



**YORK REGION ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
BOYS' SOCCER PLAYING REGULATIONS**



1. **Season of Play:** Fall Sport
2. **Divisions:** Junior and Senior, Tier 1 and Tier 2
3. **Eligibility:**
  - a) See YRAA transfer application form
  - b) Age Division Categories

Men's Junior	School Year: <b>2024-25</b> Year of Birth must be no earlier than: <b>2009</b> Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: <b>2020</b>
Men's Senior	School Year: <b>2024-25</b> Year of Birth must be no earlier than: <b>2005</b> Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: <b>2020</b>
  - c) A student/athlete must be on the team roster at the proper age group (Jr/Sr) for a specific sport and tier, to be eligible to participate in that sport. The team roster must be completed on-line twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the competition.
  - d) **Any player who plays, or played, in the CPL or TFCII is deemed ineligible to participate in YRAA league play. Players who are called up to participate in a CPL or TFCII game on a developmental permit will not lose their YRAA eligibility.**
  - e) Players must have played (actually been on the field in the game) for at least 50% of the games in the regular season to be eligible for the playoffs. **Medical exemptions, with supporting documentation, will grant players an exception to this rule.**
4. **Governing Rules:**
  - a) FIFA tiebreaker to be used: (two (2), ten (10) minute halves followed by penalty kicks. Twenty (20) minutes of additional time is to be played to completion. If a winner has not been decided, both teams will move to penalty kicks.
  - b) Players must wear shin guards and having matching, numbered shirts, matching shorts and matching socks in accordance with FIFA rules.
  - c) League games shall consist of thirty-five (35) minute halves.
  - d) Semi-finals and finals shall consist of forty (40) minute halves.
  - e) If a player receives two (2) yellow cards in the same game or three (3) yellow cards in three different games they must sit out the next game (league or playoff) following the game in which they received the second or third yellow card (whichever case applies)



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Yellow Card Suspension Accumulation

1 <sup>st</sup> Yellow	No Penalty
2 <sup>nd</sup> Yellow (Same game as first yellow)	Ineligible for next game
2 <sup>nd</sup> Yellow (Subsequent game from first yellow)	No Penalty
3 <sup>rd</sup> Yellow	Ineligible for next game
After 3 <sup>rd</sup> yellow reset to 1 <sup>st</sup> yellow	

- f) Upon received a straight RED card, the player shall be removed from the field, change out of or cover their game shirt, and appear before a YRAA board of Reference as per the Constitution. For the following infractions a Board of Reference is not necessary, the player must sit out the listed number of games.
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| i)   | a red card that results from a player receiving two (2) yellow cards in the same game | 1 game        |
| ii)  | <b>Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity</b>                                    | <b>1 game</b> |
| iii) | <b>Intentional hand ball denying a goal</b>   | <b>1 game</b> |
| iv)  | <b>Swearing not directed at official</b>  | <b>1 game</b> |
- g) An ejected player needing a Board of Reference cannot return to league play until they have had a Board of Reference meeting and been given clearance by the Board of Reference Committee to return to play.
- h) Failure to report cards within 48 hours will result in a 1 (one) point deduction in the standings at the end of the season.
- i) Substitutions are permitted in the following situations only: on your own throw-in or any goal kick.
- j) Home team will be responsible for lining field, nets, flags, score sheets, disqualification report forms and game ball.
- k) **Format:**
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| i)  | Points awarded during league play: win – 3 points; tie – 1 point; loss – 0 points.   |
| ii) | <b>For Senior, the two teams with the best regular season records in Tier 2 must move to Tier 1 the following year.</b> Only the bottom two teams from Tier 1 will have the option to move to Tier 2 the following year. Teams may appeal to the SAC in the case that they can show this rule will put their team in the incorrect tier. |



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- l) **Tie Breaking Rules:** For teams tied for playoff spots, the following **criteria** will be applied in order **to** break the tie:

- i) results of head-to-head play between tied teams
- ii) most games won
- iii) goals against – overall
- iv) goals against – amongst tied teams
- v) goal differential – amongst tied teams
- vi) goal differential – overall
- vii) most goals scored – amongst tied teams
- viii) most goals scored – overall

Goal differential in games will be a maximum of five (5) (example 1 – a team wins 8-2, the score will be recorded as 7-2; example 2 – a team wins 9-0, the score will be recorded as 5-0). All game results involving defaulted teams will be removed for playoff qualifications.

