA BOYS' AND GIRLS' SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Date:

The OFSAA Soccer Championships shall be held over the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the first week in June unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.

2. Location:

The location of the Championships shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Championship.

3. Classifications:

There shall be four classifications of Championships - "A", "AA", "AAA" and "AAAA". Associations shall classify their school teams based on the criteria found in By-Law 5, Section 2(b).

4. Tournament Structure and Procedure:

(a) **Structure:**

- (i) Teams should be divided into four equal pools. For the 16-team draw, see Appendix I; for the 20-team draw, see Appendix II.
- (ii) Each pool shall play a round robin series.
- (iii) The top two (2) teams in each pool will advance to the playoffs.
- (iv) Convenors, whenever possible, should ensure that all participating teams are rotated throughout all Championship sites during the preliminary rounds of competition.
- (v) If two fields are available at the same site for the bronze and gold medal games, then the gold medal game may be started no sooner than half an hour after the start of the bronze medal game.
- (vi) A team shall play a minimum of three (3) games at the Championship.
- (vii) There shall be a minimum of one and a half hours between games.
- (viii) Any deviations from the attached schedules must be approved by the Sport Advisory Chair(s).

(b) The following **procedures** shall take place at each game:

- (i) At the beginning of the game players and coaches shall line up along their respective sides of the mid-field line and shall advance and shake hands with their opponents.
- (ii) At the completion of the game players and coaches shall again shake hands with all opponents.

(c) Teams must be ready to play when scheduled.

(d) No team shall play more than one hundred and eighty (180) minutes per day, not including overtime.

(e) **In the event of severe weather conditions (e.g. continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat or poor field conditions), the Competition Committee has authority to change the duration of games, or any other function of the tournament including the following:**

- i) Relocate and/or reschedule any game;**
- ii) Reduce by up to 50 percent, the scheduled duration of a game;**
- iii) Considering a game complete if 25 percent of the game or less remained un-played when abandoned by the referee.**

The Competition Committee will make every effort to complete the schedule within the parameters provided elsewhere in these regulations.

5. Seeding:

(a) The top eight (8) teams shall be seeded by the tournament committee based on the Association's record over the previous five (5) OFSAA Championships. Each win in the tournament is worth one (1) point; each tie is worth one-half (1/2) point. In tied playoff games the winning team will be awarded one (1) point and the losing team will be awarded one-half (1/2) point. The remaining positions shall be filled by random draw. Seeding shall be done by the tournament committee in consultation with the OFSAA office and the Chair(s) of the Sport Advisory Committee.

(b) Placement of seeded teams:

Based on updated 5-year performance (Associations with two (2) entries will only be awarded points for the team advancing the furthest.).

FOR 16 & 20 TEAM DRAWS:

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
1	2	3	4
7	8	5	6
X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X

6. Entry:

- (a) Entries will be accepted from Association Convenors or designates only.
- (b) Each Association may enter one (1) team in each Championship. The host Association may have an additional entry as determined by the Association.
- (c) **NO APPLICATION OF ENTRY RULES SHALL PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) ENTRIES FROM ANY ONE ASSOCIATION.** However, additional entries may be awarded to the host Association provided that the additional entries to the previous Association medallists have been exhausted.
- (d) To facilitate the draws, additional entries in the Championships shall be selected from:
 - (i) the gold medal Association of the previous year;
 - (ii) the silver medal Association of the previous year;
 - (iii) the bronze medal Association of the previous year;
 - (iv) the antique bronze medal Association of the previous year.

To further facilitate the draws, entries may be awarded to the Association medalists from two years prior, provided that the additional entries to the previous year's Association medalists have been exhausted. Additional entries in the Championships shall be selected from:

- (i) the gold medal Association of two years prior;
 - (ii) the silver medal Association of two years prior;
 - (iii) the bronze medal Association of two years prior;
 - (iv) the antique bronze medal Association of two years prior;
- (e) **For associations withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee. Further, if the withdrawal takes place at a time that impacts on the convener, financially or logistically, a further fine may be issued. This fine may encompass costs incurred by the convener for entry fee, banquet meals, banners, etc. as reviewed and approved by OFSAA. The association and/or school may also be brought forward to the Board of Reference sanctions.**
 - (f) Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA competition. The Association convener shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form.

