

1. Boys' - SPRING Sport		SOCCER		2. Junior - ZONE Senior - ZONE/SOSSA/OFSAA	
<p>Many of the Policies in this sport specific section make a direct reference to a specific ARTICLE or SECTION in the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION/ POLICY MANUAL. Where relevant, you will find direct reference(s) to the ARTICLE and/or SECTION of the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION/ POLICY MANUAL. If you want to refer to the NRHSAA CONSTITUTION log on to <a href="http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca">http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca</a> and then click on "schools link". Or, use <a href="http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/schools.htm">http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/schools.htm</a>. The policies that follow are specific to this sport and should be adhered to, by every member of the NRHSAA.</p>					
3. N.R.H.S.A.A. Zone members' phone/fax numbers - See Appendix A					
4. Executive; Board of Reference - GENERAL (Responsibilities; Procedures);					
5. Athletic Convenors					
6. Soliciting	7. Insurance	8. Personal Property	9. Team Selection	10. Safety	11. Supervision of Interschool Teams
12. Eligibility for...					
a) a School:  Senior: (A/AA, AAA/AAAA);  Junior:  - Declaring up a division(s)	b) an Individual;  c) Special Considerations;	13. Transfers:  -Sect.2, Board of Reference -TRANSFER (Procedures): -Sect. 1, Transfer Policy,; -Transfer Form; (Appendix); -Transfer Meeting Dates; -Sect.2, Ineligible Ruling; -Sect.3, SOSSA Appeal Process;		14. Scheduling:  -Sect.1, Declaration of play; -Sect.2, School Classification; -Sect. 3, League and Play-off format; -Sect.4, Stages of Scheduling.	
Sport Specific Policies that may or may not be in the NRHSAA Constitution and Policy Manual.					
15. Eligibility sheets;	19. Pay the Officials;	23. Visiting Coaches' responsibilities;		25. Board of Reference - SANCTIONS And PROTESTS:	
16. Home School Responsibilities;	20. Report the scores;	24. Suspensions;		Sanctions: Procedures, Penalties, Protests: Procedures.	
17. Game Time;	21. Accredited Officials;	- Ejection;			
18. Uniforms and equipment;	22. Official Rules; Zone policies first, then the OSA and FIFA Rule Book.	- Physical or verbal altercation.			
26. League format:		27. Play-off Format;		28. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES when determining a play-off position.;	
29. SOSSA INC. BOYS' SOCCER:		30. CONVENING S.O.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS;			
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| 1.  | Season of Play:                          | Boys = Spring Season |                              |
| 2.  | Levels of Competition                    |                      |                              |
|     | Junior Level                             | Boys                 | ZONE;                        |
|     | Senior Level                             | Boys                 | ZONE; S.O.S.S.A.; O.F.S.A.A. |
| 3.  | Members:                                 | Appendix A           |                              |
| 4.  | Executive:                               |                      |                              |
|     | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE                      |                      | ARTICLE VI                   |
|     | ROLES OF THE EXECUTIVE                   |                      | ARTICLE VII                  |
|     | STANDING COMMITTEES                      |                      | ARTICLE IX                   |
|     | Section 1 - Board of Reference - GENERAL |                      |                              |
| 5.  | CONVENORSHIPS                            |                      | ARTICLE XIV                  |
|     | Section 1 - Athletic Convenors'          |                      |                              |
|     | Section 2 - Athletic Convenor Packages   |                      |                              |
| 6.  | SOLICITING STUDENTS                      |                      | ARTICLE XVIII                |
| 7.  | INSURANCE                                |                      | ARTICLE XIX                  |
| 8.  | PERSONAL PROPERTY                        |                      | ARTICLE XX                   |
| 9.  | TEAM SELECTION                           |                      | ARTICLE XXII                 |
| 10. | SAFETY                                   |                      | ARTICLE XXIII - APRIL/05     |

NOTE: IF PLAY IS STOPPED FOR INJURY, THAT INJURED PLAYER MUST LEAVE THE FIELD. A SUBSTITUTE PLAYER MAY IMMEDIATELY ENTER.