- m) **YRAA Playoffs**
- I. **All teams qualify for the YRAA Playoffs**
  - II. **There will be an AAA Championship and an A/AA Championship.**
  - III. **Rankings for the AAA and A/AA playoffs will be determined as follows (also see appendix “A”)**
    - a. **Tier 1 teams are ranked first in each zone**
    - b. **Tier 2 teams are ranked next in each zone**
  - IV. **Determination of the “AAA” OFSAA REP**  
**The “AAA” YRAA Champion will be the OFSAA representative from the YRAA**
  - V. **Determination of the “AA” OFSAA REP**  
**The highest finishing “AA” team in the YRAA A/AA playoffs will be the OFSAA representative from YRAA. If the top two “AA” teams progress to the same level, they shall play a separate playoff game to determine the YRAA OFSAA representative. The game shall be played at the school with the highest ranking in the regular season.**
  - VI. **Determination of the “A” OFSAA REP**  
**The top 2 advancing “A” teams in the A/AA YRAA playoffs shall have a one game playoff to determine the YRAA OFSAA rep. The game shall be played at the school with the highest ranking in the regular season. The only exceptions shall be when the top 2 advancing “A” teams meet each other in the course of the YRAA playoffs, in which case the game shall double as the OFSAA qualifier or if an “A” team wins the A/AA YRAA Championships, they shall be the OFSAA qualifier.**



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n) **Recommendations:**

- i) Final games – junior 12:00 noon, to be followed by the senior game;
- ii) League games – must abide by Article 16, Section 4 of the YRAA Constitution;
- iii) Single header games should be scheduled instead of mini tournaments, if possible.
- iv) The junior and senior semi-final games should be held on separate days, if possible.
- v) A team may dress no more than twenty (20) players for league and playoff games.

**5. Supervision of Teams/Individuals:**

- a) All teams or individuals must have on site supervision by a member of the teaching staff or retired teacher from the school that they represent.
- b) This teacher shall be responsible to the YRAA for the conduct of his/her team and shall be the only person involved in all exchanges with officials, opposing teacher/coaches and members of school staffs.
- c) A non-teacher (community volunteer, parent, etc.) is permitted to assist in the coaching of an individual or team provided that a teacher is present and responsible.
- d) The teacher must be present on the bench for all home games for team sports or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports.
- e) Unless the staff member (as defined in Section 1 a) – above) of the competing school is present, the opposing teacher/coach and/or convenor shall not allow the game to begin or an individual to compete and the competition shall be forfeited.
- f) No teacher/coach shall officiate a game involving his/her team.
- g) It is the teacher/coaches' duty to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the game sheets compared to the team's eligibility list.

**6. Inclement Weather:**

- a) In the event of inclement weather, games may be cancelled and rescheduled if:
  - i) the transportation company (bus) cancels the booking OR
  - ii) the school principal determines that the weather is unsafe for teams to travel OR
  - iii) the host school teacher/coach, in consultation with the Athletic Designate and/or school administration, determines the playing environment to be unsafe (eg standing water on fields, excessive ice).



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- iv) when lightning or thunder is seen or heard in the area, play shall be suspended and participants shall seek appropriate shelter as outlined in the current OPHEA safety document. Play may be resumed once thirty (30) minutes has passed since the last observation of lightning or the sound of thunder. The decision to suspend play shall be made by the game official and/or teacher/coaches of the teams involved in the competition.

Whenever possible, it is recommended that a decision to cancel a game due to inclement weather be made by 1:00 p.m. the day of the game.

- b) Once this has happened the coach or AD of the school canceling shall:
  - i) notify the school(s) being played that they will not be able to play due to inclement weather;
  - ii) contact the YRAA office that the game is being cancelled due to inclement weather.
- c) The YRAA office will:
  - i) keep a record of cancelled games in order to ensure that they are rescheduled
  - ii) notify the referee assignor that the games are cancelled and will be rescheduled so that unnecessary travel by officials can be avoided.

**7. Costs:**

The financial cost of the operation of the playoffs plus the assignor(s) fee(s) shall be shared equally by all schools participating in the league, regardless of classification (A, AA, AAA) on a per team basis.

**8. Reporting Scores:**

For league games coaches are to report scores through the Sports Admin System. Login as a coach, click on the 'Games' tab, find the game you want to enter the score for then click on the yellow 'Edit' button beside the game and then enter the score beside the corresponding team.

**9. Awards:**

**A/AA and AAA Junior and Senior**

Individual medallions (20) will be presented to the first and second place teams. A pennant and team trophy will be presented to the A/AA, AAA Senior and Junior Championship teams.