ENTRY DEADLINES

Championship Play Begins	Entry Deadline
Monday	The preceding Tuesday @ 11:59 pm
Tuesday	The preceding Wednesday @ 11:59 pm
Wednesday	The preceding Thursday @ 11:59 pm
Thursday	The preceding Saturday @ 11:59 pm

Friday	The preceding Monday @ 11:59 pm
Saturday	The preceding Tuesday @ 11:59 pm

7. Expenses:

An Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover operating costs of the tournament. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Championship will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

8. Eligibility:

To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student **must:**

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his/her school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iii) meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he/she has not reached his/her 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;
- (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
- (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition.
- (viii) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

9. Rules and Officials:

Revisions to rulebooks governing play at the OFSAA Championship shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation at any Championship.

The Rules of Soccer as they appear in the F.I.F.A. Handbook shall govern play in the OFSAA Championship with the **following exceptions:**

- (a) **Length of Play:** No team shall play more than one hundred and eighty (180) minutes per day, not including overtime. In the 16-team championship, games shall be two (2) forty-minute halves with a five-minute rest period. In the 20-team championship, games shall be two (2) thirty-minute halves with a five-minute rest period.
- (b) **Number of Players:** Each team may dress a maximum of twenty (20) players for each game. The team eligibility list may have any number of players.

(c) Substitution:

- (i) unlimited substitution;
- (ii) may occur at goal kicks, goals scored, at half time, on your own throw-in and on an opponent's throw-in once the opponent has initiated a substitution.
- (iii) in the case of injury, substitution is permissible at the referee's discretion;
- (iv) substitution for a **yellow-carded** player is **compulsory**, including the goalkeeper. The yellow-carded player is the only player who may be replaced at that time and he/she may re-enter the game at a regular substitution period;
- (v) if a player receives a **red card** he/she must leave the field for the remainder of that game (no substitution allowed). All red card situations will be reviewed by the Jury of Appeal to determine if further sanctions will be levied. (See Appendix III.)
- (vi) a player who accumulates three (3) yellow cards will leave the field for the remainder of the game in which he/she received the third card. Substitution will be allowed at this time. Further, the player may not play in his/her team's next game.

(d) Equipment:

- (i) any knee braces or casts must be approved by the organizing committee in consultation with the referee or representative at the coaches meeting. (Teams must have all braces/casts approved at this time.) Buckles, metal plates and screws must be covered.
- (ii) the OFSAA convenor shall be responsible for providing good playing facilities and equipment including goal posts with nets, corner field flags and OFSAA endorsed regulation balls. Fields shall be clearly marked according to soccer regulations.

(e) Tied Games:

- (i) tied games in pool play shall stand
- (ii) to determine pool standings -
 - 2 teams tied:**
 - winner of pool game between tied teams
 - most games won during pool play
 - goal differential (goals for – goals against) in all pool games with a maximum of four (4) in any one game.
 - least goals scored against (maximum of four in any one game)
 - most goals scored for (maximum of four in any one game)
 - penalty shootout
 - 3 teams tied:**
 - the team who defeated the other two teams in pool play
 - most games won during pool play
 - goal differential (goals for – goals against) **among the 3 tied teams** during pool play (maximum of 4 in any one game)
 - least goals scored against (maximum of four in any one game)
 - most goals scored for (maximum of four in any one game)
 - penalty shootout

(iii) **Tied Games in Playoffs:**

- two (2) complete ten (10) minute halves
- if still tied, teams shall take Kicks from the Penalty Mark as per FIFA procedures.

(f) The OFSAA Convenor shall be responsible for obtaining competent officials.

