



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



1. **Season of Play:** Spring Sport

2. **Division:** Junior and Senior

- 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 eligibility and transfer form.

b) **AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES:**

Junior	School Year: 2019-20 Year of Birth must be no earlier than: 2004 Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: 2015
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Senior	School Year: 2019-20 Year of Birth must be no earlier than: 2000 Date of Entry to grade 9 must be no earlier than August of: 2015
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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 prior to the commencement of the competition.

d) **The four semi-finalist teams from the Senior 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.**

4. **Governing Rules:**

a) Refer to the current OPHEA safety guidelines for this sport

b) F.I.F.A. plus the following:

i) All participants MUST wear shin guards.

ii) Maximum number of players is 20.

iii) Shirts should be numbered. Matching shorts and matching socks are preferred.

iv) Substitution:

(a) unlimited substitution;

(b) may occur at goal kicks, goals scored, at half time, on your own throw-in and on an opponent's throw-in once the opponent has initiated a substitution.

(c) in the case of injury, substitution is permissible at the referee's discretion;



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- v) The teacher-coach of each school shall be present on their team bench during all of their games. (as stated in the Y.R.A.A. Constitution “unless the staff member 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” - Article XVI, Section 1 e))
- vi) All games are two 35 minute halves.
- vii) **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)**

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

- vii) Upon receiving a straight RED CARD, the player shall be removed from the field, change out of or cover their game shirt, and shall appear before the Board of Reference. The exceptions to this are a red card that results from a player receiving two yellow cards in the same game or, one for a player who touches the ball with their hand(s) inside the eighteen yard box or a goalie that plays the ball with their hands outside the 18 yard box.
- (ix) YRAA Disqualification Form must be available for each home game (on the back of the new score sheets)
- x) F.I.F.A. laws will be used for all other situations.
- c) Tie-Breaking Procedures: TIE GAMES IN ROUND ROBIN WILL STAY AS TIES.

If teams are tied for playoff sports at the end of regular season play, the following criteria will be used to break the tie (in order):

- i) results of head to head play between tied teams...if still tied
- ii) consider most wins...if still tied
- iii) consider goals against – overall...if still tied
- iv) consider goals against – amongst tied teams...if still tied
- v) consider goal differential – amongst tied teams...if still tied
- vi) consider goal differential – overall...if still tied
- vii) consider most goals for – amongst tied teams...if still tied
- viii) consider most goals for – overall



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

- d) Home Team Responsibilities: Home teams will be responsible for lining fields (lines marked - 6 yard and 18 yard boxes, half, outer lines, centre circle), nets, corner flags, linesmen, score sheets (will be available at preseason meeting) and game ball (should be leather).
- e) York Region Playoffs: The top two teams from each zone advance. There will be no playoff games. Ties will be broken by regulations above.

For all playoff games, F.I.F.A. tie breaking rules will apply when the game is tied at the end of regulation time (i.e. 2 ten minute halves followed by penalty kicks if necessary).

In the event of a two division league classify divisions as A and B in order to sequence the games:

Quarters:

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

Semis:

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

Finals:

Game 7:	winner game 5 v winner game 6
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In the event of a three division league the following structure will be used:

Year 1: 2021

Quarters:

Game 1:	N1 v Wild B	Game 2:	W1 v E2
Game 3:	E1 v Wild A	Game 4:	N2 v W2

Year 2: 2020

Quarters:

Game 1:	N1 v Wild A	Game 2:	W2 v E2
Game 3:	W1 v Wild B	Game 4:	E1 v N2

Year 3: 2022

Quarters:

Game 1:	E1 v Wild B	Game 2:	N1 v W2
Game 3:	W1 v Wild A	Game 4:	E2 v N2

All semis and finals to follow the pattern below:

Semis:

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



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Finals:

Game 7: winner game 5 v winner game 6

In the event of a four division league the following structure will be used:

Year 1: 2021

Quarters

: Game N1 v C2

Game 2: SE1 v SW2

Game 3: C1 v N2

Game 4: SW1 v SE2

Year 2: 2020

Quarters

Game 1: N1 v SW2

Game 2: C1 v SE2

Game 3: SW1 v N2

Game 4: SE1 v C2

Year 3: 2022

Quarters

Game 1: N1 v SE2

Game 2: SW1 v C2

Game 3: SE1 v N2

Game 4: C1 v SW2

All semi and finals to follow the pattern below:

Semis:

Game 5: winner game 1 v winner game 2

Game 6: winner game 3 v winner game 4

Finals:

Game 7: winner game 5 v winner game 6

e) Setting of Wild Card Points:

This will occur when the divisions are uneven in number of teams. The teams in the division with the small number of teams will receive an aggregate score solely for the purpose of determining its wild card standing.

Method: Aggregate Points = teams' own points divided by the number of games played in its own division multiplied by the number of games in the largest division.

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 team sports or in the immediate vicinity for all other sports



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- 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.

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 exception to this requirement will be for schools competing in the “A” classification. If an 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 play-off will be held to determine the Association representative at those classifications.
- 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) Awards will be provided as outlined in the Constitution (Article 12).

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



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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.

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 shall be shared equally by all schools participating in the league, regardless of classification (A, A, AAA) on a per team basis.

9. Reporting Scores:

For league and playoff 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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