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| 11. | SUPERVISION OF INTERSCHOOL TEAMS |  | ARTICLE XXIV |
| 12. | ELIGIBILITY                      |  | ARTICLE XI   |
|     | Section 1 - School               |  |              |

***Senior Level - The following classifications shall apply for Senior BOYS' SOCCER:***

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| "A"    | Sec. Schools of 500 students and less; |
| "AA"   | Sec. Schools of 501 to 900 students;   |
| "AAA"  | Sec. Schools of 901 to 120 students;   |
| "AAAA" | Sec. Schools of 1201 and greater.      |

***Junior Level - The following classifications shall apply for Junior BOYS' SOCCER:***

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| "A"  | Schools with a population of 799 or under. |
| "AA" | Schools with a population of 800 or more.  |

There shall be no restriction on the number of players dressed for a league or Play-off game at the Zone level.

Note: School SENIOR classification (A/AA/AAA/AAAA) is based on enrolment on **October 31<sup>st</sup>** of the PREVIOUS school year.

NOTE: According to ARTICLE XV; Section 1 , a team may opt to play at a higher classification if they declare their intention by the Declaration of Play deadlines. SEE THE TABLE BELOW ON HOW TO "DECLARE UP".

DECLARING UP: A school cannot just decide that a team is changing divisions!  
If your school would like to declare up for this sport, this must be done in writing, on letterhead, signed by a Principal or Vice Principal of that school.  
The declaration must go the NRHSAA Zone Secretary, the Athletic Convenor running this sport, and also be forwarded to the SOSSA Secretary.  
The school must submit the written declaration first.

## Section 2 - Individual

ELIGIBILITY FOR JUNIOR BOYS' SOCCER: Only students in their first two years of high school, based on the date they entered grade nine, will be eligible for Junior team competition.

Also: **NOTE:** The individual's birth certificate indicates that he has **not reached his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 31<sup>st</sup>** prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

**EXCEPTION :** a student who has been accelerated one year in elementary school shall be allowed to play at the junior level for a maximum of two (2) consecutive years in the first three (3) years of his/her high school career. The student shall meet the above age requirement and documentation of the acceleration shall be provided with the eligibility sheet. (As of September 2009)

ELIGIBILITY FOR SENIOR BOYS' SOCCER: Refer to Section 2, ART. XI of the Constitution for more information.

**NOTE:** The individual's birth certificate indicates that he has **not reached his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup>** prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held.

## Section 3 - Special Consideration

13. TRANSFERS ARTICLE XII  
STANDING COMMITTEE(S) ARTICLE IX  
Section 2 - Board of Reference - TRANSFER  
Transfer meeting dates will be published the first week in Sept. of the current school year.  
Section 1 - Transfer Policy  
Section 2 - Ineligible Ruling  
Section 3 - S.O.S.S.A. Appeal Process

14. SCHEDULING ARTICLE XV  
Section 1 - Declaration of Play  
Section 2 - School Classification  
Section 3 - League and Play-off Format  
Section 4 - Stages of Scheduling

**As of April 2011, once the soccer schedule has become a final schedule, no further game changes will be made.**

## SPORT SPECIFIC POLICIES:

## GAME DAY AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

15. ELIGIBILITY SHEETS ARTICLE XII

The eligibility sheets must be to the Convenor by a date that is specified in the first draft. If no date is given, then it must be to the Convenor before the first league game.

All dressed players must be listed on an eligibility sheet. Any players whose names appear on such sheets and who are not dressed for that particular game, must have their names crossed off the list. There shall be no restriction on the number of players dressed for a league or Play-off game at the Zone IV level.

