



SSSAD ACTIVITY POLICY – SOCCER

1. Sport Committee - See SSSAD Constitution – Section E – Article 6.5
 - a. Create the Soccer Sport Committee at the pre-season meeting.
 - b. A commissioner will be decided upon or announced at the pre-season meeting.
2. Sport Season
 - a. SHSAA – As defined by the SHSAA Policy for Interschool Competition and the SHSAA Calendar.
 - b. SSSAD – As Defined by the SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 15.7 - Competition
3. Student Athlete Eligibility
 - a. It is the responsibility of the participating school to ensure that each athlete meets the eligibility requirements of the SHSAA and SSSAD according to:
 - i. SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Eligibility of Student Participants
 - ii. SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 13
 - b. **SHSAA Eligibility Forms (E5)** must be completed on the SHSAA website 24 hours prior to the first league game or scheduled event for the school. Additions and deletions to your roster may be made up to 24 hours prior to the provincial final.
 - c. **SSSAD Athlete Registration**, parent consent forms and waivers must be completed in full on the SSSAD website by the parent and athlete. Email confirmation must be received prior to participation in the sport.
 - c. To be eligible to participate in playoffs leading to the City Championship:
 - i. If a schedule of ten (10) or more games are played, then a minimum of four (4) games must be played to be eligible for playoffs.
 - ii. If a schedule of nine (9), or less, games are played then a minimum of three (3) games must be played to be eligible for playoffs.
 - iii. If a schedule of six (6), or less, games are played then a minimum of two (2) games must be played to be eligible for playoffs.

NOTE: Being present for the game, in uniform, available to play in the game and appearing on the game sheet is considered playing.

- Exceptions: Injuries that cause a student to miss a significant portion of the regular season making it impossible to participate in the required number of games (eg. Missing seven (7) games in a ten (10) game schedule). This must be verified by a Doctor's note and cleared through the Athletic Consultant for SSSAD. Students moving into the city late in the fall will have eligibility looked at on a case by case basis.

4. Rules of Play

- a. SHSAA – The SHSAA Soccer Activity Guide will be followed
- b. SSSAD exceptions:

Tie Games

- i. League games – ending in a draw remain a draw with one point in the standings awarded to each team.
- ii. Playoff games – ending in a draw:
 1. teams will play two 10-minute overtime periods.
 - a. No 'Golden Goal' in SSSAD playoffs.
 2. If still tied, games will be settled by penalty kicks conducted according to the recommendations in the FIFA "Laws of the Game" as follows.

Laws of Play

Games shall be played under the latest edition of the "Laws of the Game" as published by the Federation International de Football Association as amended by the CSA and SSA with the following alterations:

- iii. Duration of the Game:
 1. League and ¼ Finals: 35 minutes halves with a five-minute interval.
 2. Semi Finals and City Championship: 45 minute halves with a 10 minute interval - the same as the provincial championships.
- iv. Number of players - from the players registered on the eligibility forms, the coach may dress as many players as they wish for each game. A match may not start if either team has fewer than seven players.
- v. Game sheets - each team is to see that the game sheet is filled out properly prior to the game beginning. All players registered on the eligibility form must be listed on the game sheet.
- vi. Uniforms – in the event of any color conflict the home team shall wear pinnies.
- vii. Shin guards are mandatory for all players involved in SSSAD and SHSAA soccer programs.
- viii. Each team will supply one net, one set of corner flags, home team to supply game balls.
- ix. Unlimited substitution may be made during the game, except that:
 1. Coaches may only change up to **three** players at a time.
 2. Players may only be changed at a stoppage of play and then only with the referee's permission.

