

G.H.A.C. PLAYING REGULATION

SOCCER (BOYS AND GIRLS)

1. **AGES:** Competitors must meet the age requirement as per O.F.S.A.A. Constitution ie. under 19 on January 1st of the year prior in which the competition is held.
2. **EVENTS:** There will be competition for a G.H.A.C. senior boys and girls champion, as outlined in the G.H.A.C. competitive structure, Appendix II.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as per the G.H.A.C. Constitution, Article XI, ie. Participants must comply with O.F.S.A.A. eligibility By-laws and the Federation Transfer Policy.
4. **ENTRIES:** As per the G.H.A.C. competitive structure, Appendix II.
5. **RULE BOOK:** F.I.F.A. Rule Book rules will apply, unless otherwise stated in the G.H.A.C. Playing Regulations.
6. **OFFICIALS:** A rated referee and two assistant referees will be assigned.
7. **UNIFORMS:** All players must wear identical numbered shirts and shorts. All players must wear shin guards. The referee has sole discretion as to the safety of casts and braces and may rule as per the F.I.F.A. protocols. O.F.S.A.A. rules concerning club insignias and sponsorship apply.
8. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**
 - A) SCHEDULING
 1. The convener will assign locations. Where field conditions permit, home school sites may be used. The convener will ensure that appropriate nets, corner flags and regulation balls are available.

B) DURATION

- 1. Duration of games shall be 2x40 min. halves.**
- 2. If a game is suspended due to weather conditions or curfew, it will be considered complete if 10 minutes of the second half have been played**
- 3. 5 minute rest period between halves.**
- 4. Tied games: 2x10 minute halves (golden rule applies) If game is still tied, teams shall take penalty kicks as per F.I.F.A. rules.**

C) SUBSTITUTION:

- (i) unlimited substitution;**
- (ii) may occur at goal kicks, goals scored, at half time and on your own throw in possession;**
- (iii) in case of 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/she may re-enter the game at a regular substitution period;**
- (v) if a player receives a red card he/she must leave the field for the remainder of that game (no substitution allowed).**
- (vi) a player who accumulates three (3) yellow cards will leave the field for the remainder of the game in which he/she received the third card. Substitution will be allowed at this time;**
- (vii) any ejected player will not be eligible to play in the teams's next game;**