



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



1. **Season of Play:** Fall Sport
2. **Divisions:** Junior and Senior, Tier 1 and Tier 2
 - A) The minimum number of teams to run a league will be 4. If less than 4 teams declare for a league, the convenor(s) of the league may appeal to the executive for an exception. Appeals must be heard before the pre-season meeting for that sport.
 - B) If a sport declares less than 4 teams three years in a row, the sport will no longer be offered as an option by the YRAA.
3. **Eligibility:**
 - a) See YRAA transfer application form.
 - b) **AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES**

Men's Junior	School Year: 2021-22 Year of Birth must be no earlier than: 2006 Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: 2017
Men's Senior	School Year: 2021-22 Year of Birth must be no earlier than: 2002 Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: 2017
 - 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.
4. **Governing Rules:**
 - a) Refer to the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport
 - b) 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.
 - c) Players must wear shin guards and having matching, numbered shirts, matching shorts and matching socks in accordance with FIFA rules.
 - d) League games shall consist of thirty-five (35) minute halves.
 - e) Semi finals and finals shall consist of forty (40) minute halves.
 - f) 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 st Yellow	No Penalty
2 nd Yellow (Same game as first yellow)	Ineligible for next game
2 nd Yellow (Subsequent game from first yellow)	No Penalty
3 rd Yellow	Ineligible for next game
4 th Yellow	No Penalty
5 th Yellow	Ineligible for next game
6 th Yellow..7 th Yellow, etc	Ineligible for next game

- h) 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. The exceptions to this are, a red card that results from a player receiving two (2) yellow cards in the same game, or one for a player who touches the ball with their hand(s) inside the eighteen (18) yard box or a goalie that plays the ball with their hands outside the eighteen (18) yard box to prevent an obvious goal.
- i) An ejected player must remain out of the remainder of the game and cannot return to league play without a Board of Reference.
- j) Substitutions are permitted in the following situations only: on your own throw-in or any goal kick.
- k) Home team will be responsible for lining field, nets, flags, score sheets, disqualification report forms and game ball.
- l) **Format:**
 - i) League games followed by playoffs. Playoff structure to be established by the convenor based on the number of teams entered.
 - ii) Points awarded during league play: win – 3 points; tie – 1 point; loss – 0 points.
 - iii) The two finalist teams from the Tier 2 Championships must move to Tier 1 the following year. 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.
- m) **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



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Goal differential in games will be a maximum of five (5) (example 1 – a teams 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.

n) **Playoffs:**

- i) For the YRAA Championship Game: there shall be one (1) referee and two (2) linesmen (all must be qualified officials). The cost for these officials will be shared equally amongst all schools. The cheques for payment of the officials will be shared equally by the two finalists. Subsequently, all teams in the league will be billed for the cost.
- ii) for the Tier 1 Semi Final Games: There shall be one (1) referee and two (2) linesmen (all must be qualified officials). The cost for these linesmen will be shared equally amongst all schools. Payment of the officials will be provided by the home team. Subsequently, all teams in the league will be billed for the cost.
- iii) In the event of a two zone league, the top 4 teams from each zone will advance to the playoffs and zones will be classified as A and B in order to sequence the games:

Quarter Finals

Game 1: A1 vs B4	Game 2: B2 vs A3
Game 3: A2 vs B3	Game 4: B1 vs A4

Semi Finals

Game 5: winner game 1 vs winner game 2
Game 6: winner game 3 vs winner game 4

Finals

Game 7: winner game 5 vs winner game 6

- iv) In the event of a three zone league, the top 2 teams from each zone will advance to the playoffs along with the 2 highest ranking third place teams as wildcard entries. The quarter final matchups will proceed through the following rotation.

Quarter Finals

YEAR 1: 2023

Game 1: N1 vs Wildcard B	Game 2: W1 vs E2
Game 3: E1 vs Wildcard A	Game 4: N2 vs W2

YEAR 2: 2021

Game 1: N1 vs Wildcard A	Game 2: W2 vs E2
Game 3: W1 vs Wildcard B	Game 4: E1 vs N2

YEAR 3: 2022

Game 1: E1 vs Wildcard A	Game 2: N1 vs W2
Game 3: W1 vs Wildcard B	Game 4: E2 vs N2



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All semi finals and finals will follow the pattern below.

Semi-Finals

Game 5: winner game 1 vs winner game 2

Game 6: winner game 3 vs winner game 4

Finals

Game 7: winner game 5 vs winner game 6

- v) In the event of a four zone league, the top 2 teams from each zone will advance to the playoffs. The quarter final matchups will proceed through the following rotation.

Quarter Finals:

YEAR 1: 2023

Game 1: N1 vs C2

Game 2: E1 vs W2

Game 3: C1 vs N2

Game 4: W1 vs E2

YEAR 2: 2021

Game 1: N1 vs W2

Game 2: C1 vs E2

Game 3: W1 vs N2

Game 4: E1 vs C2

YEAR 3: 2022

Game 1: N1 vs E2

Game 2: W1 vs C2

Game 3: E1 vs N2

Game 4: C1 vs W2

All semi finals and finals will follow the pattern below:

Semi-Finals

Game 5: winner game 1 vs winner game 2

Game 6: winner game 3 vs winner game 4

Finals

Game 5: winner game 5 vs winner game 6

- vi) In the event of a five zone league, the top team in each zone will advance to the playoffs along with the 3 second place teams with the best regular season record. Teams will be ranked from 1 to 8 based on their regular season record. In the event of an unbalanced schedule, an aggregate score will be used to determine rankings. Playoff matchups will follow the format below.

Quarter Finals

Game 1: 1 vs 8

Game 2: 4 vs 5

Game 3: 2 vs 7

Game 4: 3 vs 6

Semi Finals

Game 5: winner game 1 vs winner game 2

Game 6: winner game 3 vs winner game 4

Finals

Game 7: winner game 5 vs winner game 6



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o) **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. Criteria for Qualification to OFSAA:

All teams regardless of classification (A, AA, AAA) will have access to the YRAA championships. Following the championships, the highest placing team from each classification will advance to OFSAA. This may require a head-to-head playoff.

- a) Teams wishing to vie for an OFSAA entry must declare and compete in tier 1 for YRAA play. The exceptions to this requirement will be for schools competing in the "A" classification and for senior boys' basketball where teams play their way into a tier.



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- b) If there are fewer than four (4) A or AA teams, these teams will be included in the existing league and playoffs.
- c) When the top two (2) teams in a classification advance to the same standing, a head-to-head playoff will occur.
- d) Where a classification is not represented in playoffs, the top team in each zone will play off or the top two (2) in league play (whichever applies).
- e) If an A or AA classified school wins the YRAA Championship, they will be the Association representative to OFSAA for their classification. In all other circumstances where there are two or more teams at the A or AA classification that declare their intention to vie for OFSAA, a separate playoff will be held to determine the Association representative at those classifications.

7. 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).
 - 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;
 - iii) make arrangements with the school(s) involved to reschedule the game(s) at a date that is acceptable to all parties and fits within the established master schedule. Should a mutually agreeable date to reschedule not be found within forty-eight (48) hours, the convenor will assign a date that fits in to the master schedule.



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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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Awards:

Tier 1 and 2 – 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 Tier 1 Championship team.

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