

SOCCER

1. CLASSIFICATIONS:

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

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| 1.1. | Boys Soccer: | 3A: 7 v 7
4A: 11 v 11
5A: 11 v 11 |
| 1.2. | Girls Soccer: | 3A: 7 v 7
4A: 11 v 11
5A: 11 v 11 |

2. RULES:

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

- 2.1. 7 v 7 – **20-minute** halves with a **5-minute** break between halves
11 v 11 – 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.
- 2.2. Team roster size is unlimited for 11 v 11.
Roster size is capped at 14 for 7 v 7. The playoff roster for each 7 v 7 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.
- 2.3. Unlimited substitution may be made during the game with a maximum of two substitutions at a time.
- 2.4. Size of playing field according to FIFA rules.
 - 2.4.1. Length – Minimum of 100 (80 for 7 v 7) yards, Maximum of 130 (110 for 7 v 7) yards.
 - 2.4.2. Width – Minimum of 50 (40 for 7 v 7) yards, Maximum of 100 (65 for 7 v 7) yards.
 - 2.4.3. Penalty area is marked proportionately for 7 v 7 fields less than 50 yards wide.
- 2.5. Playing field must be well marked, level and free of holes, rocks, and any other obstructions.
- 2.6. Shin guards are mandatory for all players involved in SHSAA soccer programs.
- 2.7. A 7 v 7 match may not start, or continue, if either team consists of fewer than five players.
- 2.8. **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:
 - 2.8.1. 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 7 v 7) halves before the shootout. The following procedures will be used at the end of regulation time:
 - 2.8.1.1. A coin is tossed and the team that wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of overtime.
 - 2.8.1.2. The other team takes the kick-off to start the overtime.

- 2.8.1.3. The team that wins the toss takes the kick-off to start the second half of overtime.
- 2.8.1.4. In the second half of the match, the teams change ends and attack the opposite goals.
- 2.8.1.5. There is no GOLDEN GOAL rule in effect.

If still tied:

- 2.8.2. Each team shall take five penalty kicks. The kicks shall be taken in alternating 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.

3. OFFICIALS:

- 3.1. 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.

4. PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS:

4.1. **3A (7 v 7)**

- 4.1.1. ***Provincial championships will consist of 8 teams. The tournament will follow a two pool, round-robin format with quarter-finals, semi-finals, and medal matches being played on the Saturday. In instances where there are less than 8 teams, the tournament will follow a round-robin format determined by the Provincial Office.***
- 4.1.2. ***7 v 7 Regional tournaments will follow a round-robin format to be determined by the Provincial Office.***
- 4.1.3. ***If eleven or fewer teams have registered to compete, play-in games will be made by the Provincial Office to create a field of eight prior to the provincial championship***

4.2. **4A (11 v 11)**

- 4.2.1. 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.
- 4.2.2. 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.
- 4.2.3. If seven or fewer teams have registered to compete, the lowest seeded teams will play elimination games prior to the four-team provincial tournament.

4.3. **5A (11 v 11)**

- 4.3.1. Two Regional, Regina District, and Saskatoon District tournaments will be conducted.
- 4.3.2. The 5A Provincial Championship will follow a pre-determined bracket draw (3-year rotation – SEE SHSAA WEBSITE SOCCER ACTIVITY PAGE)

- 4.4. 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.
5. **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE:**
 - 5.1. **Placing at the end of the round-robin will be determined as follows:**
 - 5.1.1. **If two or more teams are tied at the end of the round-robin, the following criteria will be applied:**
 - 5.1.1.1. **The team having the best ratio of matches won/lost, considering matches between tied teams, will be ranked higher.**
 - 5.1.1.2. **The team with the greatest goal difference, considering matches played between tied teams, will be ranked higher. Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting goals conceded from goals scored.**
 - 5.1.1.3. **The team with the greatest goal difference, considering all matches played, will be ranked higher. Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting goals conceded from goals scored.**
 - 5.1.1.4. **The team with the highest goal average in all round-robin matches shall be awarded the higher position. Goal average shall be calculated as goals scored divided by goals conceded. If a team did not concede any goals, this shall be considered as a higher goal average as compared to a team that has conceded a goal.**
 - 5.1.1.5. **The team allowing the least number of goals, considering matches between tied teams, shall be awarded the higher position.**
 - 5.1.1.6. **The team scoring the highest number of goals, considering matches between tied teams, shall be awarded the higher position.**
 - 5.1.2. **A maximum goal difference of 5 will be considered in any single match**
6. **AWARDS:**
 - 6.1. In 11 v 11 categories at the Provincial championships:
 - Champions: Team trophy, keeper plaque, and 25 individual gold medals
 - Runners-up: Keeper plaque, 25 individual silver medals
 - Third Place: Keeper plaque, 25 individual bronze medals
 - Fourth Place: Keeper plaque
 - 6.2. In 7 v 7 categories at the Provincial championships:
 - Champions: Team trophy, keeper plaque, and 18 individual gold medals
 - Runners-up: Keeper plaque, 18 individual silver medals
 - Third Place: Keeper plaque, 18 individual bronze medals
 - Fourth Place: Keeper plaque
 - 6.3. In 11 v 11 categories at the Regional tournaments:
 - First Place: Keeper plaque and 25 individual medals
 - 6.4. In 7 v 7 categories at the Regional tournaments:
 - First Place: Keeper plaque and 18 individual medals