

## SOCCER

### RULES

#### 1. TEAMS

- There are to be two divisions:
  - o OPEN - Senior teams are open teams allowing selection from Years 7 - 12.
  - o MIDDLE - Middle teams should consist of only Years 7 - 9 students.
- Teams are to consist of 11 players on the field. Up to 5 interchanges may be used.
- A team must have 8 players to avoid a forfeit. If a forfeit is necessary, schools may decide to have a 'scratch match'.
- Eligibility for a finals match: If half the player(s) matches have been played in any given grade, they can play in a Final in that grade (as confirmation, if a player plays 50% of their matches in A grade and 50% in B grade, they would be eligible for finals in either grade)

#### 2. REFEREEING

- The first named school is to provide one referee for their match. Payment of these referees is the responsibility of each school.
- Referees are only to coach at half time in the senior division. Coaches who end up refereeing may coach where appropriate during play in the middle division.
- In Senior A grade only, schools are required to provide a line judge each. This can be the coach or responsible other.
- IGSSA to reimburse schools for Open A and Open B matches at the end of the season.

#### 3. MATCHES

- Matches are to be played on Soccer fields with Soccer goals and nets for goals should be provided where possible.
- Rules are in accordance with the current rules of the South Australian Soccer Association.
- New rule inclusions from 2020 season onwards:
  - o Kick-off can go in any direction. Does not necessarily need to go forward, as in the past
  - o For a goal-kick, defenders are now able to be inside the 18 yard box. Forwards must still be outside until after the kick has occurred.
- Matches are played Wednesday afternoons.
- Games should start as close to 4.00pm as possible. Teams play 25 minute halves with a 5 minute half time break. Games must be completed by 5.15pm. If teams are late to arrive due to transport distances then both games will be reduced equally in time unless the finishing time can be extended by mutual agreement. Coaches should negotiate time before the start of matches.
- Choice of ends and the kick off shall be determined by the toss of a coin.
- Goalkeepers must wear a different coloured shirt from all other players.
- Goalkeepers must wear gloves.
- Schools need to provide 1 field for every 2 teams entered in the competition.

#### 4. RESULTS

- As per the minutes of the 26 November 2018 meeting (point 9.3): **All results from the preceding week's matches must be in by COB each Tuesday afternoon. EO will**

**update the standings tables Tuesday evenings. Standings tables will then be forwarded to all, and published on the IGSSA website, each and every Wednesday morning**

- Senior A and B results will be recorded each week and the final results sent out at the end of the season.
- Shield points will be given for the first complete round in the Senior A and B.
- The shield (presented in both A and B) is to be shared in the event of tied points at the end of the season (if there are no finals).
- If there are finals scheduled, schools will be matched up based on their finishing position after the shield rounds (ie 1 v 2, 3 v 4 etc).
- If finals are being held, finalists will be determined by total points initially (ie win/loss tally) and then SD (Score differential) if points are equal but a split needs to be made.
- For IGSSA Premiership tables, the maximum win tally that will be registered is 8 goals. If teams win (or lose by more than that, it will be just the 8 goal margin registered). This was determined at IGSSA meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019.
- If the finals match is tied (ie the 1 v 2 shield play off), the shield is no longer shared between the two teams. As per the IGSSA meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019:
  - 2 x 5mins, then penalties (5 in total) if still tied – in accordance with FIFA soccer rules

## **5. EQUIPMENT**

- Each school is to provide a match quality ball and first aid kit.
- Shin guards are compulsory for all players, and mouthguards highly recommended.

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