

## **B.A.A. PLAYING REGULATIONS SOCCER (BOYS AND GIRLS)**

### **Eligibility / Entries:**

- a) Eligibility as to age will comply with the Junior and Senior age classifications as defined in the B.A.A. Constitution and By - Laws.
- b) Member schools may enter one team for each age division. Team eligibility lists must be submitted to the convenor ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE FIRST LEAGUE COMPETITION.

### **Scheduling:**

- a) Type of Schedule will be determined by the number of teams entered in each division:
  - i. 6 teams - an 8 game rotational schedule with a cross-over
  - ii. 5 teams - home and home
  - iii. Less than 5 teams - in consultation with the convenor and the B.A.A. Executive.
- b) Play - off format:

- i. When scheduling is played in north / south divisions:

Quarterfinal matches:

North 1 vs. South 4; North 2 vs. South 3

South 1 vs. North 4; South 2 vs. North 3.

- Match to be held on playing field of higher placed team).

- Quarterfinal matches to be played on the same day.

Semifinals and championship match:

- Played at one site, with 2 playing fields available.

- Site to be determined by highest placed North or South team [played at a south school in even – numbered years, a north school in odd - numbered years].

- Convenor may use his / her discretion in consultation with B.A.A. Executive when appropriate fields are not available.

- ii. When one grouping exists for the schedule:

- Top four teams in placing from the schedule will advance:

Semi-final matches:

First place team vs. Fourth place team

Second place team vs. Third place team

Championship Match:

Winners of the two semi-final matches.

- Convenor / B.A. A. Executive consultation: Semi-final and final matches may be held at the playing field of the higher placed team OR the semi-final and final matches will be played at one site [2 fields in use].

- A challenge may occur between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> placed teams, prior to semi-final matches, if the lower placed team has won their scheduled league game.

c) Start Times :

- i. Consecutive games - 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. \*\*\* If games are to be played consecutively, the host school must contact the visiting school 48 hours prior to game time unless already indicated on the distributed schedule.
- ii. Concurrent games - 3:30 p.m.

**Officiating:**

- a) A carded referee is required for each game. Referees will be arranged by the home team.
- b) The use of two linesmen must be arranged by the home school. The use of two qualified will be arranged whenever possible

**Playing Rules:**

- a) Girls: Games will consist of two forty - five (45) minute halves, with no more than a five minute half-time interval.
- b) Boys: Games will consist of two forty-five (45) minute halves, with no more than a five minute half-time interval.
- c) In the event of a suspension in play due to severe conditions, the match will be considered complete and results official if 75 % [68 minutes] of play has been completed. If not an official game, the game should be rescheduled.
- d) There can be unlimited substitution at goal kicks, after goals are scored, half time, and when your team is in possession of a throw-in [the other team may substitute when you substitute]. Players must be in proper uniform. This includes a numbered jersey, shin guards, and appropriate footwear. Eyeglasses which are properly secured should not be a cause for a player to be disqualified.
- e) If teams are tied at the end of regulation time in play-offs, the following procedure shall be used:
  - i. two ten-minute halves played in full (no sudden death)
  - ii. if still tied, each team will select five players from those on the field at the conclusion of the overtime. These five players will take penalty kicks alternately, the first team to kick being decided by a coin toss. The winner will be the team scoring the most penalty kicks.
  - iii. if still tied, the remaining players shall take penalty kicks, (sudden victory) one from each team alternately, the winner being that team which is ahead after any pair of penalty kicks.
- f) Any player who receives a red card automatically sits out the next game.
- g) Any player who receives 2 yellow cards in the same game sits out the next game.
- h) Any player receiving a yellow card must leave the field of play until the next opportunity for a substitution.
- i) Each coach will be responsible to ensure that SUSPENSION REPORTS are completed (Appendix 4 - B.A.A. Constitution) and that suspended player sits out the required games. On review of the convenor, if an ineligible player was used, that team will forfeit the game and the points.

- j) On the written request of a referee, or a coach, a player's conduct may be referred, within 24 hours of the incident, to the convenor who shall submit a written report to the B.A.A. President as soon as possible.

**Scoring:**

- a) 3 points will be awarded for a win. 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.
- b) The score of a forfeited game will be recorded as 1 - 0.
- c) In the event of a tie in placing teams at the end of the season, the tie shall be broken by the following:
  - i. season play against each other; then if still tied;
  - ii. goal against; then if still tied;
  - iii. goal differential [the maximum allowable goal differential in any one game is set at 5]; then if still tied;
  - iv. a flip of a coin.

**Awards:**

- Members of each championship team shall receive B.A.A. medallions.
- Each team champion will receive the B.A.A. plaque.

**Advancement to Further Competition:**

- Junior - The B.A.A. team champion and the second place finisher will advance to C.W.O.S.S.A.
- Senior - [Sept - 2006] left to the spring meetings of 2007 to be determined.