

SOSSA INC. GIRLS SOCCER

Playing Regulations

1. **Date:**
The SOSSA INC. Girls Soccer Championship(s) shall be held in the spring of each year during the week prior to the OFSAA Girls Soccer Championship unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change.
2. **Location:**
The location of the championships shall be decided not later than the SOSSA INC. Annual General Meeting held in June of the school year prior to the championships.
3. **Eligibility:**
Articles VII and VIII of the SOSSA INC. Constitution.
4. **Tournament Structure and Procedure:**
The championships tournament shall be a Single Elimination Tournament with the semi-final winners meeting to determine the SOSSA INC. champion.

The pairing for the semi-final games shall be in accordance with Appendix 3 of the SOSSA INC. Constitution.

5. **Entry:**
Each zone shall be allowed one(1) team in the SOSSA INC. championship. The SOSSA INC. convenor can (after consultation with the SOSSA INC. Secretary-Treasurer) round out the draw for the SOSSA INC. tournament to four teams. The SOSSA INC. convenor should provide written information to each zone convenor prior to the declaration of each zone champion. This information should include:
 - a) SOSSA INC. convenor's name, school address and school phone number
 - b) the draw including times
 - c) the site and a map to it
 - d) any other pertinent information (ie. change facilities, etc.)

Each zone convenor should inform the SOSSA INC. convenor of the details of her zone representative as soon as a zone champion is declared. The SOSSA INC. convenor will only accept the name of the Zone Representative from the Zone convenor. The convenor and Secretary-Treasurer may round out the draw to four teams.

Procedure to fill the SOSSA INC. draw - Article VII.

The SOSSA INC. convenor shall be responsible to ensure that the OFSAA entries are submitted.

6. **Expenses:**

An attempt should be made to cover tournament expenses. Those schools who are entered in SOSSA INC. championships are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel and meals.

The SOSSA INC. convenor shall forward a financial statement to the SOSSA INC. Administrative Secretary-Treasurer at the conclusion of the tournament.

7. Rules and Officials:

The Rules of Soccer as they appear in the FIFA Handbook shall govern play in the SOSSA INC. championships with the following exceptions:

- a) Length of Play - there shall be two thirty-five minute halves with a five minute rest period
- b) Number of Players - teams may dress 20 players or less. All players must be included on the eligibility list.
- c) Substitutions:
 - i) Unlimited substitution
 - ii) may occur at goal kicks, goals scored and at half time
 - iii) In the case of an injury, substitution is permissible at the referee's discretion
 - vi) Substitution for a yellow carded player is compulsory. The yellow carded player is the only player who may be replaced at that time and she may re-enter the game at a regular substitution period.
 - v) If a player receives a red card in the SOSSA INC. tournament, he must Leave the field for the remainder of that game (no substitution allowed) and he may not play in his teams next game in the tournament.
 - v) After three (3) yellow card offences per season a player would receive an automatic one game suspension.
- d) Tied Games:

If a playoff game is tied at the end of regulation time, the following procedure shall be used:

 - i) two ten minute overtime halves. Golden Goal Rule shall apply; first team to score in the overtime periods will be the winner and the match is concluded.
 - ii) if still tied each team will select five (5) 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 from those on the field at the conclusion of the overtime shall take penalty kicks, one from each team alternately, the winner being that team which is ahead after any pair of penalty kicks.
- e) The SOSSA INC. convenor shall be responsible for providing competent officials.
- f) The SOSSA INC. championships should have one official referee and two official linesmen for each game.

8. Uniforms and Equipment:
 - a) Teams are to provide their own uniforms.
 - b) The SOSSA INC. convenor is responsible for having all necessary equipment.
 - c) Be it resolved that any F.I.F.A. approved shoes duly inspected by the official and deemed to be safe be allowed.

9. Awards:
 - a) Each player on the winning team shall receive a SOSSA INC. medallion.

 - b) The winning team shall receive the SOSSA INC. Championship trophy (where one exists).

10. Deportment:

As per Article X and XI

11. Medical Personnel:

It is recommended that qualified First Aid personnel and equipment be available at the Championship site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (ie. tape, bandaids, etc.) for their athletes.

12. Appeals and Protests:

See Article IX.
Deportment: See Article X and XI.