5. League Structure

a. Regular Season and Scheduling

- i. The league schedule shall be made up so that all teams remain active as long as possible.
- ii. The recommended league format will be a single round robin format.
- iii. The league schedule will be drawn up by the scheduling committee and Athletic Consultant.
- iv. A game sheet (found on the SSSAD website is used for all games. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure the game sheet is properly filled out and the appropriate copies forwarded after the game.
- v. Games shall be scheduled for 4:30 pm or as soon as both teams and the official agree to start.

b. Playoff Schedule

- i. All teams will be involved in a single knockout type playoff for the City Championship.
- ii. Teams representing their school in a classification other than 5A are not eligible for 5A playoffs and will pursue SHSAA Regional play leading to a Provincial Championship.
- iii. The playoff format and draw for boys and girls will be based on the number of teams in the league.
- iv. City championship games times are at 5:45 pm and 7:45 pm (alternating between Boys and Girls each year).

c. Postponement of Games

- i. **Weather** - The postponement of games due to inclement weather or poor field conditions will be made by the Athletics Consultant in consultation with affected coaches.
- ii. **No show by a referee** - Coaches will attempt to consult with the Athletics Consultant. Every effort will be made to play all games as scheduled. However, *if one coach refuses to play*, then the game will be re-scheduled.
- iii. Games in progress. Every effort should be made to complete the scheduled game and if the game cannot be resumed after the half, the score stands, but should the game be called before the half, the game may be rescheduled where possible.

d. Referees

- i. Referees will be assigned by the Saskatoon District Soccer Officials Association.
- ii. The soccer referee has complete authority on the field and protests cannot normally be made regarding their decisions. Concerns about officiating must be sent to the Athletics Consultant in writing.

e. Protests

- i. Refer to SSSAD Bylaws - Section F, Article 21 and 22 – Protests- for grievance guidelines and procedures.

6. Tie Breaking Criteria & League Standings

- a. League position is first determined on points awarded (3 for a win, 1 for a draw) in regular league games against all teams over the whole season.

- b. If there is a tie for first place in league standings, to determine 1st place in league, the tie breaking criteria below should be used to break a 1st place tie, except for c.i.4 The tied teams shall then remain tied, both teams shall be acknowledged on the trophy and will share the league winner trophy.
- c. Ties will be resolved to determine playoff positioning using the following criteria:
 - i. **If 2 teams tie:**
 1. If two teams are tied the winner of the game between them will be given the higher placing. If the game between two teams is a tie go to (b), (c), or (d) below.
 2. The team with the most wins in league play.
 3. The team with the fewest goals against versus all teams.
 4. The team with the greatest number of 'clean sheets' or shutouts will receive the higher position.
 5. If still tied the higher position will be determined by a coin toss conducted by the commissioner.
 - ii. **If 3 or more teams tie:**
 1. The win-loss record of the teams involved (e.g. Team A beat Team B, Team B beat Team C and Team A and Team C tied; Team A would be highest followed by Team B then Team C).
 2. Goals against in the games between the tied teams.
 3. Goals against in all the league games.
 4. Goals against versus the top team, the second place team, the third place team, etc.

7. Awards

- a. **Boys**
 - i. The Fred Mullen Shield - league winner.
 - ii. The Johnny Hayes Memorial - City Championships playoff winner and district representative to provincial playdowns.
- b. **Girls**
 - i. SSSAD – league winner.
 - ii. Henk Ruys Trophy - City Championship play-off winner and district representative to provincial play downs
- c. **Medals**
 - i. 1st and 2nd place medals to be awarded.

8. Discipline/Ejection

- a. **Breach of bylaws by students or teams – SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 20 – Breach of Bylaws**
- b. **Player Ejection - SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.4 – Conduct**
 - The head coach is responsible for the conduct of all personnel composing the school's team (players, assistant coaches and other bench personnel) before, during and after games.

- The ejection of a player from a game by the referee, must be preceded by a formal warning unless misconduct is particularly violent and dangerous.
- The head official shall complete an Officials Special Report Form (E9) found on the SHSAA website (under forms). The E9 Form must be emailed to the Athletic Consultant immediately following the game.
- Coaches are required to report the player ejection to the Athletic Consultant
- Such suspensions shall be automatic.
- An appeal may be submitted by email by the Head Coach, Athletic Director and Principal to the Consultant (Athletics) by 5:00 p.m. on the next school day.

c. Coach Ejection

- i. SSSAD – See SSSAD Bylaws – Section F – Article 17.5 - Conduct
- ii. SHSAA – See SHSAA Bylaws – Ejection of a Coach from a Contest