

# **SOSSA BOYS' SOCCER**

## **Playing Regulations – revised July, 2023**

### **1. Date**

The SOSSA Boys Soccer Championship(s) shall be held in the spring of each year during the week prior to the OFSAA Boys Soccer Championship unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a otherwise.

### **2. Location:**

The location of the championships shall be decided not later than the SOSSA Annual Meeting held in June of the school year prior to the championships.

### **3. Eligibility**

Please see Articles VII and VIII of the SOSSA Constitution.

### **4. Classifications**

Please see Article VII, Section 7.03 and 7.05 of the SOSSA Constitution.

### **5. Tournament Structure and Procedure**

The championship tournaments shall be a Single Elimination Tournament with the semi-final winners meeting to determine the SOSSA champion.

The pairing for the semi-final games shall be in accordance with Appendix 1 of the SOSSA Constitution.

Rest times between games will be in accordance with OFSAA playing regulations for soccer. If less is desired see SOSSA constitution Article 11.10.

### **6. Entry**

Each zone shall be allowed one entry into the SOSSA tournament.

The convenor and administrative director may round out the draw to four teams.

Procedure to fill the SOSSA draw - Article VII section 7.09.

The SOSSA convener should provide tournament information at least two weeks before the event to the address below "championships@sossa.on.ca" Information should include:

- a) Game times and zone match ups for semi-finals and the championship game time.
- b) The site location of the tournament and directions if necessary
- c) Any other pertinent information (gate cost, parking information, etc.)

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

## **7. Expenses: See Article IV.**

Each team is responsible for the costs of travel, meals, and accommodations for the event(s).

A financial convenor report shall be submitted to the SOSSA administrative director following the championship.

## **8. Rules and Officials:**

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

- a) Length of Play - there shall be two forty (40) 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) substitutions may occur at goal kicks, goals scored, at half time and on your own throw in and on an opponent's throw in once the opponent has initiated a substitution.
  - iii) In the case of an injury, substitution is permissible at the referee's discretion.
  - iv) Substitution for a yellow carded player is compulsory. The yellow carded player is the only player who may be replaced at that time and he may re-enter the game at a regular substitution period.
  - v) If a player receives a red card in the SOSSA 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.
  - vi) After three (3) yellow card offences per season a player would receive an automatic one game suspension. Suspensions at the zone level carry forward to the SOSSA championship tournament.
- 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. The Golden Goal Rule shall apply; first team to score in the overtime periods will be the winner and the match is concluded.

### **8. Rules and Officials, continued:**

- 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 convenor shall be responsible for providing competent officials.
- f) The SOSSA 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 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 medallion (20).
- b) The winning team shall receive the SOSSA Championship trophy (where one exists).

### **10. Department:**

Any school team entering SOSSA sponsored or approved competition must be under the control of a staff member of the school which it represents.

### **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, band aids, etc.) for their athletes.

### **12. Appeals and Protests:**

If a school(s) wishes to proceed with a protest, see Article 9 of the SOSSA constitution.