16. Home coaches are responsible for the following:

1. Have the field correctly marked, corner flags in place (corner flags must be on the field, minimum height 5' (or its metric equivalent) and rounded at the top), team benches out, and goal nets in place.
2. Provide a suitable game ball.
3. Ensure that the behaviour of spectators is what is expected.
4. Ensure that the field is in playable condition
5. In the event that the game has been called off, the coach is to notify the Athletic Convenor and the visiting coach as soon as possible, preferably before 12 noon.
6. Make sure that the referee has copies of the eligibility team sheets.
7. Have a second set of shirts available for the home team to change into in the event that there is a conflict of team colours.
8. It is strongly suggested that each team provide a lines person for each league game.
9. **As of April 2011, player benches must be on the same side of the playing field. Spectator areas will be on the opposite side of the players' benches. Where this cannot physically be possible, the players' bench areas must be clearly defined and spectator areas are not to be in those areas.**

17. GAME TIME: ARTICLE XV; Section 4

The first game of a double-header will start at 3:00 (no earlier without Convenor's knowledge and both Principals' permission). The second part of the double-header will start immediately after the first double-header game is over or at 4:30 pm.

**Effective April 2011, on Mondays and Tuesdays girls will play the first game of a double header (boys will play second). On Wednesdays and Thursdays boys will play the first game of a double header (girls will play second). Friday games will be at the discretion of the convenor.**

18. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. All players must wear the same coloured tops. No partial uniforms will be allowed.
2. Wearing tracksuit pants or sweat pants will be at the discretion of the referee only in adverse weather conditions.
3. F.I.F.A. approved shoes that are duly inspected by the official and are deemed to be safe be allowed.
4. Jewellery, watches, rings, casts, etc., that could be a hazard to other players will not be permitted. If you are in doubt, contact the referee before the game.
5. Goalkeepers must wear a contrasting coloured jersey from those of both teams.

19. PAYMENT OF OFFICIALS ARTICLE XXVI

The home team is responsible for payment of officials for all league and play-off games. **The amount will be announced at the first meeting.** The visiting team is responsible for transportation costs to and from the competition.

If a gate is charged at a play-off game then all expenses will be paid from the gate (referees, minor officials, linesmen, security, score keepers, etc.) and the remainder of the gate will be divided equally between the home and visiting team.

In the event a play-off game is played at a neutral site then the cost of officials will be shared equally between participating teams.

The amount will be announced at the first meeting.

The visiting team is responsible for transportation costs to and from the competition.

If a gate is charged at a play-off game then all expenses will be paid from the gate (referees, minor officials, linesmen, security, score keepers, etc.) and the remainder of the gate will be divided equally between the home and visiting team.

If a gate is charged at an NRHSAA league game then all expenses will be paid from the gate and the remainder shall be split 60%

for the home team and 40% for the visiting team.

In the event a play-off game is played at a neutral site then the cost of officials will be shared equally between participating teams.

20. REPORTING SCORES ARTICLE XXVII  
The home team will report the scores to the Athletic Convenor in charge.

21. OFFICIALS: All officials must be accredited by the Niagara Soccer Association.

22. OFFICIAL RULE BOOK: the Laws of the Game as established by the Ontario Soccer Association (O.S.A.) and International de Football Association (F.I.F.A.)

23. VISITING COACHES are responsible for the following:

1. Have your team at the opposing school at least 20 minutes prior to kick-off.
2. To control the conduct of any spectators accompanying his/her team.

