

## SOCCER

### 1. CATEGORIES:

SHSAA champions will be declared in three categories of soccer for both boys and girls.

### 2. CLASSIFICATIONS:

The SHSAA will offer championship tournaments for boys and girls in the following categories:

Boys Soccer:	3A: 7 v 7
	4A: 11 v 11
	5A: 11 v 11
Girls Soccer:	3A: 7 v 7
	4A: 11 v 11
	5A: 11 v 11

### 3. RULES:

The SHSAA has adopted the FIFA (International) rules, with the following SHSAA amendments:

- a) 7v7 – 35-minute halves with a 10-minute break between halves; 11v11 – 40-minute halves with a 10-minute break on days when a team is playing more than one game per day at the SHSAA playoff competition.
- b) Team roster size is unlimited for 11v11. Roster size is capped at 14 for 7v7. The playoff roster for each 7v7 team will be set at a maximum of 14 for the first game of regional playoffs. No changes may be made to the roster for the remainder of the SHSAA playoffs. Rosters must be submitted to SHSAA Office and Event Host prior to the playoff beginning.
- c) Unlimited substitution may be made during the game with a maximum of two substitutions at a time.
- d) Size of playing field according to FIFA rules.
  - 1) Length – Minimum of 100 (80 for 7v7) yards, Maximum of 130 (110 for 7v7) yards.
  - 2) Width – Minimum of 50 (40 for 7v7) yards, Maximum of 100 (65 for 7v7) yards.
  - 3) Penalty area is marked proportionately for 7v7 fields less than 50 yards wide.
- e) Playing field must be well marked, level and free of holes, rocks and any other obstructions.
- f) **TIE MATCHES:** In regional and provincial playoff games, where there is a need to have a winner declared, should a match end in a tie at the end of regulation time:
  - 1) Overtime periods will be two 5-minute halves. For the Saturday games at the provincial tournament only, overtime shall consist of two 10-minute (5-minute for 7v7) halves before the shootout. The following procedures will be used at the end of regulation time:
    - i. A coin is tossed and the team that wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of overtime.
    - ii. The other team takes the kick-off to start the overtime.
    - iii. The team that wins the toss takes the kick-off to start the second half of overtime.
    - iv. In the second half of the match the teams change ends and attack the opposite goals.
    - v. There is no GOLDEN GOAL rule in effect.

If still tied:

- 2) Each team shall take five penalty kicks. The kicks shall be taken in alternate order by five different players of each team at the same goal. No player shall kick more than once until all eligible players have had a kick. Each team shall utilize the same number of eligible players for penalty kicks. The eligible players are those who were on the field at the end of regulation play (see the appropriate ruling in the "Laws of the Game"). Only eligible players are allowed on the field during the penalty kicks.
- g) Shin guards are mandatory for all players involved in SHSAA soccer programs.
  - h) A 7v7 match may not start, or continue, if either team consists of fewer than five players.

#### **4. OFFICIALS:**

The District Officials' Commissioner in consultation with the SHSAA office will appoint the head referee and linesmen for all Regional and Provincial playoff games. The Provincial Office will pay them at the published rates.

#### **5. AWARDS:**

- a) In all categories at the Provincial championships:
  - Champions: Team trophy, keeper plaque, and twenty-five individual gold medals
  - Runners-up: Keeper plaque, twenty-five individual silver medals
  - Third Place: Keeper plaque, twenty-five individual bronze medals
  - Fourth Place: Keeper plaque
- b) In all categories at the Regional tournaments:
  - First Place: Keeper plaque, individual medals

#### **6. PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS:**

For the 3A (7 v 7) and 4A category, if sixteen or more teams have registered to compete, teams will compete in one of four regional tournaments. Two teams from each regional will advance to an eight-team provincial tournament. The regional that contains the provincial host will advance one team to the provincial.

If fifteen or fewer teams have registered to compete, teams will compete in one of two regional tournaments. Two teams from each regional will advance to a four-team provincial tournament. The regional that contains the provincial host will advance one team to the provincial championship in addition to the provincial host.

If seven or fewer teams have registered to compete, the lowest seeded teams will play elimination games prior to the four-team provincial tournament.

In the 5A category four regional tournaments will be conducted:

The SHSAA office will seed the Regional playoffs and the 3A and 4A provincial championships. Provincial seeding will be based on the forms submitted by each of the participating teams. The 5A provincial championship will follow a pre-determined bracket draw (3-year rotation - SEE SHSAA WEBSITE SOCCER ACTIVITY PAGE).