**LGSSAA Soccer Playing Regulations**

**Boys & Girls A, AA, AAA (Junior and Senior)**

*Updated 2019*

# Season

1. The playing season for boys and girls soccer runs from mid April to the third week of May. During the first two weeks of May, the playoff round will begin to determine the LGSSAA championship and the EOSSAA berth for all levels (A, AA, and AAA). The finals must be played at least three (3) business days prior to the EOSSAA championships in order to assure timely notification of our registration to the EOSSAA convenor.

1. The first part of the season will be referred to as the pre-season. The pre-season will start the third week of April. The pre-season schedule will have teams playing within or outside of their school’s classification. All pre-season games will be considered “friendlies” and have no points awarded for results. Due to the uncertainty of field conditions at this time of year, if a host school’s field is not ready to be used, it is expected that the host team will ask the visiting team if their field can be used. If so, the game will be played at that field. If field conditions for both schools are not suitable, then the game is not played; nor rescheduled.

1. The playoff rounds will begin the first week of May. Seeding for all playoff rounds will be determined randomly. The convenor with a neutral party witness, will draw names out of a hat to determine individual school seeding. Please see Appendices for playoff round formats.

# Eligibility

 A. To represent a school a player must...

1. Be eligible as certified by his/her principal.

1. Meet the following criteria:
	1. Meet the OFSAA Age Classifications for the school year in which he/she is participating.
	2. Be currently in grades 9-12
	3. Be eligible for a maximum of five (5) years of competition from the date of entry into grade 9.

1. Meet EOSSAA transfer policy requirements.

1. A Junior player may play in only one (1) Senior playoff game and maintain his/her eligibility as a Junior. In the event of a second appearance with a Senior side, the player in question is instantly and permanently promoted to the Senior level.

# Rules

A. FIFA’s “Laws of the Game” shall govern the conduct of play with the following exceptions:

1. Length of Play: Senior games will have two (2) halves each lasting forty five (45) minutes with a five (5) minute rest period as well as any extra time the referee allots. Junior games will have two (2) halves each lasting forty (40) minutes with a five (5) minute rest period as well as any extra time the referee allots.

1. Substitutions:
	1. Unlimited:
	2. May occur at goal kicks, goals scored, at half time and on your own throw in possession (if a team initiates a substitution on their throw in, the opposing team may also complete a substitution);
	3. In the case of injury, substitution is permissible at the referee's discretion;

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;

* 1. If a player receives a **red card** he/she must leave the field for the remainder of that game (no substitution allowed) and is required to serve a one game suspension. All red card situations will be reviewed by the Jury of Appeal to determine if further sanctions will be levied. Two red cards in a season will result in the player’s status for the remainder of the season being reviewed by the Jury of Appeal.
	2. A player who accumulates three (3) yellow cards will receive a one game suspension to be served during his/her team’s next scheduled game. Cards received at any point in season including the pre-season are all considered “cards” and will count towards a player’s card total.

1. Coaches must conduct themselves in a calm and sportsman-like manner, regardless of how outrageous they consider a call. They must communicate to their players via attitude, word, and deed and accept the decision in question and recognize the officials’ authority. Complaints, accusations, and the like, must be directed to the convenor.

# Officials

1. The host team is responsible for providing and paying for a responsible, competent, and certified official.

1. If the host school does not provide two lines people, each team is to provide one (1) line judge to provide minor assistance to the official.

1. The convenor, or a neutral coach if the convenor is involved, must approve the officials for the semi-final and final matches at least one day prior.

# Uniforms and Equipment

1. All players are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of LGSSAA. A uniform should consist of a matching jersey, shin guards and footwear.

1. Should a team member’s uniform become soiled with blood or other body fluid, the uniform must be removed. A substitute uniform may consist of another team member’s uniform or an appropriate alternative.

1. The home team should have a second set of team jerseys or pinnies on hand, in case the visiting team’s jersey is similar to, or the same in colour..

1. All players **must** wear shin guards. Any competitor who does not have shin guards will not be permitted to play.

1. All jewelery, including studs, should be removed.

1. Any player with a playing cast must provide a doctor’s note indicating it is safe for him/her to play.

1. Any knee braces or casts must be approved by the official prior to the match. Buckles, metal plates, and screws must be covered.

1. Players can wear running shoes or soccer cleats (a player must not wear anything that is dangerous to other players). Football and baseball cleats are not permitted.

1. Each home team shall provide adequate lining of the field, secure nets in good repair, corner flags, and two acceptable game balls. If not provided to the standards of the official, the home team will forfeit the match with the visiting team receiving a 2-0 win.

# Start Time

1. Start times are subject to the discretion of the convenor for the purposes of scheduling. It is the responsibility of the home coach to notify the visiting coach of any changes to time and the order of play (girls or boys first) at least one full business day before the game.

