

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS
'A' SOCCER
PLAYING REGULATIONS
May 2019

1. Team Entry Eligibility and SSSAA Declaration

One designated team from each association is eligible to compete at NWOSSAA

Schools from SSSAA must declare by the start of the regular season whether or not they intend to be fielding teams for championships.

2. Competitions, Locations and OFSAA Qualification

Competitions

NWOSSAA championships shall be held for the following divisions:

Varsity Boys' 'A'

Varsity Girls' 'A'

Locations and OFSAA Qualification

These will be held at assigned locations based upon the rotational system set up by NWOSSAA. If a traveling team wishes not to challenge the host team, the host association's top team may represent NWOSSAA at the OFSAA championships.

The NWOSSAA championship team in each division shall be eligible to represent NWOSSAA at the OFSAA championships. Should they elect not to travel to OFSAA then the second-placed team from the NWOSSAA championships shall be eligible.

In the event that NWOSSAA has two (2) entries into OFSAA in soccer, the winner of the association that won the second entry as a result of previous years' success(es) shall go to OFSAA as NWOSSAA's second entry. The second place team in that association shall challenge for the NWOSSAA championship (NWOSSAA's first entry).

3. Championship Formats

Two Team Format

The format shall be a best 2 out of 3 series to determine a NWOSSAA champion to compete at OFSAA Soccer. Game 1 played on Friday no earlier than 2pm. Game 2 and where necessary game 3 played on Saturday, adhering to OFSAA policy regarding 2 hours rest between games.

Three Team Format

Teams will be given 3 points for a win in round robin and 1 point for a tie.

Regardless of the final game score, all round robin games will conclude with a 5 player shootout (as per FIFA Rules) and the team head to head (2 teams tied) or cumulative (3 teams tied) results will be used (if required) in the tie breaking procedure. The final game score will stand regardless of shootout results.

The team that has the furthest travel distance to the three team championship will not be scheduled to play the first game, unless otherwise agreed upon by all three teams.

The schedule for the three (3) team championship is as follows:

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| DAY 1 | | |
| Game 1 | 10:00am | Home Team VS Team traveling the 2 nd furthest |
| Game 2 | 2:00pm | Team traveling the furthest VS Team traveling the 2 nd furthest |
| Game 3 | 7:00pm | Home Team VS Team traveling the furthest |
| DAY 2 | | |
| Championship (Game 1) OR Tie breaker (if necessary) | 9:00am | 1 st Place after round robin VS 2 nd place after round robin (Tie breaker procedure below) |
| Championship (Game 2) or Final | 12:00pm | |

Day 1: There will be a 3 – team round robin played with appropriate rest time (see OFSSA standards) provided between games since one of the teams will be involved in back to back competition.

Day 2: Using the results of the round, 1st will play 2nd for the NWOSSAA title. If the Round Robin ends with the 1st Place Team 2-0 and the 2nd Place Team 1-1, and the 2nd Place Team wins Championship Game 1; then Championship Game 2 must be played with the winner being declared NWOSSAA Champion.

Tiebreakers

Tied games in round robin shall stand.

To determine round robin standings:

Two Teams Tied:

- a) Winner of the round robin game between tied teams
- b) Most games won during round robin play
- c) Goal differential (goals for – goals against) in round robin games with a maximum of a four (4) goal differential in any one game
- d) Least goals scored against in round robin games (maximum of four in any one game)
- e) Most goals scored for in round robin (maximum of four in any one game)
- f) Results of head to head penalty shootout (shootout conducted as per FIFA Rules)
- g) Coin Toss

Three Teams Tied:

- a) Most games won during round robin
- b) Goal differential (goals for – goals against) among the 3 tied teams during round robin (maximum of a 4 goal differential in any one game)
- c) Least goals scored against in round robin games (maximum of four in any one game)
- d) Most goals scored for in round robin games (maximum of four in any one game)
- e) Result of cumulative penalty shootout (shootout conducted as per FIFA Rules)
- f) Drawing of straws (Teams with the two longer straws move on to Championship Final)

4. Rules of Play

The Rules of Soccer as determined by OFSAA shall govern play in the NWOSSAA championship with the following exceptions:

Each team may dress an unlimited number of players.

There is unlimited substitution. Substitution may occur at goal kicks, goals scored, and at half time. In the case of an injury, substitution is permissible at the referee's discretion.

Tied Games in Championship Final: Overtime will consist of two (2) complete ten (10) minute halves. If game is still tied, teams shall take kicks from the Penalty Mark as per FIFA rules.

5. Administration of Officials

The host association is to be responsible for supplying and paying qualified linesmen and referees.

The convenor in the association with the host school is responsible for obtaining the best rated officials available. The host school will also be financially responsible for all officials.

Should qualified officials fail to fulfill their prior commitment to officiate soccer and the convenor exhausts all possibilities to obtain other qualified officials, the convenor may substitute with an experienced official or the game shall be played with one official.