

SUPERIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
FOOTBALL
PLAYING REGULATIONS
(updated September 2018)

1. Season Format

The regular season schedule format will be dependent on the number of teams. A full round robin schedule will take place in junior. The playoff format will be dependent on the season schedule and the number of teams involved.

Normal game times will be 5pm and 7pm on Thursdays (Junior) and Fridays (Senior) unless otherwise scheduled.

2. Rules of Play

The Football Canada (CIAU) rule book will govern play with the exception/addition of the following rules.

Known as the Johnston Rule: if a player in the end zone feints to touch down his knee, the whistle will be blown and one or two points awarded or the usual option.

Whenever a player is ejected from a game as the result of an intent to injure penalty; an automatic one game suspension be imposed on the guilty player, subject to further review. A full report must be submitted by the officials involved. Any penalty will apply to subsequent seasons.

Special timing rule- A score differential of 25 or more points in the second half will result in the clock running continuously with the following exceptions: quarter time, losing team timeout, referees discretion or the score becomes less than a 25 point differential.

Any player receiving three (3) unnecessary roughness penalties in one game will be ejected from the current game with no further suspension.

3. Game Postponements

If for any reason, a senior game cannot be played at FW Stadium due to field conditions, the game will be rescheduled at the site of the home team as listed on the schedule. If the home team listed does not have a designated home field then the site will default to the visiting team. If the visiting team does not have a home field then the convenor will designate a field of play. During playoffs, the higher seed is considered the home team.

Decisions on games being postponed will be made by 12pm on the day of the game. The convenor will notify the Principals of each school of the postponement as well as place a message the SSSAA website. The Activities Director in consultation with, City of Thunder Bay officials, the SSSAA Executive and any available football coaches will make the decision on postponing games.

4. Additional Information

Coaches at both the junior and senior level must provide official roster sheets to the opposing team and to the official timer/scorer prior to kick-off.

5. Tie Breaking Format

Tie breaking for two tied teams:

- A. Winner of head to head match-up
- B. Most games won
- C. Points differential involving games between the tied teams (maximum differential of fourteen (14) in any one game)
- D. Points differential for the entire season (maximum differential of fourteen (14) in any one game)
- E. Least points scored against (max. differential still in effect)
- F. Most points scored for (max. differential still in effect)

Tie breaking for three tied teams:

- A. Most games won
- B. Points differential for the entire season (maximum differential of fourteen (14) in any one game)
- C. Least points scored against for the entire season (max. differential still in effect)
- D. Most points scored for the entire season (max. differential still in effect)

Example of how maximum differential works:

Team A- 42, Team B- 17

Points Differential Equals 25 (42 minus 17), however 14 is the maximum differential Team A's differential is a +14 and Team B's is a -14.

When you apply this rule to break a tie you should follow this sequence:

1. When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.
2. When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until one team has been ranked first or last (with the first team taking precedence) and then restart from the top with the remaining two teams.

NOTE:

- a. This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y, and Z and criteria "b" is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then we will take team X rank them first; and then Y and Z are applied to the two team tiebreaker.

Continue through the sequence of criteria using the results of teams Y and Z for criteria 'a' of the two-team tiebreaker.

- b. This also means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y, and Z and criteria 'b' is able to determine X and Y are tied for second and Z is first, then we will take team Z rank them first;

and then X and Y are applied to the two team tiebreaker and proceed with the two team tiebreaker.

Continue through the sequence of criteria using the results of teams X and Y for criteria 'a' of the two-team tiebreaker.

- c. This also means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y, and Z and criteria 'b' is able to determine X is tied with Y for first and Z as third, then we will take team Z rank them third; and then X and Y are applied to the two team tiebreaker and proceed with the two team tiebreaker.

Continue through the sequence of criteria using the results of teams X and Y for criteria 'a' of the two-team tiebreaker.

6. Roster & Eligibility Forms

Eligibility must be submitted through the AELS system two days prior to a school's first game. Additional student-athletes may be added to a team during the season by using the AELS system and by notifying SSSAA of the addition.

Junior teams will abide by the depth chart process and use the attached depth chart in rostering their team for each regular season game.

7. Official Ball

The official game ball will be the Wilson GST Composite ball.

8. Video Review Process

- a. Video will only be reviewed in situations involving player safety and not rule interpretations or application.
- b. A cheque made out to SSSAA in the amount of \$100 and the clip number must be submitted to SSSAA Director by Monday at 4pm following the game in question.
- c. The film must be HUDL film taken by SSSAA.
- d. The review team will be Football Sport Chair and Referee in Chief and a member to be name later or designates for any member. The review committee has the right to seek outside advice on a situation (i.e. Football Manitoba).
- e. There will be film circulate to coaches at the beginning of the year illustrating situations involving player safety such as blind side blocks, leading with the helmet, etc.
- f. The review committee will review film and for the first infraction shall discuss the incident with the player and his head coach with the goal of educating the player. A second infraction will result in a suspension of one game. A third infraction will result in a recommendation to the SSSAA Executive Council of a suspension in excess of one game.
- g. There are no appeals for warnings or suspensions up to 1 game. Appeals of suspensions of more than 1 game must be made through the SSSAA Executive Council.
- h. Video review money will go into the football general account. If a review results in action by the committee then the \$100 will be returned to the applicant.