1. It is recommended that the visiting team arrive in uniform ready to play a full fifteen (15) minutes before the first game’s kick-off time.

# Results, Standings Determination

1. Game sheets:
	1. The Official OFSAA Soccer Game Sheet shall be used to record match results.
	2. The game sheet is the responsibility of the home coach to ensure it is completed in full (with both rosters listed and all signatures) prior to its submission to the convenor immediately following the conclusion of the match.
2. Points for playoff season games will be three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) for a loss. There are no points awarded for “friendlies” in the pre-season.

1. Ties in the playoff season pool standings will be resolved by (in order): Note 1: only games played during playoff round will be used in tiebreaker decisions

Note 2: these tiebreaker do not apply for playoffs involving only 2 teams in a classification- see Appendix B-2

* 1. Games played between the teams involved
	2. Average goals against; total goals against/ # of games played
	3. Average goal differential; (total goals for – total goals against) /# of games played
	4. Average goals for; total goals for/ # of games played
	5. For two teams tied, winner of penalty kick shootout.
	6. Least amount of average cards per game during playoffs as well as preseason (yellow worth 1, red worth 2)
	7. Coin toss or dice roll.
1. Ties in the playoff season across pools will be resolved by (in order): This will be used to determine location of finals.
	1. Games played between the teams involved if these exist- these include preseason games or tournament games
	2. Average goals against; total goals against/ # of games played
	3. Average goal differential; (total goals for – total goals against) /# of games played
	4. Average goals for; total goals for/ # of games played
	5. Least amount of average cards per game during playoffs as well as preseason (yellow worth 1, red worth 2)
	6. Coin toss or dice roll.

# Playoffs, Tie-breaking, Entry to EOSSAA

1. A tied playoff semi-final or final game will be followed by two (2) ten-minute periods of extra time. The first team to score during the extra time will immediately be declared the victor, “Golden Goal”. If the teams remain tied following both periods of extra time, the official will initiate a standard FIFA penalty shoot-out until a clear victor is determined. The keeper in goal at the end of extra time must remain in goal for the penalty shoot-out (except in the case of injury). Only players on the field at the end of extra time are eligible to shoot. No player may take a second shot until all players on that team have taken a shot each. If players have been sent off, the team with more remaining players may exclude a number equal to the difference from their rotation. The winners will be declared LGSSAA champions.

1. The playoff winner advances to EOSSAA. If a second EOSSAA berth is available to LGSSAA, the loser of the playoff final will be awarded that berth. If the league-winning school declare itself ineligible for EOSSAA, the second place school will be granted the berth.

1. Each league convenor must advise the EOSSAA convenor if the league will or will not send a representative to the EOSSAA Championship no later than two (2) weeks prior to the EOSSAA Championship date.

1. Associations declaring intent to participate in a championship are responsible and shall continue to be responsible for their share of the championship (i.e. entry fee) regardless as to whether or not they participate.

APPENDIX A

 Playoff structures for the different number of schools within a classification.

 Note: For any tied games in pool play, a penalty kick shootout will immediately follow the game in case needed for a tie-breaker scenario. See VII C.

 APPENDIX A1

 One team within a classification; that team will be declared LGSSAA champion.

APPENDIX A2

 Two teams within a classification; a home and away aggregate score will be used to determine LGSSAA champion. Tie breaker: If teams are tied at the end of the second game (aggregate score), the first tiebreaker is the goals scored during a teams away game are worth two points and home goals one point. If the teams are still tied, refer to VIII A.

 Teams will be referred to as 2-1, and 2-2. This seeding will be determined randomly.

 *Please see Appendix B2*

APPENDIX A3

 Three teams within a classification; a round robin tournament will be used. Each team plays the other teams once. Third place plays second place in semi-finals. First gets a BYE. Winner of semis plays first place finisher in finals. Tie breaker: If teams are tied at the end of the round robin play, refer to VII C. Home field advantage determined also using VII C.

 Teams will be referred to as 3-1, 3-2 and 3-3. This seeding will be determined randomly.

 *Please see Appendix B3*

APPENDIX A4

 Four teams within a classification; A round robin tournament will be used. Each team plays the other teams once. First plays fourth and second plays third for semi-finals. The winners of the semis will meet in the finals. Tie breaker: If teams are tied at the end of the round robin play, refer to VII C. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII C. Teams will be referred to as 4-1, 4-2, 4-3 and 4-4. This seeding will be determined randomly.

 *Please see Appendix B4*

APPENDIX A5

 Five teams within a classification; The teams will be split into two pools, one pool with 2 teams, the other with 3. Refer to Appendix A2 for the pool of 2. The pool of 3 will play a round robin tournament with each team playing the other two teams within their pool. The winner of this pool is decided by following VII C. The winner of each pool will meet the second place finisher of the other pool. Home field advantage will be given to the winners of each pool. The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the finals. Home field advantage will be determined using VII D. Teams will be referred to as 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, and 5-5. This seeding will be determined randomly.