24. SUSPENSIONS ARTICLE XXV  
Section 1 - Ejection from competition  
Section 2 - Physical or Verbal Altercation

Specifically for soccer:

1. Players suspended in the final game of a season, will serve their suspension the first league game of the following year.
2. Sending off the field due to a red card results in a ONE (1) game suspension. (consistent with the Constitution).
3. With the presentation of a yellow card, the cautioned player must leave the field of play. A substitute player may enter immediately
4. A player who receives (2) two yellow card offenses will receive an automatic (1) one game suspension and no substitution may enter that match.
5. A player who is sent off twice in one season will be suspended, for the balance of the season.
6. Any infraction by a player which may warrant a more severe suspension shall be reviewed by a discipline committee consisting of the Convenor and two other people selected by the Convenor. Said committee has the right to impose further suspensions in keeping with the rules of the O.S.A.
7. Copies of all disciplinary reports relating to incidents which bring the team or school into disrepute will be referred to the Principal or designate.
8. A coach who is dismissed or ejected for severe misconduct during the course of a game will cause his team to forfeit all remaining games in the schedule until such time as the league Convenor and Zone Executive review the game report and implement disciplinary measures.
9. As well, all referee assaults verbal or physical will be reported to the OSA

Section 3 - Board of Reference - SANCTIONS AND PROTESTS

- Procedures
- Penalties
- Protests
- Procedures

26. League Format for NRHSAA ZONE 3 AND 4 Boys' Soccer:

Both Zones 3 and 4 have been divided into 2 senior divisions based on the previous October 31 population; no division can be unbalanced greater than 1; school(s) can declare over to another division; another school(s) may go the other way; if one or more schools declares over, and no other school(s) goes the other way, the school(s) with the lowest population in Division 2 or 6 must go the other way. If there becomes a situation where there is only one school within a division (A/AA/AAA/AAAA), then school movement will occur where there may be an unbalanced situation greater than 1.

Any game / match not played, will be recorded by the convenor as a win for the school who did not forfeit.

ZONE 3 - DIVISION 5	ZONE 3 - DIVISION 6		ZONE 4 - DIVISION 1	ZONE 4 - DIVISION 2
Confederation Niagara CC Jean Vanier Port Colborne Eastdale Fort Erie Ridgeway Crystal Beach Westlane	E L Crossley Centennial A N Myer St. Michael Stamford St. Paul Lakeshore Catholic Notre Dame		Beacon Great Lakes CC Heritage CC Smithville Christian Kernahan Park South Lincoln Thorold West Park	Laura Secord Beamsville Eden St. Catharines Collegiate St. Francis Holy Cross Governor Simcoe Blessed Trinity Sir Winston Churchill Grimsby Denis Morris
Junior A	Junior AA		Junior A	Junior AA
799 or less	800 and more		799 or less	800 and more
Zone 3:  Confederation Niagara CC Jean Vanier Port Colborne Eastdale Fort Erie Ridgeway Crystal Beach Westlane	Zone 3:  E L Crossley Centennial A N Myer St. Michael Stamford St. Paul Lakeshore Catholic Notre Dame		Zone 4:  Beacon Great Lakes CC Heritage CC Smithville Christian Kernakan Park South Lincoln Thorold West Park Laura Secord Beamsville Eden	Zone 4:  St. Catharines Collegiate St. Francis Holy Cross Governor Simcoe Blessed Trinity Sir Winston Churchill Grimsby Denis Morris

1. Length of Games.  
Games will be of two equal halves. Length of each half will be:  
Senior - 40 minutes  
Junior - 40 minutes
2. Half time will be five (5) minutes in duration.
3. Games may be shortened in duration.

**SUBSTITUTIONS**

Unlimited substitution will be allowed at games from among the prescribed number of players dressed. Substitutions will only be allowed at the following times:

1. At a goal kick.
2. After a goal has been scored.

3. If a player is injured and needs to be replaced at the discretion of the referee.
4. After the half-time interval.

27. League PLAY-OFF format for NRHSAA ZONE 3 AND 4 Boys' Soccer:

In team sports where standings are used to determine play-offs, the win/loss achieved against teams that drop out will be taken away (not added) to teams that are still yet to play them.

Play-offs will be determined at the Convenor's Individual Sport Body Meeting. It is suggested that for A/AA/AAA/AAAA Divisions that have 8 or more schools, top 8 make the play-offs; 6 or 7 school, top 6 make the play-offs; 4 or 5 schools, top 4 make the play-offs; 2 or , all 2 or 3 make the play-offs; 1 school, that school would be the zone representative at SOSSA.

