

2023 IWPSSA BOYS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) RULES

1. Refer to the general soccer rules as stipulated by FIFA. Please also note the following:
 - Corners are taken from halfway between the 18-yard box (penalty area) and the corner arc in **Junior** games. Corners are taken from the corner arc in **Senior** games.
 - Goal kicks are taken from the 6-yard box (goal area) in both Junior and Senior games. Opposition players must be outside the 18-yard box (penalty area) when the goal kick is being taken but can enter the box once **'in play'**. In line with new rules, the ball **does not** have to leave the 18-yard box (penalty area) before being touched by another player. The ball is deemed **'in play'** when the goal kick is first taken by the defending team.
 - The offside rule is to be played in both Junior and Senior games.
 - A drop ball is given **if the ball strikes the referee** and the opposition takes control of the ball or a goal is scored off the referee.
2. Start at 12:30 pm (12:15 pm for Semis and Grand Finals)
 - Juniors - 15 minutes each way
 - Seniors - 20 minutes each way
 - Teams should be ready to start on time.
3. Soccer Balls: **Size 4** for both competitions.
4. Each team may make unlimited interchanges during a game.
5. A junior player may take the field in a senior game **only if** no senior players are available to substitute or not enough senior players to fill a team. A senior player **must not** play in a junior game under any circumstances.
6. Where possible, interchanges shall take place on the sideline at the interchange zone at any stoppage in play after the referee's permission has been obtained.
7. Parents may act as referees only after the following conditions have been met:
 - A letter of accreditation must be submitted to the relevant sporting convener to show the parent is a fully qualified referee with an appropriate sporting body.
 - They should NOT have a child on the team they are to referee.
 - They should NOT coach the team they are to referee.
 - They have the permission of the IWPSSA convener.
8. In all matches, the referee shall be the sole timekeeper and allow for injury time, substitutions and other stoppages.
9. The point score for all games will be:
 - Win – 3 points
 - Draw – 2 points
 - Loss – 1 point
10. In all PSSA competitions, 10 minutes of grace shall be granted on the convener's specified starting time before a forfeit will be allowed unless there is an agreement between the parties concerned.
11. In the event of a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team receives three competition points with a **3 – 0** score recorded as the result. An unforeseen forfeit hampering both teams will see both teams receive two competition points.
12. If a school activity (e.g. camp) prevents a school from playing a round of a WSPSSA competition, it is up to that school, if preferred, to arrange the game to be played prior to the finals series. The convener must be notified of the change in advance and then be sent the results.

13. In games to determine **semi-final** placing, positions will be determined by the following:
- In the event of teams tied on points at the end of the regular season for boys soccer (**at least two-thirds of the competition must be played to have finals**) the following methods are to be used to separate teams (in order from first used to last used if required).
 - a) Goals for/goals against - subtract goals against from goals scored - higher total goes through
 - b) The highest amount of goals scored between the two teams
 - c) IF STILL EQUAL - refer to results of when the 2 teams played: goals against subtracted from goals scored -higher total goes through
 - d) IF STILL EQUAL - a playoff game will be scheduled a minimum of 2 days before any preliminary final game.

Week 1 - Semi-Finals:

GAME 1 - 1st place vs 4th place (losing team eliminated)

GAME 2 - 2nd place vs 3rd place (losing team eliminated)

Week 2 – Grand Finals:

Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2 (winner – Champions)

14. In the case of a drawn semi-final or grand final, then five (5) minutes each way extra time shall be played.
15. In extra time, the golden goal rule shall apply - i.e. the team scoring the first goal in extra time automatically wins the match.
16. If the score is still tied in the semi-finals or grand finals, the champion team will be that team that was placed higher on the points table at the conclusion of the round-robin matches.

BEHAVIOUR ON FIELD

17. Only a **team captain** should question a referee's decision (in a polite manner).
18. Insolence or foul language by players should not be tolerated and if deemed appropriate the player should be sent off the field.
19. If you send off a player for inappropriate behaviour, **a replacement is permitted**.
20. Whilst supporting your team is to be encouraged, it is a WSPSSA rule at all levels of competition that there is no specific coaching from the sidelines.

RESULTS

21. Please **EMAIL or SMS** results with scores by **12 pm the Monday following the matches**. **Friday before 5:00 pm is preferable!**
22. Failure to send scores through will result in no points being awarded to your team.

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