 *Please see Appendix B5*

APPENDIX A6

 Six teams within a classification; Teams will be split into two pools of 3. Each pool of 3 will play a round robin tournament with each team playing the other two teams within their pool. The winner of each pool is decided by following VII C. The winner of each pool will meet the second place finisher of the other pool. Home field advantage will be given to the winners of each pool. The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the finals. Home field advantage will be determined using V11 D.

 Teams will be referred to as 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5 and 6-6. This seeding will be determined randomly.

 *Please see Appendix B6*

APPENDIX A7

 Seven teams within a classification; Teams will be split into two pools. One pool of 3 and the other a pool of 4. Each pool will play a round robin tournament with each team playing the other teams within their pool. Winners in each pool will be determined using VII C. The winner of each pool will meet the second place finisher of the other pool. Home field advantage will be given to the winners of each pool. The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the finals. Home field advantage will be determined using V11 D.

 Teams will be referred to as 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6 and 7-7.

 *Please see Appendix B7*

APPENDIX A8

 Eight teams within a classification; Teams will be split into two pools of 4. Each pool of 4 will follow a round robin style format with each team playing the other teams within their pools. Top teams from each pool will be determined using VII C. The winner of each pool will meet the second place finisher of the other pool. Home field advantage will be given to the winners of each pool . The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the finals. Home field advantage will be determined using VII D.

 Teams will be referred to as 8-1, 8-2, 8-3, 8-4, 8-5, 8-6, 8-7, and 8-8

 *Please see Appendix B8*

APPENDIX A9

 Nine teams within a classification; Teams will be split into four pools. Three pools of 2 and the fourth pool of 3. Each pool of 2 will play a home and away aggregate following Appendix A2. The pool of 3 will play a round robin with each team playing the other 2 teams. The winner of that pool will be decided following VII C. The winners of the first two pools will play each other in a single semi-final game. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. The winner of the third pool of two will meet the winner of the pool of 3 in the other semi-final. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the finals. Home field advantage for semis and finals determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. Teams will be referred to as 9-1, 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7, 9-8 and 9-9.

 *Please see Appendix B9*

APPENDIX A10

 Ten teams within a classification; Teams will be split into four pools Two pools of 2 teams and two pools of 3 teams. The 2 pools of 2 will play a home and away aggregate while the 2 pools of three will follow a round robin format. The winners of the first two pools will play each other in a single semi-final game. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. The winner of the third pool will meet the winner of the fourth pool in the other semi-final. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the finals. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. Teams will be referred to as 10-1, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4, 10-5, 10-6, 10-7, 10-8, 10-9 and 10-10.

 *Please see Appendix B10*

APPENDIX A11

 Eleven teams within a classification; Teams will be split into 4 pools. One pool of 2 and the other three pools each consisting of 3 teams. The 1 pool of 2 will play a home and away aggregate while the 3 pools of three will follow a round robin format. The winners of the first two pools will play each other in a single semi-final game. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. The winner of the third pool will meet the winner of the fourth pool in the other semi-final. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the finals. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. The winners of the two semi-finals will meet in the finals. Home field advantage determined using tie-breaking procedure VII D. Teams will be referred to as 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7, 11-8, 11-9, 11-10 and 11-11.

 *Please see Appendix B11*

APPENDIX B

 Playoff structures for the different number of schools within a classification with seeding.

APPENDIX B2

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| Day 1 | 2-1 @ 2-2 |
| Day 2 | 2-2 @ 2-1 |

APPENDIX B3

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| Day 1 | 3-1 @ 3-2 |
| Day 2 | 3-3 @ 3-1 |
| Day 3 | 3-2 @ 3-3 |

Day 4 Semi-Finals. 3rd @ 2nd

Day 5 Finals winner or semis @ 1rst

APPENDIX B4

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| Day 1 | 4-1 @ 4-2 | 4-3 @ 4-4 |
| Day 2 | 4-4 @ 4-1 | 4-2 @ 4-3 |
| Day 3 | 4-1 @ 4-3 | 4-2@ 4-4 |

Day 4 Semi-Finals. 4th @ 1rst, 3rd @ 2nd

Day 5 Final winners of two semis- home field to highest seed

APPENDIX B5

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| POOL ADay 1 | 5-1 @ 5-2 |
| Day 2 | 5-2 @ 5-1 |
| POOL B |  |
| Day 1 | 5-3 @ 5-4 |
| Day 2 | 5-5 @ 5-3 |
| Day 3 | 5-4 @ 5-5 |

Day 4 Semi-Finals. 1rst pool A vs 2nd pool B , 2nd pool A vs 1rst pool B home field to the 1rst place finishers