All schools participating are to send a representative to the Convenor's Individual Sport Body Meeting otherwise forfeit all **rights for input in** the league and play-off format.

28. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES when determining a play-off position when a league schedule leads to play-offs: ARTICLE XVIII

- (1) Record between tied teams;
- (2) Record against teams higher in the standings (1 above, then 2 above, etc.);
- (3) Record against teams lower in the standings (1 below, then 2 below, etc.);
- (4) (a) coin flip to determine play-off position only.

The convenor will determine a time and location for the coin flip. Schools involved may send the coach or a representative to verify the results. If a school is unable to send a representative the school that is present for the flip will choose "heads" or "tails". If no school is present then the school that is alphabetically ranked highest will have "heads" in the coin flip (see appendix A1 and A2 for alphabetical listing for each zone). The convenor will notify schools involved of the results.

(b) Play-off on a neutral field/court or a coin flip for home field if both coaches agree, if it is to determine the final play-off position.

(c) In the event of a four way tie, the convenor in consultation with the N.R.H.S.A.A. Executive and the schools involved will determine a tie-breaking procedure.

METHOD OF BREAKING TIES IN PLAY-OFF GAMES

If at the end of regulation time, the score is tied, the tie will be broken by:

- A. Playing two overtime halves of fifteen (15) minutes each.
- B. If the score is still tied, penalty kicks taken alternately as prescribed in the F.I.F.A. Laws.

29. SOSSA INC. BOYS' SOCCER:

Constitution and By-Laws: pages 1 to 25 of the SOSSA handbook;

BOYS' SOCCER: pages 63 to 65 of the SOSSA handbook.

1 champion from each Zone will go to SOSSA. The championship will held in the spring at least one week prior to the OFSAA. Check [www.ofsaa.on.ca](http://www.ofsaa.on.ca) for that date.

30. CONVENING S.O.S.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

31. Sending TWO teams from SOSSA to OFSAA:

Sometimes, SOSSA INC is allowed to send 2 teams (including the host entry) to OFSAA. FROM SOSSA INC. ARTICLE 7 - SECTION 3 - # 11.

"For all SOSSA INC. Sports, when SOSSA INC. qualifies to enter two (2) teams to the OFSAA tournament:

- i) the SOSSA INC. champion is an automatic entry;
- ii) the SOSSA INC. runner-up may be challenged for the second entry by the team losing to the SOSSA

INC. champion in the SOSSA INC. semi-finals.

UNLESS:

- a) the challenging team is from the same zone as the runner-up and finished lower in their zone championship;
- b) the runner-up defeated a team from the same zone as the challenging team, and the defeated team finished higher than the challenging team in their zone championship.”  
(This motion does not cover a host entry)

32. SOSSA “HOST” TEAM FOR OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

JUST BECAUSE A SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE IN ZONE 3/4 CHAIRS OFSAA BOYS SOCCER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEIR SCHOOL IS AN AUTOMATIC ENTRANT INTO OFSAA.

FROM SOSSA INC. - ARTICLE 7 - SECTION 3 - # 14

“If the OFSAA representative is not from the “host” community, the “host” team will be the representative from the community where the OFSAA championship is being played. The strongest team from that community shall be selected as the “host” team. If the SOSSA, INC champion and therefore the OFSAA representative is from the “host” community, the selection of another SOSSA INC representative will be through the use of the “second” entry formula. (#35 ABOVE).

A “host” community shall be defined as the SOSSA Zone in which the OFSAA Championship is being played.”

33. SOSSA “HOST” TEAM FOR OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

If a school hosts an OFSAA Championship, the school has the first right of acceptance or refusal of the SOSSA Championship for that activity, in the same school year, as the OFSAA Championship