10. Uniforms:

- (a) All players shall wear identical socks and shirts. Shorts must be of the same colour and style. Any discrepancy will be ruled on by the members of the Jury of Appeal.
- (b) All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform with the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h). This criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.

Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

- (c) Teams must provide a second set of uniforms or a set of legally numbered markers of a different colour in case two (2) opposing teams have uniforms of a similar colour.
- (d) All competitors must wear shin guards. Any competitor who does not have shin guards will not be permitted to play.

11. Awards:

Members of the Championship team shall receive gold OFSAA medallions (22). The school represented by the Championship team shall receive a banner to be retained by the school.

Members of the runner-up team shall receive silver OFSAA medallions (22).

Members of the winning team in the Bronze Medal Match shall receive bronze OFSAA medallions (22).

Members of the losing team in the Bronze Medal Match shall receive antique bronze OFSAA medallions (22).

OFSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive OFSAA medals, either at the Championship or after the event.

OFSAA Participation Certificates may be provided by the tournament committee.

12. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent.

- (a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team.
- (b) For individual sports (those sports in which athletes from a school qualify for federation competition as individuals), the principal of the school may designate an adult who is not a teacher to accompany the athletes. In addition, a teacher, or a retired teacher, must be present and on site and designated by the principal to be responsible for the athlete(s).
- (c) For all sports, where the teacher, as indicated in (a) and (b) above, is not of the same sex as the athlete(s), and where the athlete(s) are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athlete(s), must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

13. Registration:

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team, upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form.

14. Deportment: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA Championship event".
- (b) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (see Appendix to By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (f)
 - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II to the By-Laws)
 - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws)
 - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III to the By-Laws)
 - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See

Appendix VI to the By-Laws)

- (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX to the By-Laws)
- (g) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.
- (h) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

15. Social:

If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must attend. At this event each coach and captain shall be introduced.

Dress Code for Banquets:

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- girls shall wear dress pants or skirt with a dress top;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be any instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

16. Medical:

Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws). Qualified first-aid personnel and equipment shall be available at the Championship site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, bandaids) for their athletes.

17. Jury of Appeal:

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Soccer Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific

sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the game in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

18. Competition Committee:

(a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Soccer Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:

- (i) Eligibility;
- (ii) Deportment;
- (iii) Supervision and registration;
- (iv) Social;
- (v) Medical personnel;
- (vi) Awards.

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

(b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***All Federation Championships are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.***

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct

APPENDIX I**16-TEAM FORMAT**

1. Facilities: Four (4) fields
2. Timeframe: Two (2) forty-minutes halves with a five-minute rest period.
3. Format: Top two (2) teams in each pool advance to quarter-final play

DAY 1

<u>Time</u>	<u>Field 1</u>	<u>Field 2</u>	<u>Field 3</u>	<u>Field 4</u>
9:00 a.m.	A1-A3	A2-A4	B1-B3	B2-B4
11:00 a.m.	C1-C3	C2-C4	D1-D3	D2-D4
1:00 p.m.	B1-B2	B3-B4	A1-A2	A3-A4
3:00 p.m.	D1-D2	D3-D4	C1-C2	C3-C4

DAY 2

<u>Time</u>	<u>Field 1</u>	<u>Field 2</u>	<u>Field 3</u>	<u>Field 4</u>
9:00 a.m.	B4-B1	B2-B3	A4-A1	A2- A3
11:00 a.m.	D4-D1	D2-D3	C4-C1	C2- C3

Quarter-finals

4:00 p.m.	1stA-2ndB	1stB-2ndA	1stC-2ndD	1stD-2ndC
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DAY 3

9:00 a.m.	Semi-finals - Winner of Field 1-4; Winner of Field 2-3
1:00 p.m.	Bronze Medal
1:30 OR 3:00 p.m.	Gold Medal