Day 5 Final winners of two semis- home field determined by VII D

APPENDIX B6

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| Pool A |
| Day 1 6-1 @ 6-2 |
| Day 2 6-3 @ 6-1 |
| Day 3 6-2 @ 6-3  |

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| Pool B |
| Day 1 6-4 @ 6-5 |
| Day 2 6-6 @ 6-4 |
| Day 3 6-5@ 6-6 |

Day 4 Semi-Finals. 1rst pool A vs 2nd pool B , 2nd pool A vs 1rst pool B home field to the 1rst place finishers

Day 5 Final winner of two semis- home field determined by VII D

APPENDIX B7

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| Pool A |
| Day 1 7-1 @ 7-2 |
| Day 2. 7-3 @ 7-1 |
| Day 3. 7-2 @ 7-3  |

Pool B

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| Day 1 | 7-4 @ 7-5 | 7-6 @ 7-7 |
| Day 2 | 7-7 @ 7-4 | 7-5 @ 7-6 |
| Day 3 | 7-4 @ 7-6 | 7-5 @ 7-7 |

Day 4 Semi-Finals. 1rst pool A vs 2nd pool B , 2nd pool A vs 1rst pool B home field to the 1 rst place finishers

Day 5 Final winner of two semis- home field determined by VII D

APPENDIX B8

Pool A

|  |  |  |
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| Day 1 | 8-1 @ 8-2 | 8-3 @ 8-4 |
| Day 2 | 8-4 @ 8-1 | 8-2 @ 8-3 |
| Day 3 | 8-1 @ 8-3 | 8-2 @ 8-4  |

Pool B

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| Day 1 | 8-5 @ 8-6 | 8-7 @ 8-8 |
| Day 2 | 8-8 @ 8-5 | 8-6 @ 8-7 |
| Day 3 | 8-5 @ 8-7 | 8-6 @ 8-8 |

Day 4 Semi-Finals. 1rst pool A vs 2nd pool B , 2nd pool A vs 1rst pool B home field to the 1rst place finishers

Day 5 Final winner of two semis- home field determined by VII D

APPENDIX B9

Pool A

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| Day 1 | 9-1 @ 9-2 |
| Day 2 | 9-2 @ 9-1 |

Pool B

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| Day 1 | 9-3 @ 9-4 |
| Day 2 | 9-4 @ 9-3 |

Day 3. Semi final. Winner of Pool A vs winner of Pool B

 (home field determined using VII D)

Pool C

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| Day 1 | 9-5 @ 9-6 |
| Day 2 | 9-6 @ 9-5 |
|  Pool D |  |
| Day 1 | 9-7 @ 9-8 |
| Day 2 | 9-9 @ 9-7 |
| Day 3 | 9-9 @ 9-8 |

Day 4 Semi final. Winner of Pool C vs winner of pool D

 (home field determined using VII D)

Day 5. Final. Winners of two semi finals play. (home field determined using VII D)

APPENDIX B10

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| POOL ADay 1 | 10-1 @ 10-2 |
| Day 2 | 10-2 @ 10-1 |
| POOL B |  |
| Day 1 | 10-3 @ 10-4 |
| Day 2 | 10-5 @ 10-3 |
| Day 3 | 10-4 @ 10-5 |

Day 4 Semi final. Winner of pool A vs Winner of pool B

 (home field determined using VII D)

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| POOL CDay 1 | 10-6 @ 10-7 |
| Day 2 | 10-7 @ 10-6 |
| POOL D |  |
| Day 1 | 10-8 @ 10-9 |
| Day 2 | 10-10 @ 10-8 |
| Day 3 | 10-10 @ 10-9 |

Day 4 Semi final Winner of pool C vs Winner of pool D

 (home field determined using VII D)

Day 5. Final. Winners of two semi finals play. (home field determined using VII D)

APPENDIX B11

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| POOL ADay 1 | 11-1 @ 11-2 |
| Day 2 | 11-2 @ 11-1 |
| POOL B |  |
| Day 1 | 11-3 @ 11-4 |
| Day 2 | 11-5 @ 11-3 |
| Day 3 | 11-4 @ 11-5 |

Day 4 semi final. Winner of pool A vs Winner of pool B

 (home field determined using VII D)

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| Pool C |
| Day 1 11-6 @ 11-7 |
| Day 2 11-8 @ 11-6 |
| Day 3 11-8 @ 11-7  |

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| Pool D |
| Day 1 11-9 @ 11-10 |
| Day 2 11-11 @ 11-9 |
| Day 3 11-11@ 11-10 |

Day 4 semi final. Winner of pool C vs Winner of pool D

 (home field determined using VII D)

Day 5 Final- Winner of two semi-finals

 (home field determined using VII D)