

## SOCCER (18.11)

The F.I.F.A. rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by the NBIAA. In this case the NBIAA rules will take precedence over any other rules.

### NBIAA Regulations:

1. Number of Games Permitted – A senior team shall be limited to **20** games (including exhibition, control scrimmage, tournaments and league play.) All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 20 game limit. A junior team shall be limited to **18** games (including exhibition, control scrimmage, tournaments and league play.) All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 18 game limit.
2. Length of Game - Two (2) thirty-five minute halves with a 10-minute rest between halves.
3. Tie-Breaking – Where required (league playoffs, regionals, provincials), if the score is tied at the end of regulation time, two (2) ten-minute periods of overtime play shall be played in its entirety. If the score is still tied at the end of overtime, the winner shall be decided by taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.
4. Substitutions - Unlimited
5. Number of Players Dressed for a Game - Unlimited. The required minimum number of players dressed to start a game must be seven (7).
6. A player receiving a **Red Card** in the semi-final of a Provincial Tournament, shall be suspended from the final game of that tournament.
7. A soccer match will be declared official if a minimum of **fifty-five (55)** minutes have been played.
8. Mercy rule will take effect when there is a 6 goal lead and 55 minutes of the game has been played, but if both coaches agree, they may play the remainder of the game to which the final score counts.
9. All league standings will follow: 3 pts. for a win, 1 pt. for a tie and 0 pts. for a loss.
10. Officials - Every attempt shall be made to have three (3) qualified officials for all Conference, Regional and Provincial Playoffs.
11. Any player involved/associated with the SNB Soccer Academy in any form during the NBIAA soccer season (August-November) shall not be eligible for competition in NBIAA sanctioned soccer events for that school year. However, these students remain eligible to represent their school in any other NBIAA sport, while following the NBIAA transfer policy. Schools, students and families who choose sport specific academies must understand that in doing so, they forego the opportunity to participate in soccer offered through the NBIAA.
12. **Regional Play:** The final game cannot be played sooner than 90 minutes after the completion of the semi-final game, unless mutually agreed upon by both coaches.

The format for Regional soccer games using one field is as follows:

Game 1: 10:00 A.M.                      Host Conference #1 vs. Guest Conference #2

Game 2: 12:00 P.M.                     Guest Conference #1 vs. Host Conference #2

Game 3: 3:30 P.M.                      Winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 2

If two fields are used:

Game 1 and Game 2 at 10:00 A.M.

Game 3 at 2:00 P.M.

13. **NBIAA Junior Soccer Championships** will be held the last Saturday in October.
14. **NBIAA Senior Soccer Championships** will be held on the first Saturday & Sunday in November.
15. **Junior Championship Schedule:**  
Two fields must be available on Saturday with the Championship schedule as follows:  
  
Start time for semi-finals: 10:00 A.M.  
  
Host Region #1 vs Guest Region #2                      Guest Region #1 vs Host Region #2  
  
Championship Game: 3:00 P.M.  
  
If both #1 teams meet in the finals, the home team will be decided by a coin toss.

### **Coaching Certification**

The NBIAA recommends that all coaches take the Canada Soccer 'C Licence' course before the start of the season. Completion of 'A Coach's Guide to the NBIAA' course is mandatory for all registered members on the coaching staff prior to the beginning of the season, see OR 13.

### **Ejections**

Each conference shall keep track of red and yellow cards. A player that receives 2 yellow cards in one game equals 1 red card and will be suspended the rest of that game and the next game. A player who receives 3 red cards will be suspended for an additional game (i.e. two game suspension). A player receiving a 4<sup>th</sup> red card will be suspended for the balance of the season. A player receiving 4 yellow cards will receive a 1 game suspension; 5<sup>th</sup> yellow card a 2 game suspension, a 6<sup>th</sup> yellow card suspended for the balance of the season. The NBIAA has agreed to adopt these changes.

All coaches are to report names of players who receive "red cards" and names of players who receive a series of "yellow" cards to their school's principal and NBIAA Conference President. Players and coaches ejected from a game shall be suspended from the remainder of the game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.