Appendix II

20-TEAM FORMAT

1. Facilities: four (4) fields
2. Timeframe: two (2) thirty- minute halves with a five-minute rest period
3. Format: four (4) pools of five (5) teams. Top two (2) teams in each pool advance to quarter-final play

DAY 1

<u>Time</u>	<u>Field 1</u>	<u>Field 2</u>	<u>Field 3</u>	<u>Field 4</u>
9:00 a.m.	A1-A5	B1-B5	C1-C5	D1-D5
10:30 a.m.	A2-A3	B2-B3	C2-C3	D2-D3
12:00 p.m.	D4-D1	A4 -A1	B4-B1	C4-C1
1:30 p.m.	D5-D2	A5-A2	B5-B2	C5-C2
3:00 p.m.	D3-D4	A3-A4	B3-B4	C3-C4

DAY 2

<u>Time</u>	<u>Field 1</u>	<u>Field 2</u>	<u>Field 3</u>	<u>Field 4</u>
8:00 a.m.	C1-C2	D1-D2	A1-A2	B1-B2
9:30 a.m.	C4-C5	D4-D5	A4-A5	B4-B5
11:00 a.m.	C3-C1	D3-D1	A3-A1	B3-B1
12:30 p.m.	B2-B4	C2-C4	D2-D4	A2-A4
2:00 p.m.	B5-B3	C5-C3	D5-D3	A5-A3

Quarter-finals

5:15 p.m.	1stA - 2ndB	1stB - 2ndA	1stC - 2ndD	1stD - 2ndC
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DAY 3

- 9:00 a.m. **Semi-finals** – Winner of Field 1 vs. Field 4; Winner of Field 2 vs. Field 3
- 1:00 p.m. **Bronze Medal**
- 1:30 OR 3:00 p.m. **Gold Medal**

APPENDIX III

OFSAA SOCCER DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES – Jury of Appeal

Adopted from The Ontario Soccer Association Disciplinary Procedures

Type	Description of Misconduct	First playing seasonal offence
1.1. 1	First Caution.	No action – must be substituted
1.1. 2	Receives a second Caution in the same game (not directed at game official) see 1.1. 3 if directed at game official	1 game suspension
1.1. 3	Receives a second Caution in the same game (directed at the game official)	2 game suspension
1.2	Second Caution.	No action – must be substituted
1.3	Third Caution.	Removal from current game, with substitution, and a one game suspension.
1.4	Fourth Caution.	Removal from current game, with substitution, and disqualification from tournament.
1.5	Fifth Caution.	Not applicable
1.6 A	Dismissed or reported by game official for “using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures” directed at anyone other than the game official(s). If racist or sexual comments – see 1.6 B	1-game suspension
1.6 B	Dismissed or reported by a game official or other registrant for racist or sexist comments made during the game or in the vicinity of the playing field or either during or after the game.	Disqualified from the tournament
1.7	Dismissed or reported by game official for “using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures” directed at the game official(s). If racist or sexual comments – please see 1.6B	3 game suspension
1.8	Dismissed for “Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball.”	1 game suspension
1.9	Dismissed for “Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player’s goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.”	1 game suspension
1.10 A	Dismissed for “Serious Foul Play” . (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent while the ball is in play) otherwise see 1.12	1-2 game suspension
1.10 B	Dismissed for “Serious Foul Play” where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious “attempt to injure” or “a complete disregard for the safety of an opponent” (Must occur on the field of play, against an opponent while the ball is in play) otherwise see 1.12A	4-6 game suspension disqualified from the tournament
1.11 A	Dismissed or reported for “Spitting at an opponent	4 game suspension

	or any other person”, other than a game official. NOTE: Spitting at a game official is Misconduct Type 1.11B	
1.11 B	Spitting at a game official	Disqualified from the tournament
1.12 A	Dismissed or reported for “Violent Conduct” .	3 game suspension
1.12 B	Dismissed or reported for “Violent Conduct” where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious attempt to seriously injure a registrant or non-registrant.	Disqualified from the tournament

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